

# LATE TESTIMONY



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COMMITTEE ON FINANCE  
Rep. Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair  
Rep. Marilyn B. Lee, Vice Chair

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Conference Room 308

### SB 249 SD2 HD1 Making an Appropriation to the Department of Agriculture

Aloha Chair Oshiro, Vice Chair Lee, and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation, representing farmers and ranchers throughout the islands, **supports** this bill because it will help assure that the Hawaii Livestock Cooperative facility remains available to address the food needs of the islands. We defer to the appropriate authorities regarding the amount of funding necessary to accomplish this goal.

- For food sustainability and food security reasons, the Oahu facility should remain open to supply locally raised meat to people in Hawaii.
- Even if mainland meat shipments are currently available to the islands, this facility will be able to support local livestock farmers/ranchers, as they expand capacity.
- The Campbell facility is in close proximity to the market since most people live on Oahu.
- Most residents and island visitors are not vegetarians; they eat meat.
- Many in the 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 in the future it could also be used for beef processing.

Thank you very much for your continued support of local farmers and ranchers.



March 30, 2011

**LATE**

Dear Chairman Oshiro, Vice-Chair Lee and Members of the Finance Committee:

**RE: Comments in Opposition to SB249 SD1 HD1**

On behalf of the World Society for the Protection of Animals (WSPA) and The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) and our more than 50,000 members and supporters in Hawaii, thank you for the opportunity to provide comments regarding SB249.

WSPA and The HSUS respectfully request your deferral of SB249 for the following reasons:

**1. Past financial records indicate that the Hawaii Livestock Cooperative (HLC) slaughterhouse on Oahu is not an economically-viable facility**

The HLC slaughterhouse located at Campbell Industrial Park in Oahu has been in financial difficulty for the past several years.

The Farmers Livestock Cooperative and Palama Meat Company jointly approached the legislature in 1995 for a \$10 million loan (\$2 million of which was for constructing a slaughterhouse). The legislature approved this amount (see table below). In 2001, the Farmers Livestock Cooperative slaughterhouse in Ewa closed and the slaughterhouse moved to its current location in Campbell Industrial Park. The Farmers Livestock Cooperative became the HLC, and Palama Meat Company continued to be the guarantor for the \$10 million loan. Then, in 2003, Palama Meat Company filed for bankruptcy. It is unclear how much they still owed on that bond or who currently owns the slaughterhouse facilities. It is known, however, that the State of Hawaii owns the land on which the slaughterhouse stands.

The slaughterhouse has been bailed out multiple times using taxpayer money, as follows:

Year	Loan Amount	Result
1995	\$10 million (\$2 million for slaughterhouse)	Palama Meat Company filed for bankruptcy in 2003; amount owed on the loan is unknown
2003	\$2 million	Rural Economic Transition Assistance Hawai'i (RETA-H) grant
Unknown	\$1.6 million	Rural Development Agency loan; U.S. Department of Agriculture paid off the loan when HLC defaulted
2003	\$600,000	Two loans from Hawaii Department of Agriculture for this total amount; HLC is currently delinquent in the amount of \$116,000
2009	\$600,000	2-year state grant to pay for pig feed and shipping costs

Despite all these bailouts, this facility is yet again approaching the Committee for financial support using taxpayer dollars. It is unrealistic to believe that this latest appropriation will ensure that the facility will become self-sustaining. Past financial records show that this is not an economically-viable facility and, therefore, this bailout will not be a responsible use of taxpayer money.

## **2. The slaughterhouse on Oahu will not help increase the viability of Hawaii's beef industry**

SB249 claims that locally-raised cattle are being shipped to the mainland for finishing and slaughter and that an appropriation of \$1.6 million to purchase the HLC slaughterhouse will guarantee a local facility on Oahu for slaughtering these cattle.<sup>1</sup>

However, in his testimony regarding SB249 on January 27, 2011<sup>2</sup>, Mr. Alan Gottlieb, the Government Affairs Chair for the Hawaii Cattlemen's Council admitted: "... there are very limited cattle on Oahu for slaughter. Even if ALL of the Oahu cattle were kept in State, there would still be a fairly small amount of cattle for this facility." Mr. Leonard Oshiro, General Manager of the Hawaii Livestock Cooperative admitted in his testimony to this Committee that the slaughterhouse has "low slaughter numbers".<sup>3</sup>

In his testimony Mr. Gottlieb also observed that the practice of shipping calves to the mainland was not due to the lack of infrastructure (i.e. not due to the lack of finishing and slaughter facilities). He admits that even if the cattle currently being shipped to the mainland stayed in Hawaii, the County Cattlemen Associations have indicated they would prefer to have slaughter and processing facilities on the islands where these animals are being raised and would prefer to not ship their live cattle to Oahu for slaughter.<sup>4</sup>

## **3. The slaughterhouse on Oahu primarily slaughters imported pigs, which compromises animal welfare, decreases food safety and directly competes with local production**

Publicly-available government records show that nearly 70% of the animals slaughtered at the Hawaii Livestock Cooperative facility are not locally-raised in Hawaii, but are transported live from mainland U.S. These animals travel for a week or longer, first by truck and then by ship, from as far away as Iowa, South Dakota and Montana under extreme conditions that compromise their welfare and results in the death of many of these animals.

Studies have shown that long-distance transport could decrease immunity, increase vulnerability to disease and injury, which then facilitate the spread of disease and

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<sup>1</sup> Text of S.B. 249 [http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session2011/bills/SB249\\_HD1\\_.pdf](http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session2011/bills/SB249_HD1_.pdf)

<sup>2</sup> Testimony available online at [http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session2011/Testimony/SB249\\_TESTIMONY\\_AGL\\_01-27-11.pdf](http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session2011/Testimony/SB249_TESTIMONY_AGL_01-27-11.pdf)

<sup>3</sup> Testimony available online at [http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session2011/Testimony/SB249\\_TESTIMONY\\_AGL\\_01-27-11.pdf](http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session2011/Testimony/SB249_TESTIMONY_AGL_01-27-11.pdf)

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infections and increases the suffering of the animals. Many foodborne illnesses such as *Salmonella* and Swine Flu have been linked to the long-distance transport of live farm animals.<sup>5</sup>

WSPA and The HSUS have conducted detailed studies on the potential impacts of long-distance transport of live animals on human health, the environment, consumers, local businesses and animal health, concluding that the USDA-regulated trade in fresh chilled and frozen meat is a safe alternative to transporting live animals that can satisfy the demand in Hawaii.

It is also our understanding that should this measure pass, Hawaii may be the *only* state in the nation that has a publicly-owned slaughterhouse. The slaughterhouse industry has typically been operated by private businesses, not funded by tax-payers or operated by the state, raising both ethical and fiscal concerns.

At a time when Hawaii is undergoing furloughs in order to conserve taxpayer money, the State's revenue from taxpayer money could be better spent in other sectors in order to keep essential industries functioning during these hard times.

In closing, we respectfully request that your Committee defer SB249.

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to submit comments.

Sincerely,

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Hawaii State Director  
The Humane Society of the United States

Sharanya Krishna Prasad  
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World Society for the Protection of Animals

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<sup>5</sup> References available upon request.

March 29, 2011

To: House Representatives – Committee on Finance

Dear Legislators,

Aloha. My family and I are shocked to learn of Senate Bill 249 which would use taxpayer dollars for the State to purchase Hawaii Livestock Cooperative's slaughterhouse in Campbell Industrial Park. We do not want our hard-earned taxpayer dollars being used in this manner, and strongly oppose this bill for the reasons listed below. We humbly ask that you also oppose SB 249:

1. **We do not have the money; there are more important priorities:** So many public services are being cut, schools are being closed, and workers are being furloughed, etc. due to State budget short-falls. The last place we should be spending taxpayer dollars is on an unnecessary slaughterhouse. There are much more "vital" needs towards which our taxpayer dollars should appropriately be used.
2. **Taxpayer money should not be used to bail out failing businesses:** Taxpayer dollars should never be used to buy, build, or operate a slaughterhouse, or any business for that matter. No other states own slaughterhouses—there are obvious reasons and logic in that. In addition, this slaughterhouse has been so unsuccessful that nobody in the private sector even wants to buy it. If the State operates this slaughterhouse through enactment of SB 249 it will likely be a severe ongoing drain on our State budget, something we just cannot afford.
3. **It unnecessarily promotes bad health for the people of Hawaii:** Hawaii is all about "food"—it is our multi-racial tradition and through which we express our aloha to our visitors and for each other. As a result, Hawaii has an overwhelming obesity problem, our children included. Many Hawaii healthcare organizations and individual professionals are working very hard (some for many years now) to try to eliminate that problem by educating our people on how to incorporate a more plant-based diet as part of a healthy aloha lifestyle. It therefore makes no sense (as well as being completely unnecessary) for the State to use taxpayer money to promote a meat-based diet, which has been linked to increased risk of heart disease, diabetes, obesity, cancer, and many other illnesses. The people of Hawaii just do not need it.
4. **It is detrimental to our precious Hawaii environment:** The slaughterhouse is located in an environmentally-sensitive area and poses a serious threat to the environment because it discharges its waste into a "lagoon" located just yards from the ocean. This creates the potential for ground water contamination and pollution of the ocean—contributing to the possible creation of dead zones, coral reef suffocation, and fish depopulation. Additionally, the meat industry is bad for the environment as it is an inefficient use of resources and is the most significant contributor to global warming. Our Hawaii oceans and coral reefs are already under huge threat from so many things. It is our/your job to protect them, not to establish business interests that will add to that threat.
5. **Animal slaughtering is inhumane:** The slaughtering of innocent animals for food is unnecessary because nature has provided ample vegetables, fruits, grains, legumes and dairy products for human sustenance. Slaughtering animals for food is an unnecessary "luxury". To use taxpayer dollars to support an activity that takes the innocent life from animals is morally wrong.

In the interests of the people of Hawaii, the innocent animals, and maintaining the proper business of State Government, we kindly ask that you please do not schedule a hearing of Senate Bill 249 before the House Finance Committee. If Senate Bill 249 is heard before the Committee, we request that you please vote against it.

Mahalo for your time and support,

*The Anthony Family*  
*Kailua, Hawaii*  
*Tel. 808-263-3561*

Dear Lawmakers,

Allowing this bill will definitely get rid of the Aloha spirit of Hawaii. Not only that, but it will also lead to so many problems not just in our beautiful paradise islands, but also worldwide.

Here are just some of the problems which are sure to happen:

- **It will ruin the beauty and ambiance of Hawaii.** Nothing quite like coming to beautiful Hawaii and finding out you're swimming in cattle or swine run off, or hearing the cries of the animals being slaughtered as you walk down the beach. Let's keep the beauty and peace of Hawaii as is.
- **Good money will be spent wrongly.** We, as taxpayers, trust in the lawmakers to spend our hard-earned dollars well. If our money goes into something like this slaughterhouse project which will eventually lead to more people having heart disease, cancer, and other horrible meat-related diseases, AND the pollution of the environment, it is not fair. It's not fair for us now and it's not fair for the future generations.
- **Ground water will be polluted.** We do not need any more polluted waters on the planet- and definitely in Hawaii! 2,500 gallons of water are used to produce one pound of beef. One steer can weigh up to 1,000 pounds- so that would amount to 2,500,000 gallons of water just for one steer. What more for hundreds of steer.
- **It will contribute to the global warming problem.** Scientists and researchers (Including the United Nations) from different schools of thought have all agreed that meat production is the top cause of the global warming problems we are faced with today. They also agree that if more people would turn vegetarian, then the global warming problem would not only stop worsening, it would get better. Unfortunately, the opposite is true for any slaughterhouse.
- **It will contribute to global hunger.** It is a known fact that meat production is a fantastic way of wasting tons and tons of grains which could be used for human consumption. In fact, if even just a small percentage of the grain being fed to livestock would be fed to humans instead, the global hunger epidemic would not even exist. Every 3.6 seconds someone dies of hunger. If the hearing of this slaughter bill lasts for 1 hour, approximately 1,000 people would have died of starvation during that time. Skip the slaughterhouse, save the grains and feed them to the hungry. It will make this world a much better place!

Having said all that, I don't see where the question about Hawaii becoming self-sufficient by owning slaughter houses even comes in. If we want real self sufficiency we should go back to the ways of our ancestors, living simply off the land, getting rid of all the cars and other fuel-dependent vehicles and what not. Living simply off the land and eating home-grown vegetables, grains, legumes and fruits would also keep us much healthier.

A big, heart-felt Mahalo to any legislator who listens to this.

- Iolani Gaizo from Maui

Dear House Finance Committee members,

I would like to express my strong opposition to Senate Bill 249 to use our hard-earned tax dollars for purchasing a failed slaughterhouse. My reasons are thus:

1. We don't need slaughterhouses in the first place since they are one of the leading contributors to the destruction of dear mother-nature. The waste products they give off contaminate the nearby lagoon and the ground water resource as well the marine life. And besides, the meat industry also contributes greatly to global warming.
2. As a tax payer, I don't like the idea that my contribution will be used to bail out failing businesses. Especially for useless slaughterhouses. Why not use it on public services such as schools which will contribute more for the people?
3. Have pity on your own health and also the poor animals. Meat in our diet is directly linked to the major killers in society such as heart disease. Why destroy our own health if nature has provided us with vegetables and fruits and grains which are way healthier than meat. I don't like the idea of animals having to suffer or be killed just to satisfy people's greed. The world has enough for everyone's need but not for everyone's greed.

Sincerely,

Marc Preclaro from Kona

*Dear Legislators,*

I am opposed to Senate Bill 249 that will use hard earned taxpayer dollars for the state to purchase a failed and unnecessary slaughterhouse for the following reasons:

1. **We don't have the money.** With so many public services being cut, such as schools being closed, workers being furloughed, etc. due to budget short-falls, the last place we should be spending taxpayer dollars is on an unnecessary slaughterhouse.
2. **Taxpayer money shouldn't be used to bail out failing businesses.** Taxpayer dollars should not be used to buy and run a slaughterhouse that has been so unsuccessful that nobody in the private sector wants to do it. If the State operates this slaughterhouse through enactment of SB 249 it will likely be a severe ongoing drain on the State budget.
3. **It is bad for people's health.** It makes no sense for the state to use taxpayer money to promote a meat-based diet, which has been linked to increased risk of heart disease, diabetes, obesity, cancer, and many other illnesses.
4. **It is bad for the environment.** The slaughterhouse is located in an environmentally-sensitive area and poses a serious threat to the environment because it discharges its waste into a "lagoon" located just yards from the ocean. This creates the potential for ground water contamination and pollution of the ocean—contributing to the possible creation of dead zones, coral reef suffocation, and fish depopulation. Additionally, the meat industry is bad for the environment as it is an inefficient use of resources and is the most significant contributor to global warming.
5. **It is bad for the animals.** Slaughtering animals for food is unnecessary because nature has provided ample vegetables, fruits, grains, legumes and dairy products for human sustenance. Slaughtering animals for food is an unnecessary "luxury" and is morally wrong.

Another important point that should be taken into serious consideration is the government's role in responsibly leading an example for the people.

For centuries, the Hawaiian people took care of these beautiful islands and the entire Pacific area by living in harmony with the land. They took only what they needed and did not exploit nature.

Today, Hawaii is quickly losing its pristine lands to commercialization and urbanization. We all live in and are responsible for taking care of Hawaii, and its lands and resources.

We are the Hawaiian people now. Regardless of our race, our ancestry, or our occupation, we are all the Hawaiian people, and as such, we should follow in the footsteps of our ancestors, and the previous caretakers of Hawaii, and preserve the ancient and noble ideals of Ohana and Aloha. If we cannot carry on Hawaii's traditions and heritage – if we lose the essence of what it is to live Aloha – then we lose Hawaii.

The massed killing of animals for human consumption, which is harmful for the environment due to the enormous amounts of animal sewage runoff and chemicals, which will end up in our oceans – is a moral



wrong, and an ethical disaster. If this bill is passed, then we lose our heritage, we lose our humanity, and we lose our Hawaii.

Taking of lives is never sanctified by Mother Earth, and it should not be by man.

We, the people of Hawaii, must be strong enough to stand up for the right, uphold our heritage, and stand up for Hawaii.

*Please don't pass this bill out of committee.*

Yours truly,  
Prahlad Telander

I am opposed to Senate Bill 249 that will use hard earned taxpayer dollars for the state to purchase a failed and unnecessary slaughterhouse for the following reasons:

I live in Kapolei and do NOT want the place I call home-- where I was born and raised to smell like a slaughterhouse. The smell is gross and nauseating to anyone, regardless of their view on vegetarianism. My friends and family who eat meat also find the smell of slaughterhouses vile. I want my children to have positive associations with growing up in Kapolei; a permanent stench will ensure this is not possible.

I also do not want to see my property value drop because people no longer want to rent/ buy a place "in that stinky part of the island."

We don't have the money. With so many public services being cut, such as schools being closed, workers being furloughed, etc. due to budget short-falls, the last place we should be spending taxpayer dollars is on an unnecessary slaughterhouse.

Taxpayer money shouldn't be used to bail out failing businesses. Taxpayer dollars should not be used to buy and run a slaughterhouse that has been so unsuccessful that nobody in the private sector wants to do it. If the State operates this slaughterhouse through enactment of SB 249 it will likely be a severe ongoing drain on the State budget.

It is bad for people's health. It makes no sense for the state to use taxpayer money to promote a meat-based diet, which has been linked to increased risk of heart disease, diabetes, obesity, cancer, and many other illnesses.

It is bad for the environment. The slaughterhouse is located in an environmentally-sensitive area and poses a serious threat to the environment because it discharges its waste into a "lagoon" located just yards from the ocean. This creates the potential for ground water contamination and pollution of the ocean—contributing to the possible creation of dead zones, coral reef suffocation, and fish depopulation. Additionally, the meat industry is bad for the environment as it is an inefficient use of resources.

It is bad for the animals. Slaughtering animals for food is unnecessary because nature has provided ample vegetables, fruits, grains, legumes and dairy products for human sustenance. Slaughtering animals for food is an unnecessary "luxury."

Bill 249: please vote against it.

Sincerely,

Sasha Tong

*Dear Legislators,*

I am a registered voter in District 40, and I am opposed to SB 249. It wouldn't matter whose district would be affected- it's use of hard-earned taxpayer dollars for the state to purchase a failed and unnecessary slaughterhouse is environmentally and ethically unacceptable, and a gross misuse of funds for the following reasons:

1. **We don't have the money.** With so many public services being cut, such as education, health services, workers being furloughed, etc. due to budget short-falls, the last place we should be spending taxpayer dollars is on an unnecessary slaughterhouse.
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3. **It is bad for people's health.** It makes no sense for the state to use taxpayer money to promote a meat-based diet, which has been linked to increased risk of heart disease, diabetes, obesity, cancer, and many other illnesses. This is supposed to be the "Health State."
4. **It is bad for the environment.** The slaughterhouse is located in an environmentally-sensitive area and poses a serious threat to the environment because it discharges its waste into a "lagoon" located just yards from the ocean. This creates the potential for ground water contamination and pollution of the ocean—contributing to the possible creation of dead zones, coral reef suffocation, and fish depopulation. Additionally, the meat industry is a drain on resources (such as water and fuel) and is the most significant contributor to global warming. With our economy so dependent on tourism, and luxury resorts in this area, is this how we want to treat our aina?
5. **It is bad for the animals.** Slaughtering animals for food is unnecessary because nature has provided ample vegetables, fruits, grains, legumes and dairy products for human sustenance. Slaughtering animals for food is an unnecessary and morally wrong.

***Please vote against it. Malama Pono.***

Sincerely,

D. Carroll,

Registered voter, taxpayer, and new mother

## OPPOSITION TO SB249

I'm a resident of Kaneohe and have lived in Hawaii for 16 years. I moved here because I believed it to be a state of great aloha. I am absolutely mortified that the State Senate and House Agriculture Committee passed a bill to appropriate \$1.6 million to acquire and fund a slaughterhouse, and that my taxpaying dollars have already been used to slaughter animals. I am pleading with the House Finance Committee to vote against this bill. This bill is completely contradictory to the aloha spirit of Hawaii.

- Where is the aloha when the government funds the slaughter of innocent animals?
- Where is the aloha when the government supports a private business which is bad for the people's health. Studies link lifestyle diseases such as cancer, heart disease, diabetes, and obesity to meat consumption. To cite just one example: a 2009 study of more than half a million Americans links eating meat with an increase in mortality related to cardiovascular disease and cancer.<sup>1</sup>
- Where is the aloha when the government supports a private business which is bad the environment? There have been entire books written on this subject, but to state one fact: The Worldwatch Institute reports that production of one pound of beef from cattle raised in feedlots represents the loss of 35 pounds of topsoil. Efforts to maximize meat production have resulted in high levels of soil erosion and even "desertification"<sup>2</sup>.
- Where is the aloha when the government spits in the face of all Hawaii's Buddhists, Seventh Day Adventists, Hindus and people of other faiths who are vegetarians because of their religion. If our taxpayer dollars are being used to fund a slaughterhouse, the government is directly responsible for making us break our vows to God! This is outrageous!

This bill is counter to the aloha spirit of Hawaii and goes against the will of the people. If this bill is passed I will lose all faith in our government.

Allison Khemaney

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<sup>1</sup>Rashmi Sinha et al., "Meat Intake and Mortality, A Prospective Study of Over Half a Million People," *Archives of Internal Medicine* 169, no. 6 (March 23, 2009): 562-571.

<sup>2</sup>Beef, Beyond. *Beyond Beef*. November 10, 1996. <http://www.mcspotlight.org/media/reports/beyond.html>

Tuesday, March 29, 2011

*Dear Legislators,*

I am opposed to Senate Bill 249 that will use hard earned taxpayer dollars for the state to purchase a failed and unnecessary slaughterhouse for the following reasons:

1. **We don't have the money.** With so many public services being cut, such as schools being closed, workers being furloughed, etc. due to budget short-falls, the last place we should be spending taxpayer dollars is on an unnecessary slaughterhouse.
2. **Taxpayer money shouldn't be used to bail out failing businesses.** Taxpayer dollars should not be used to buy and run a slaughterhouse that has been so unsuccessful that nobody in the private sector wants to do it. If the State operates this slaughterhouse through enactment of SB 249 it will likely be a severe ongoing drain on the State budget.
3. **It is bad for people's health.** It makes no sense for the state to use taxpayer money to promote a meat-based diet, which has been linked to increased risk of heart disease, diabetes, obesity, cancer, and many other illnesses.
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*Please don't pass this bill out of committee.*

Yours truly,

Mark Fergusson  
Chief Executive Officer  
Healthy's, Inc. dba Down to Earth ALL VEGETARIAN *Organic & Natural*

Dear Legislators,

Good day, I am Jai Tamayo from Maui. I strongly oppose the Senate Bill 249 that will use money we dutifully paid for the state to acquire a totally unnecessary slaughterhouse for the following valid reasons:

1. There are so many other projects that can be improved/ put up with the money that's going to be used for the slaughterhouse.
2. Procuring a slaughterhouse promotes a very unhealthy meat-based diet, which is highly impractical for our naturally blessed state that has a myriad of fruits and veggies.
3. This project is destructive to our environment and will only be an eyesore for our beautiful locale. The by-products and waste produced by slaughterhouses contribute heavily to the advance of global warming, and in the local perspective, it creates an unnecessary mar on the area with the smell of the waste and carcasses.
4. In a logical perspective, it is impractical and totally unnecessary to have a slaughterhouse in the middle of one of most fruit and veggie-abundant places on earth. We have the best and most delicious fruits and veggies, so why would we bring in meat?

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Yours truly,

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Public Hearing  
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Testimony of Brian Yannutz  
regarding Senate Bill 249

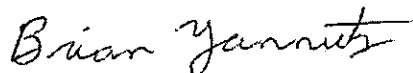
Good morning Mr. Chairman Rep. Marcus Oshiro and the Committee on Finance,

My name is Brian Yannutz and I live and vote in Hilo. I appreciate the opportunity today to address the issues surrounding Senate Bill 249. I am strongly opposed to Senate Bill 249 that will use hard earned taxpayer dollars to purchase a failed and unnecessary slaughterhouse for the following reasons:

1. **We don't have the money.** With so many public services being cut, such as schools being closed, workers being furloughed, etc. due to budget short-falls, the last place we should be spending taxpayer dollars is on an unnecessary slaughterhouse.
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3. **It is bad for people's health.** It makes no sense for the state to use taxpayer money to promote a meat-based diet, which has been linked to increased risk of heart disease, diabetes, obesity, cancer, and many other illnesses. Personally, I have been a vegetarian for 4 years now and in that time I have successfully completed 2 Ironman World Championships as well as other ultra distance endurance races around the world. I would not have been able to do these amazing things if I ate meat.
4. **It is bad for the environment.** The slaughterhouse is located in an environmentally sensitive area and poses a serious threat to the environment because it discharges its waste into a "lagoon" located just yards from the ocean. This creates the potential for ground water contamination and pollution of the ocean—contributing to the possible creation of dead zones, coral reef suffocation, and fish depopulation. Additionally, the meat industry is bad for the environment as it is an inefficient use of resources and is the most significant contributor to global warming.
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Please vote against SB 249 as future generations will thank you for not ruining our state, compromising the environment, killing innocent animals, and spending tax money that could be used for better things such as education.

Sincerely,



Brian Yannutz



March 29, 2010

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Yours truly,

signed

Tresno Gunawan

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Suzanne Mikula

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Aloha,

I would like to submit my opposition to SB249 for the following reasons:

I oppose spending tax payer dollars to buy a private slaughterhouse when the state of Hawaii is having to cut so many needed services from our budget. Why would the state need to bail out a slaughterhouse that can't support itself?

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- **It is bad for the animals.** I would much rather see Hawaii invest in improving our agricultural land production instead of promoting slaughtering animals with tax payer dollars

Mahalo,

Lori DelBello

Kihei, Hi

March 29, 2010

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signed

Indahwati Soediamto

Dear Marcus Oshiro and Legislators,

I am greatly displeased to hear that we plan on using tax dollars to bail out a private business which already has its inherent problems as listed below. To me it does not make any sense. If a private business is failing, it is for a reason, that's why we have markets. Don't support something that is not good business, nor good for our health nor environment. This is definitely a waste of money and a poor decision. Please think logically about how to spend money and how your decisions effect the people you are supposed to be representing.

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Sincerely,

Rebecca Rowe

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Yours truly,

Maggie Gaston



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There are so many different programs we could put that money towards like funding better education for our youth and funding after school programs, etc. Please, please don't pass this bill.

Yours truly,

Amanda Pierson, concerned HI resident

**As a community physician, I am opposed to Senate Bill 249** for the following reasons:

1. **The State doesn't have the money.** With so many public services being cut, such as schools being closed, workers being furloughed, etc. due to budget short-falls, the last place we should be spending taxpayer dollars is on an unnecessary slaughterhouse. SB 249 will be an ongoing drain to the already deficit State budget. Squandering taxpayer dollars in the current fiscal environment is not what you want as your legacy.

2. **Spending taxpayer dollars to bail out failing businesses is bad government.** There is no precedent for a state to buy a failing slaughterhouse. The State has no experience in running a slaughterhouse. Nobody in the private sector wants it, and it has clearly failed.

3. **The slaughterhouse is not necessary.** Our diets and health would all improve and the state's contribution to healthcare would decrease if we allow market forces empower individuals to make better dietary choices than meat.

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obesity and diabetes. It makes no sense for the state to use taxpayer money to promote a meat-based diet, which has been linked to increased risk of heart disease, diabetes, obesity, cancer, and many other illnesses.

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Thank you for this opportunity,  
Lawrence Derbes, Jr., M.D.  
2226 Liliha Street  
Suite 302  
Honolulu, HI 96817

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6. **It is against my principles.** I did not want to live in this world to harm anyone, especially a living being to provide as food. I think the government should also find it in their heart to respect a person's judgement or principles, by giving the taxpayers a choice not to give money to a cause that is against their whim and principles.

Yours truly,  
Lali Balagtas

Dear Legislators,

I am writing you this letter opposing Senate Bill 249. I am a vegetarian so I'm very much opposed to having slaughterhouses in the state.

As a failing slaughterhouse business, it is clear that not many people want to have such a business around.

We don't have money. We have budget short-falls and why should the state spend it on a failing slaughterhouse? Hard earned taxpayer money should not be spent on a slaughterhouse. If the State operates this slaughterhouse through enactment of SB 249 it will likely be a severe ongoing drain on the State budget.

I'm a vegetarian for the following reasons:

It is bad for people's health. It makes no sense for the state to use taxpayer money to promote a meat-based diet, which has been linked to increased risk of heart disease, diabetes, obesity, cancer, and many other illnesses.

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So I hope this letter meets you in the best of health.

Kind Regards,

Kris Chua

Dear Legislators,

I am writing you regarding the Senate Bill 249 that will use hard earned taxpayer dollars for the state to purchase a failed and unnecessary slaughterhouse, and I am opposed to it.

There is no need to “save” a business such as this. Let me tell you why for three good reasons:

1.) It is bad for people’s health. It’s really that simple. It makes no sense for the state to use taxpayer money to promote a meat-based diet, which has been linked to increased risk of heart disease, diabetes, obesity, cancer, and many other illnesses.

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Haven’t you ever considered that there might be a very good reason for a slaughterhouse business to fail? Hawaii is such a beautiful and pristine island and it is just wrong to have a slaughterhouse in it, much less to try and “save” it.

May you find it in your hearts to consider my appeal.

Thank you and regards,

Rose Ongkingco

## Re: SB 249 Slaughterhouse Bill – Testimony in Strong Opposition

Dear Legislators and Members of the House Finance Committee,

I am opposed to Senate Bill 249 -- aka 'the Slaughterhouse Bill' that will use hard earned taxpayer dollars for the state to purchase a failed and unnecessary slaughterhouse for the following reasons:

**Survival of the Fittest** - its what drives our world - and when government gets involved in bailing out failing companies, banks, airlines, 'you name it' - government is interfering in the natural course of business. Why on earth would you consider bailing out an unsuccessful slaughterhouse that no one in Hawaii has even heard about or is interested in purchasing, when you wouldn't bail out Aloha Airlines -- that contributed to our economic welfare for many many years and was an iconic company in promoting our 'Aloha Spirit'? Not that I think you \*should\* have bailed out Aloha Airlines -- if a company, ANY company, is not able to exist on its own, it should be allowed to slip into oblivion -- just as hundreds of small businesses in Hawaii do each and every year.

It absolute infuriates me when I hear of all the banks that have been bailed out by our government -- and then continue to operate 'business as usual' and provide outrageous salary packages to the very same management that caused the company to fail in the first place. Enough already! If a company is run so poorly that it can only survive if our tax dollars are used to bail it out - then I want nothing to do with the company, or with the legislators who choose to support the bailout.

**Is owning a Slaughterhouse beneficial to our Lives and Health?** Hell no! If we have learned anything in the past dozen years, it's that Hawaii has the highest incidence of obesity and childhood diabetes in the nation. We are at the point where one in two children born to our current generation, will suffer from diabetes. Even the Surgeon General has made it clear that children born now will be outlived by their parents! That's no longer a threat or concern -- it's a reality. It's simply unconscionable that a parent should bury its children -- its not the way the world is supposed to work. Having this slaughterhouse shut down and put out of business might just be one of the most beneficial things that will occur during your tenure in our Legislature. Think about it, every one of the vitamins and nutrients that we need to survive and thrive is found in Fruits, Vegetables and Whole Grains. We should be spending our time, money and efforts into educating and developing better eating habits among our Hawaiian communities -- not bailing out a poorly run slaughterhouse that promotes horrific health dangers to our keiki.

***I'm asking you - no - I suppose I am begging you . . . Please do NOT schedule a hearing of Senate Bill 249 before the House Finance Committee. If Senate Bill 249 is heard before the Committee, please vote against it.***

Yours truly,

Denise F Crosby  
700 Richards Street  
Honolulu Hi 96813-4622  
Ph: 545-5615



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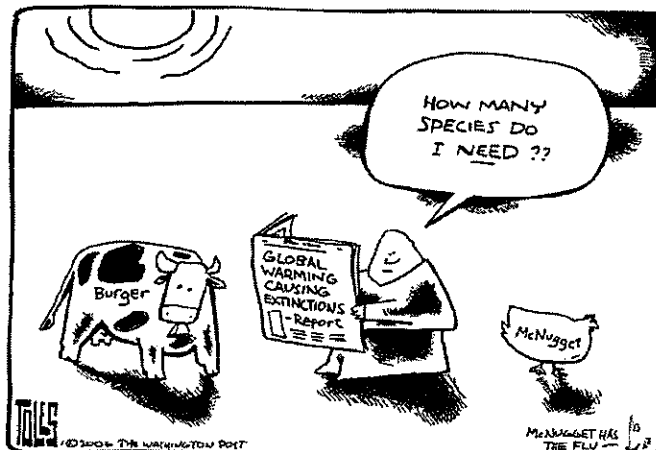
**SB249 SD2 HD1**  
**(SLAUGHTERHOUSE APPROPRIATION \$1.6M FUNDING)**  
Wednesday, March 30, 2011, 11 a.m.  
State Capitol, Rm. 308

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**  
Rep. Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair  
Rep. Marilyn B. Lee, Vice Chair

Dear Representatives:

Please do NOT allow any of our tax dollars - much less \$1.6 Million (!) - to go toward appropriation for a slaughterhouse on Oahu. My main reasons for opposing this bill are:

1. It is **unnecessary** as there are already slaughterhouses on the other islands.
2. In a rush to "go local", must we also bring **environmental pollution & cruelty to the local level** as well? **Dead zones, coral reef suffocation, water-air-soil-stream pollution, and fish depopulation** are all inevitable environmental outcomes of slaughterhouses (and other types of pollution associated with animal agriculture.)
3. It is **more money down the drain** as the slaughterhouse has been losing money for years despite repeated subsidies, loans, and handouts.
4. It has MANY CITATIONS over the years for **animal mishandling and cruelty**.
5. It is **geared towards helping already rich land barons and cattle ranchers** who want to use our State's limited budget to subsidize their private land use. In an article on [www.all-creatures.org](http://www.all-creatures.org), *livestock grazing is the number one cause of threatened and extinct species both in the United States and in other parts of the world.... The impact of countless hooves and mouths over the years has done more to alter the type of vegetation and land forms of the West than all the water projects, strip mines, power plants, freeways, and subdivision developments combined.* If anything, these people should *reimburse* the State for their part in causing species destruction & environmental degradation.



Our islands' ecosystems are unique. How sad it would be if they disappear all in the name of slaughterhouses and some locally-killed meat. Please do NOT finance this bill. Mahalo~

**Anjie Pham**  
**Honolulu, HI**

Dear House Finance Committee,

I wish this letter meets you well.

I write to express my heart-felt disagreement and cocksure opposition to Senate Bill 249 for the reasons below. This is no emotional outburst nor part of fanatical movement. This is a sincere and desperate cry for help from a proud taxpayer.

I scrape a living washing windows. Even if I get a few bucks an hour, at least its an honest living worth scraping. Everything will change if you even condister this Bill. I will be infuriated to know that part of my hardwork is funding a slaughterhouse. I don't have money to spare. Right now, im quite sure nobody does. I urge you to allocate your funds to more meaningful investments such as schools, health care and even preparation for possible disasters.

Spending money on a slaughterhouse is definitely an unwise allocation of limited monetary resources. It has too much liabilities tied up to it. This slaughterhouse will sap energy, water and add to the pollution. And for what? Increase saturated fat and cholesterol for an overweight nation?

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Three of my uncles just lost their jobs and now are dependent on their life savings. Needless to say, many people are also at loss of disposable income due to inflation of fuel prices, rising interest rates, and lack of credit. Kindly do not aggravate the shortage of purchasing power because this Bill will needlessly add up to the taxpayer's burden.

From what I've heard, the slaughterhouse was a private business that had been profitless for more than five years. Why should the government even try to save it? It has been proven to be a failure in a past. Obviously profit is not the reason why you are entertaining the idea of funding a slaughterhouse.

I expect nothing less of you hardworking ladies and gentlemen of the House of Finance Committee than to do what is best for yourselves, the environment and most importantly, the citizens of Oahu. Kindly have the decency of allowing me, and everyone else to work without having to support a wretched slaughterhouse. Give us a living worth scraping during this dire times. If you cant do it for us, do it for your children and your childrens children. Burn Senate Bill 249.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ballack Tamayo". The signature is stylized with a large initial "B" and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Ballack Tamayo from Lihu'e

Dear Legislators,

I strongly oppose to Senate Bill 249 that will use taxpayer dollars for the state to purchase a failed and unnecessary slaughterhouse for the following reasons:

We lack funds. A number of public services are being cut, schools being closed, workers being furloughed, etc. due to budget short-falls, the last thing we should be spending taxpayer dollars is on a very unnecessary slaughterhouse.

In my opinion, taxpayer money shouldn't be used to bail out failing businesses. Taxpayer dollars should not be used to buy and run a slaughterhouse that has been so unsuccessful that nobody in the private sector wants to do it. If the State operates this slaughterhouse through enactment of SB 249 it will likely be a severe ongoing drain on the State budget.

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Respectfully,

Eloisa Camarista

Dear Legislators,

I am opposed to Senate Bill 249. I don't want to have any slaughterhouses in the state where I live in and in any state for that matter for the following reasons:

With so many public services being cut and workers being furloughed, etc. due to budget short-falls, the last place we should be spending taxpayer money is on an unnecessary slaughterhouse. In short, we don't have money.

This is a failing businesses. Taxpayer dollars should not be used to buy and run a slaughterhouse that has been so unsuccessful that nobody in the private sector wants to do it. If the State operates this slaughterhouse through enactment of SB 249 it will likely be a severe ongoing drain on the State budget.

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The slaughterhouse is also not just bad for our health due to its unhealthy produce, but it is also bad for the environment. Im sure as hell I dont want no livestock poop seeping in our waterways and polluting our soil. Im proud of the beauty of my home and I intend to keep it that way by opposing nonsensical Bills like 249.

Three of my uncles just lost their jobs and now are dependent on their life savings. Needless to say, many people are also at loss of disposable income due to infation of fuel prices, rising interest rates, and lack of credit. Kindly do not aggravate the shortage of purchasing power by even considering to pass Senate Bill 249.

From what I've heard, the slaughterhouse was a private business that had been profitless for more than five years. Why should the government even try to save it? It has been proven to be a failure in a past. Obviously profit is not the reason why you are entertaining the idea of funding a slaughterhouse.

I expect nothing less of you hardworking ladies and gentlemen of the House of Finance Committee than to do what is best for yourselves, the environment and most importantly, the citizens of Oahu. Kindly have the decency of allowing me, and everyone else to work without having to support a wretched slaughterhouse. Give us a living worth scraping during this dire times. If you cant do it for us, do it for your children and your childrens children. Burn Senate Bill 249.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ballack Tamayo". The signature is stylized with a large initial "B" and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Ballack Tamayo

Dear Legislators,

I am from Hilo, and I would like to oppose SB 249.

Firstly, I have a few friends who have lost their jobs due to State funding shortages, so I know that the State budget is already being stretched thin. So many public services are being either limited or shut down completely. I do not believe we have the funds to waste on the failing business that is the Hawai'i Livestock Cooperative slaughterhouse. It has been so unsuccessful that no one in the private sector is willing to back it, that should be warning enough that it will be a very bad investment for the State.

Secondly, I do not think it is a good idea to spend our taxpayer's money on something that will not only be unprofitable, but also harmful to the very people who would be funding it. The slaughterhouse discharges its waste into a "lagoon" which is literally yards from the ocean. This creates the potential for ground water contamination and pollution of the ocean—contributing to the possible creation of dead zones, coral reef suffocation, and fish depopulation. We already have enough things destroying the environment without the State funding to keep more happening. Not only is it bad for the environment, but the slaughterhouse ultimately promotes the meat based diet, which is linked to so many diseases including cancer and heart disease. So if the State were to use SB 249 to buy the Hawai'i Livestock Cooperative slaughterhouse, then it would be using taxpayer's money to support an unprofitable business that will harm the environment, and harm the very people who are willingly or unwillingly paying for it. To me this makes much less sense than it should.

Please consider this,

Steve Nitz, Hilo Hawai'i



Senate Bill 249

I am opposed to this purchase! \$1.6 million taxpayer dollars should not be used to buy and run the Hawaii Livestock Cooperative Slaughterhouse in Campbell Industrial Park located at Kapolei. Each day we read in the news and see on television that the State budget deficit is growing. We read that the Governor and the Legislature are proposing new taxes, are thinking about increasing the General Excise tax, and are looking at reducing programs that effect education, health and safety, the disadvantaged and poor.

If the private sector cannot successfully run a slaughterhouse, government should not foolishly spend taxpayer money to attempt this function. With a growing budget deficit government should be cutting nonessential programs -- not adding a slaughterhouse that is clearly a failed private sector business.

I hope Governor and the Legislature will craft a budget that has cut programs that were nice to have in a time of growing revenues but that we can no longer afford and retain those essential services that only government can perform for the public good.

Thank you.

Diane Apt

Dear Legislators,

Please withdraw SB 249. Make expenditures for the purchase and upkeep of a slaughterhouse a matter for private industry. Forcing the public to buy and maintain a slaughterhouse is like requiring us to buy a cigarette factory-some taxpayers don't wish to promote smoking; some don't wish to promote killing and eating animals.

One argument in favor of the bill seems to be that the slaughterhouse can't survive financially in the private sector. This is a very poor argument-if the business is that non-viable, why should our already financially strapped state continue to pour our hard-earned tax dollars down the drain?

I understand that individual taxpayers may have different takes on the morality or cruelty of slaughtering and eating animals. What isn't up for debate, though, is the severe environmental damage slaughterhouses cause, especially in terms of coral reef suffocation, dead fish, and ground water contamination; as well as the bad health effects eating animals has on humans. In brief, this idea is unsustainable on many fronts.

I strongly object to having my taxpayer dollars used to prop up a diet that promotes cancer, heart disease, diabetes, and obesity; that is environmentally harmful; and that I believe to be cruel. Allow people to take it private if they must, but please don't force members of the public to be part of this cruel, unsustainable business.

Please oppose this bill.

Mahalo,

V. B. Anderson

Dear Representatives,

I am very strongly opposed to Senate Bill 249. With budget cuts from every sector of our public service, the last place our tax dollars should go to is a slaughter house. My children are victims a financially stressed education system, including the struggling school lunch programs. With high health care prices, high utility prices and everything else we give our tax dollars to, we need to make sure the money is going towards alleviating the economic financial strains that we the people in turn still have to pay for. Buying a slaughter house is not going to help the problem, but only making it worse.

I urge you to please not pass this bill.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Narottam Bishop

Kailua, Oahu

To those responsible,

I m not sure what my insignificant letter or small voice or vote can do in helping prevent slaughter house Bill SB249 from going through but here it is....

Please invest our hard earned tax dollars in something more beneficial for everyone who lives and comes to Hawaii.

There are so many other better ways our tax dollars could be used to create healthy sustainable businesses that promote jobs in farming and other alternative agricultural projects Fruits, Nuts, Seaweed, Salt, Coffee & Tea ,Herbs , Solar, Wind farms.

This is why people want to live and pay taxes in Hawaii and come visit to see and taste the natural foods and beauty of the islands and experience the Aloha spirit ..not to see smell the stench of slaughter houses and hear the cries of the poor suffering animals.

Sincerely yours,

Akiko Tamaki

Aina Haina

March 28, 2011

Dear Rep. Marcus Oshiro,

**Re: Opposition to SB249**

I would like to register my strong protest against SB249.

In the current tough economic times that our State is facing, the last thing we should be spending taxpayer money is the support of the slaughterhouse business. This is not how I want my government to allocate its scarce resources. This industry is an affront to my personal ethics but aside from that, the government has no business supporting a business that the private sector cannot and will not support.

This bill should not be passed.

Mahalo,

Sunil Khemaney

To the Legislators,

I strongly opposed to Senate Bill 249 that urges to use money from taxes to purchase a slaughterhouse.

I feel that there are other projects that are more qualified to receive funding from the government as well as money from taxpayers. We should support projects that will benefit the whole of mankind like the fight against global warming by saving the environment.

However by passing this Bill 249 we are doing just the opposite, we are adding harm to the environment hence to mankind.

I therefore appeal in behalf of all others that I care for, whom I don't want to endanger further by passing this bill.

Sincerely,

Ana Romero

Dear Legislators,

I am opposed to Senate Bill 249 that will use hard-earned taxpayer dollars for the state to purchase a failed and unnecessary slaughterhouse. With so many public services being cut, such as schools being closed, workers being furloughed due to budget short-falls, the last place we should be spending taxpayer dollars is on an unnecessary slaughterhouse that has been so unsuccessful that nobody in the private sector wants to do it. If the State operates this slaughterhouse through enactment of SB 249 it will likely be a severe ongoing drain on the State budget.

Please vote NO on Senate Bill 249.

Mahalo nui loa, and warmest aloha.

Sincerely,

Eric J Messbauer  
691C Hana Highway  
Paia, HI 96779

March 29 2011

**Re: Opposing Senate Bill 249**

Dear House Finance Committee Members,

I do not support Senate Bill 249, the purchase of a failing slaughterhouse with taxpayer funds. My reasons for opposing the bill are firstly, with our weak economy, bailing out a privately run slaughterhouse is not a priority for tax dollars. Education, health and public services are a much more important priority and the purchase of the slaughterhouse will be a drain on the public purse. Secondly, the slaughterhouse is in a cause of pollution in an environmentally sensitive area. Thirdly, meat consumption is a major cause of health problems and we all know the state of health care in this country. Tax payer dollars spent funding an unhealthy diet is as bad as tax payer dollars spent funding the tobacco industry. Lastly, I believe it is fundamentally wrong to support the killing of innocent animals. I will be ashamed if the land of aloha, Hawaii becomes the first state to pay for animal slaughter from the public purse.

Thank you for taking the time to read this.

With best regards,

David Kavanagh

davekava@gmail.com



Testimony against SB249

Attn: Marcus Oshiro

I am appalled that you folks would even consider in your wildest dreams to purchase a failing business such as a useless slaughter house with my money!! If you want that business to succeed so badly, no one is stopping you from investing your own personal money if you think it is such a great financial opportunity! If you folks in governmental positions were as free with your own personal money as you are with all of our money you would be as broke as the state. You all have got to get a grip on reality. The state is broke and in debt. The taxpayers are going to have to bail you out. Stop wasting our money!

Again, I reiterate, you need to think like this is your own personal money! Would you ever in your life go into a failure of a business like a slaughter house? You are offending many of your constituents who for a myriad of reasons, don't eat, or have anything to do with the slaughter of animals. I could give you an hour's worth of testimony as to why not to pass this bill but you won't give me the time or the space in which to do that. Don't even consider passing this bill!

Most sincerely,

John Bishop

Dear Legislators,

I am opposed to Senate Bill 249 that will use hard earned taxpayer dollars for the state to purchase a failed and unnecessary slaughterhouse for the following reasons:

We don't have the money. With so many public services being cut, such as schools being closed, workers being furloughed, etc. due to budget short-falls, the last place we should be spending taxpayer dollars is on an unnecessary slaughterhouse.

Taxpayer money shouldn't be used to bail out failing businesses. Taxpayer dollars should not be used to buy and run a slaughterhouse that has been so unsuccessful that nobody in the private sector wants to do it. If the State operates this slaughterhouse through enactment of SB 249 it will likely be a severe ongoing drain on the State budget.

Further to this, it is also bad for our health and for our environment.

If you feel the need to spend taxpayer's money on something, please don't do it so irrationally. You can always do something to help the environment and you should know that just having a single slaughterhouse creates a lot of damage to the environment. And I certainly would not want to see the beautiful island of Hawaii where I plan to spend my retirement become one of the places contributing to global warming and later on become a place almost unfit to live in. It would be nice to know that in the next 50 years, Hawaii will still remain to be one of the best islands in the world and I hope that all of you will do all that you can to make that happen.

Hoping for your kind consideration.

Sincerely,

Lyla Katherine D. Soesman

Testimony opposing SB 249

John Rogers, testifying Wednesday in person.

I oppose SB 247 because I pay a lot of taxes to this beautiful state due to my successful businesses, and I do not support our broke state govt supporting any business that has a track record of failure. Let them make it on their own, it is not right to bail them out. No one bails me out, I have to pay my bills and staff and etc on my own, why do you think you should bail this company out? Let them succeed or fail, the market will work things out on its own, the state has no place throwing my tax dollars at a failing business. IF the people want this service, let the private sector figure out how to make the business work. The state has no obligation to keep them afloat. What the heck are you thinking? This is offensive to me. Enough of this already! The state is upside down financially, and administratively, why don't you run the state like a business? The state is my biggest customer, and I am thankful for your business, but Every state worker that I talk to says the whole problem with the state is upper level management .They tell me the workers get the job done, but management is like the mafia. No one can say anything to these people, no one can suggest how to do things better or more efficiently. They are strangling us! The workers are basically good, and management sucks!! And now you want to bail out a private enterprise that is failing! This is a toxic situation, please do not give them any money, let them figure out their finances on their own. The people of Hawaii are sick and tired of the states upper level management mafia who are unapproachable, wreckless, self-serving, irresponsible nameless hulks in the shadows, wasting our hard earned money. I echo pretty much everyone in this state, don't kid yourselves. Kill the bill please. Thank you!

John Rogers

March 28, 2011

To Rep. Oshiro and House Finance Committee Members:

Aloha! Thank you for taking the time to read and consider my testimony in strong opposition to SB249.

I was appalled when I read that this is even being considered at this time. I know that there are many important social services that will be cut because of our budget shortfall. There are retirees that have been asked to get by with less. Our schools are failing and students locked out of the classrooms for frequent furlough days.

This is really the time to be helping a non-essential business like a slaughterhouse??? I find no justification for this waste of taxpayer money. Put this money toward balancing the budget, toward educating our keiki properly, or toward something that will benefit the struggling people of Hawai'i.

Not a slaughterhouse. Not with our money.

Mahalo,

John McDougall

Kunia Resident of 16 years

29 March 2011

To the House Finance Committee Members:

I oppose Senate Bill 249 involving the State purchase of a slaughterhouse. As a regular visitor to the Islands, I am appalled at the prospect of government funded environmental degradation and I am seriously considering spending my tourist dollars in other states.

Hawaii's incredible environment is one of the main reasons tourists visit the Islands. This beautiful environment should be preserved for future generations, and in fact, Hawaii has such unique ecosystems, there is incredible potential for creating a showcase of environmental management that could be an example to the world.

I understand that the slaughterhouse is located in an environmentally sensitive area in close proximity to the ocean and with the potential for groundwater contamination, ocean pollution, coral reef suffocation and damage to fish populations. I feel disgust that such a polluting entity would actually become State owned, supported and run and I urge serious consideration of the consequences to tourism.

Sincerely

Antonia White

Do the right thing.txt

Committee on Finance Hearing

Rep. Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair

Rep. Marilyn B. Lee, Vice Chair

Wednesday, March 30, 2011

11:00am, Conference Room 308

Testimony in Opposition to SB 249 HD1

Aloha Representatives-

A meat business does not represent my interests.

A business that is losing money every year does not represent my interests.

A business that produces horrible pollutants, fouling our precious island, does not represent my interests.

A slaughterhouse that produces more of the foods that are making people diabetic, obese and sick does not represent my interests.

SB 249 does not represent my interests, the interests of my family, my neighbors or anyone in this state.

You represent us, not the industry that is pushing for this bill.

Represent my interests and all of the people that are opposed to this. Listen to the little people on this.

I voted for you to represent my interests.

Do the right thing!

NO ON SB 249

- Candace Perry

Thomas J Adams.txt

Representative Marcus Oshiro  
House Finance Committee Members  
Hawaii State Capitol

Re: Senate Bill 249--Opposition

March 28, 2011

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing to plead with you not to waste your time, our money, or any more effort on SB 249. Slaughterhouses do nothing to benefit our society. They greatly pollute the aina and are not financially viable.

It is my understanding that this particular business has not ever been able to survive without assistance. There is something wrong with such a business that cannot stand on its own. There are a lot of other businesses that are more important for our community.

Do not use taxpayer dollars for something that is so detrimental to our community in every way.

Sincerely,

Thomas J. Adams  
Honolulu, Hawaii

carmanwills.txt

Dear Legislators,

I am opposed to Senate Bill 249.

The slaughterhouse that bill 249 proposes to fund is bad for the environment in Hawaii and could actually contaminate ground water and the ocean. I grew up in Texas where there are a lot of slaughterhouses and I can tell you that they are horrible and smell up the area for miles around. Meat is not very good for the environment anyway and is the greatest factor contributing to global warming. It is terrible to think that the State of Hawaii would be so cavalier with one its greatest resources (environmental beauty and purity) just for the sake of one unnecessary slaughterhouse. I oppose this bill 249!

Yours Truly  
Carman Wills



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Dear Legislators,

I am opposed to Senate Bill 249.

I don't think this bill is in Hawaii's best interest and I therefore cannot support it. I certainly do not feel good about the possibility of having to support a failing business of any kind, much less a slaughterhouse which is a brutal and unnecessary business.

Sincerely  
Nigel Raymonds

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To: House Finance Committee Members

Re: SB 249

I want to add my testimony to many you will surely receive in opposition to SB 249. Financially backing a failing business is not good business for anyone--especially the government.

We need to spend money to help people. How can you possibly justify this bill?

In strong opposition,

Charlie Young  
PO Box 2756  
Ewa beach, HI 96706

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Dear Legislators,

I am opposed to Senate Bill 249.

Public services are already strapped for funds. With all the important things we need to put our tax dollars towards, a failing slaughterhouse is ridiculous. If we have to lay people off and have furlough days for schools, city halls, etc., then we certainly cannot afford to keep a junk slaughterhouse afloat that nobody in the private sector wants anyway!

Thank you for your consideration  
S Franklin

sharonw.txt

Dear Legislators,

I am opposed to Senate Bill 249.

With all the cuts in spending, how can we justify spending ANY money on a failing slaughterhouse? I can think of 100 better uses for our hard earned money.

Yours Truly  
Sharon W

aMathew.txt

Dear Legislators,

I am opposed to Senate Bill 249.

If this country (and this state) ever wants to get back on its feet and prosper at the level we did in the past, we have to stop shelling out money to save failing private enterprises. There is absolutely no good reason for the State of Hawaii to spend our hard earned tax dollars on a slaughterhouse that is so obviously unnecessary!

Yours Truly  
Alon Mathew

danielandrew.txt

Dear Legislators,

I am opposed to Senate Bill 249.

We simply do not have the money to bail out an unsuccessful slaughterhouse! It will make me really angry if my legislators put this unnecessary burden on its already strapped residents. I do NOT want to pay for this!!!!

Sincerely  
Dan Andrew

SteveSharp.txt

Dear Legislators,

I am opposed to Senate Bill 249.

Its offensive to me that Senate Bill 249 is even being proposed. How can 1.6 million in taxpayer dollars possibly be justified for the sake of a failing slaughterhouse? I don't want it and I nobody that I've talked to about it does either. Why does the government think it is okay to keep wasting our hard earned money? Let the slaughterhouse go if it can't make it on its own! I oppose!

Sincerely  
Steve Sharp

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Dear Legislators,

I am opposed to Senate Bill 249.

I do not want my hard earned money to be spent financing a lost cause. This slaughterhouse will only strain the state's already diminished resources. How about a fiscally responsible idea such as buying a business that actually makes money?!

Sincerely  
joseph smith



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Dear Legislators,

I am opposed to Senate Bill 249.

No other state in the U.S. owns a slaughterhouse! I think we should get a clue and recognize that this is nothing but a money pit. The State of Hawaii doesn't need this financial drain on our already strapped resources. If it was even remotely a good idea, somebody in the private sector would have already taken it on.

Thank you for your consideration  
Boller Lewis

Opposition to SB 249.txt

Dear Chair Oshiro and members of the House Finance Committee,

I am writing in STRONG OPPOSITION of SB 249, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE. I feel this is a terrible use of state funds. \$1.6 million!!! For a slaughterhouse!! Is that really how the Department of Agriculture wants to spend state money? Why not appropriate the funds to help local farmers, so the people of Hawaii can get fresh, local fruits and vegetables? That would also help keep local money here at home and reduce the need to import food and thus, reduce Hawaii's dependence on oil!

This is a terrible bill and I hope that the members of the committee will strongly reconsider this appropriation. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

John Torikawa  
Manoa

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To: House Finance Committee

RE: SB 249 Making an Appropriation to the Department of Agriculture

Dear Chair Oshiro and finance committee representatives

I am writing in OPPOSITION to measure SB 249. This measure flat out appropriates too much of Hawaii taxpayers money. With the recently string of strong winds and heavy rains, there are better ways to use this money. Roads are full of potholes and there's been many water main breaks. These are items that need to be addressed before the state even considers buying a slaughterhouse. It's your first job to help the people of Hawaii?

Also, with the recent tsunami warning, I believe the State of Hawaii needs to have more preventative measures in place if a catastrophe were to happen here. We need to stop being a state that just reacts to problems!! This money would be better used to create plans to combat a potential flu outbreak or natural disaster.

Please reconsider passing this bill. Thank you.

Steven Gonsalves

Honolulu

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I'm writing in opposition to SB249. While it may sound good on paper, please consider the reality of this bill. I urge you not to vote on or agree to a hearing of SB249 until you have personally visited a slaughterhouse. It's a disgusting and inherently cruel industry. After you've been to one, look me in the eyes and tell me those animals feel no pain, or experience no fear. The Aloha state should have nothing to do with sponsoring this sort of suffering.

Kalani Matthews

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Dear Chairman Marcus Oshiro,

I OPPOSE SB 249, Making an Appropriation to the Department of Agriculture. Why is the state trying to purchase a slaughterhouse? Why does the Legislature want to support the innocent slaughter of animals? The legislature is supporting an Animal Cruelty bill (SB1069 SD1), but yet you want to pass this bill which leads directly to the killing of animals! What's the difference? Why are dogs going to be given more 'rights' but pigs, chickens and cows are just left helpless? Isn't this the legislature preaching equality?

Please do not pass this bill. Thank you.

Sylvia Miller  
Honolulu, HI

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Dear Legislators,

I am opposed to Senate Bill 249.

Seriously? This bill is bad for the economy, bad for the environment and supports something that is bad for health. Enough said.

Thank you for your consideration  
David Omalley

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Dear Legislators,

I am opposed to Senate Bill 249.

I don't want my tax dollars being using to fund a slaughterhouse, which I am vehemently opposed to morally, financially, environmentally and politically. Funding a failing slaughterhouse is a BAD IDEA for Hawaii!

Sincerely  
Wyatt Fitzgerald

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Dear Legislators,

I am opposed to Senate Bill 249.

I am entirely against using tax dollars to subsidize businesses that aren't able to make it on their own. If the slaughterhouse can't make enough money to sustain itself then it will only become a burden on the State - a burden we really cannot afford. I don't want my tax dollars to be spent in this way!

Thank you for your consideration  
Audette Danielle



josepuma.txt

Dear Legislators,

I am opposed to Senate Bill 249.

This bill is a terrible idea. I don't appreciate my tax dollars being wasted on such an irresponsible venture - one that has already proven itself to be a financial failure. Hawaii cannot afford to take on a failed business that is completely unnecessary in the first place!

Yours Truly  
Jose Puma

gerardowilliams.txt

Dear Legislators,

I am opposed to Senate Bill 249.

Businesses that can't sustain themselves SHOULD fail! This bill is bad for Hawaii and I personally don't want my tax dollars spent in such a frivolous way. I believe that if legislators really do have our best interest in mind that they must defeat bill 249.

Thank you for your consideration  
Gerardo williams

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Dear Legislators,

I am opposed to Senate Bill 249, which will have the state purchase the failing slaughterhouse. There is no gain to the state or the taxpayers, or Hawaii in doing this. Please don't use our hard earned Tax Dollars on such unneccessary and useless expenses when there is so much to be done in Hawaii. It makes no sense.

Sincerly,  
Chris Doyle

To Whom It May Concern:

I am opposing the Senate Bill 249. I don't think it is right to have slaughter houses in our clean and sensitive environment. It will be very risky for the residence near the slaughter houses and it will cause a major damage to the environment to support slaughter houses.

The money of the taxpayers should not be used to support failing business that causes damage to the environment.

It is our rights us a human being to live in a healthy environment. It is also our responsibility to preserve the environment and the resources. Please stop damaging our environment. Please stop thinking of money and business while our environment our continuously degrading. Stop thinking of your self and how the government will earn money. Please think of the people you are suppose to be taking care of.

Sincerely,

Mixu Abbey Rivera-Gonzalo

Dear Legislators,

I, Nitai Stokes from Pearl Ridge, am strongly opposed to Senate Bill 249 that will use taxpayer funds so that the state can purchase an unnecessary slaughterhouse.

We don't have funds to waste on "saving" an unnecessary slaughterhouse. We have already had so many public services cut. Workers are being laid off; Schools are being shut down, and more all due to insufficient funding. We should be spending taxpayer dollars on the more important things. No other state to my knowledge owns a slaughterhouse, and the very fact that this slaughterhouse is obviously not profitable enough to support itself should make it obvious that it will only be a useless funding drain on our state which already has enough problems. We have already thrown enough money at it, it makes no sense to continue doing so.

I do not believe we should be using the taxpayer's money to save failing businesses, I don't see this happening anywhere else.

I believe that we should not use SB 249 to waste \$1.6 million on buying the Hawai'i Livestock Cooperative slaughterhouse; it will merely help drain an already strained budget on a virtually useless service that was so unsuccessful in the first place that no one in the private sector wants to continue it. I cannot see how making it a State enterprise will either help the State, or even make the business any more profitable.

Please sincerely consider not passing SB 249.

Thank You,

Nitai Stokes

Distinguished Legislators,

I strongly oppose Senate Bill 249 specifically as it will use taxpayer dollars to buy a bankrupt unnecessary slaughterhouse. Please read my rationale:

Our status quo is the state doesn't have money for that. Why prioritize a slaughterhouse above schools and employment? What does that show as far as our values are concerned?

Why is taxpayer money being used to bail out private businesses? And why invest hard earned money in businesses that clearly is not lucrative? This will just add more problems to the budget. On an economic point of view, this is not a good investment at all.

I strongly oppose the Senate Bill 249 mainly as slaughterhouse will promote meat eating which is the highest source of toxic gases in our atmosphere which then causes climate change. Why push something that will be detrimental to our efforts at solving climate change and global warming - environmental destruction, a priority of the present government.

The location of the proposed slaughterhouse is already a serious threat to our environment. If this slaughterhouse begins operation, its waste will mostly likely seep through to the ocean nearby. This results to pollution to the ocean and ground water. This is not even fictional or doubtful as slaughterhouses in the US as well as in other countries are polluting ground water and nearby oceans, lakes or rivers.

I strongly oppose the Senate Bill 249 because meat eating is now found to have a major link to the development of diseases like heart diseases, obesity, diabetes, cancer, parasite diseases etc.

I am an animal lover and murdering animals for food is unnecessary as we have ample healthy delicious food available for us, as in vegetables, fruits, grains, legumes, dairy and even meat substitutes for those who cannot let go of the "meaty" taste. Slaughter of animals for taste benefits alone is morally unacceptable and truly selfish.

Taxpayers should refuse to allow their money to be used in this way. We should not waste our money to even have a hearing on this Bill.

**Hello**

**I'm writing this letter to oppose Senate Bill 249**

**Why during these tough economic times our tax money should go to support slaughter house? Schools are being closed people laid off or put on furlough but we're going to spend so much money on a slaughter house? State money should not go to bail out failing business but go where people really needed it. Supporting place like that is also not good for people's health and our beautiful environment**

**I urge you to vote against this bill and do whatever you can to stop it**

**Thank you so much for spending your time to read my email**

**Peter Mikula**

Hawaii State Capitol, Room 306  
House of Representatives  
Finance Committee  
Chair- Rep. Marcus Oshiro  
Vice Chair- Marilyn Lee

**Testimony for 3/30/11 Hearing/ SB 249—In Opposition**

Dear Chair, Vice Chair and Members-

I am a 33 year resident of a little community on the Waianae Coast called Honokai Hale. Many people don't even know we are here. We are an older community of families, working people, and retirees like my wife and I. We have watched the Waianae Coast and Kapolei change dramatically all around us. Ko Olina Resort was an empty coastline not so long ago.

We have also witnessed changes at Campbell Industrial Park which is our closest neighbor. It is not what we would choose to live close to but that is how it is. We are not able to move somewhere else.

The issue of the meat business in this area came to my attention and I am amazed that no one else knows about it. Why has this issue not been in the newspaper or on tv? The community should be consulted.

My neighbors, my wife, kids, grandkids, and I DO NOT support the government-funded slaughterhouse in this area. We can deal with living close to oil refineries, recycling plants, and even the landfill. Just the thought of the waste that must come out of that place and the suffering that goes on inside makes us queasy.

Please vote against SB 249 for the benefit of us who live in the community nearby.

Sincerely,  
Dr. and Mrs. J. Spencer  
Honokai Hale



Honorable House Finance Committee Members,

I vehemently oppose the SB 249 Slaughterhouse Bill for the following reasons:

I do not agree or wish to be a part of the bailing out and later the operations of a slaughterhouse anywhere in the world, much more in my own backyard or state. Meat eating has more disadvantages than advantages in terms of economics, health, ecological care and morality.

Economically, why should we bail out and later invest in a failing business? Why risk too much? Do we even have the money? We are even closing schools and have problems in employment. Are slaughterhouses now more important than education and employment?

Health-wise, meat eating has been linked to major killer diseases like cancer, diabetes, hypertension and heart disease, mad cow disease etc. Why are we even pushing or encouraging people to eat meat? There are so many healthy alternative food and diet options for us to take. Being vegetarian or vegan is for me the best if not the safest of diets. I refuse to be a part of something that can actually kill, harm or disable anyone.

Ecologically, the animal farming industry is the major source of toxic gases that contribute to global warming and climate change. The site of the slaughterhouse may pose as a threat to our environment as its waste when fully operational can and will cause potential ground water contamination and pollution of the ocean which results to the development of dead zones, coral reef destruction, and kill fish. The animal farming industry likewise uses too much of our resources thus draining our water reserves, destroying our farming land and polluting our waters.

I do not wish to be a part of organized murder of innocent beings. This is morally wrong and promotes senseless violence. Why kill unnecessarily in the name of eating and surviving? Meat eating we are now seeing does not contribute to any of these purposes but is actually detrimental to our and the earth's survival and health? Why do we need to kill to have the taste of blood on our tongues? We are no better than vampires.

Basya Alipio

Bruce Raye  
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March 29, 2011

To the House Finance Committee:

Re: **SB 249**

I strongly oppose any subsidizing or ownership of a slaughterhouse by the state of Hawaii. Slaughterhouses have very hazardous working conditions. They produce a lot of pollution and use a tremendous amount of water. They smell bad and don't fit in to the beautiful natural environment which our residents cherish and our tourists come to enjoy.

Hawaiian agriculture needs to get away from meet production, which is generally bad for our environment and health. Sustainable agriculture depends on expanding our fruit and vegetable production. This will provide the most economic, environmental and health benefits to our residents.

If the meat industry thinks a slaughterhouse is a viable business here, then at least they can finance it themselves. Our tax money should not go toward this!

Yours truly,

Bruce Raye

To the Hawaii Finance Committee:

This letter is in regards to the Slaughterhouse <sup>SB</sup> bill 249. My husband and I are writing to oppose the funding to keep this business open. The state is considering purchasing this company for 1.6 million dollars in order to keep it open. In the past the state has already handed over 6 million dollars, and the business continues to fail. Why should our tax money be used for such a purpose?

The state talks about furlough days, and the closing of schools in order to help with the states lack of finances. So, then how are you justifying taking the money to help a failing business continue, after you have already done so? How is the state planning on keeping it running once they purchase the slaughterhouse, is more tax payer money going to have to exchange hands to keep it running as the years go by?

The killing of animals for food is an unnecessary act in and of itself. We do not believe that our money should be handed over to an industry that we and many others think is wrong. If the state wants to support the continuing food industry, then they should avert your attention elsewhere. Why not take the money and help local farmers that try to grow healthy, organic produce for the island? By supporting the slaughterhouse you are supporting the continuing health issues that are plaguing the islands, especially heart disease.

We hope as a family that lives here on the island, supports the local farmers markets, vegetarians and tax payers that you take our position and many others that you will hear from into great consideration.

Thank-you for your time

Christina and Brandon Arndt

3/29/2011

Dear Representatives:

I am extremely opposed to Senate Bill 249 as it is a waste of my taxpayer's money. You people have already cut so many jobs, salaries, and services and now you want to WASTE OUR PRECIOUS FEW TAXPAYER DOLLARS AND DUMP IT INTO ANOTHER MONEY-LOSER! Besides the money concern, there are health concerns. Why would you want to promote a meat-based diet as it has been documented everywhere that **meat is the cause of heart disease, diabetes, obesity, cancer, and many other diseases!** It is also BAD FOR THE ENVIRONMENT as the excrement from the slaughterhouse would go into a "lagoon" located near the ocean and there is great potential for ground water contamination and pollution of our Hawaiian waters. The meat industry is bad for the environment and is the major contributor to global warming. Not to mention the cruelty of the animal industry - have you ever been to a slaughterhouse or any kind of animal slaughter (I have) and heard the agonized cries of these poor beasts who only want to live in peace and freedom, just as you and I do? PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR TAXPAYERS AND VOTE AGAINST SB 249.

Let's stop this insanity.

Mahalo,

Leila Ishiki

I strongly oppose Senate Bill 249 using tax dollars to support slaughterhouses!

Although my family lived in Hawai'i for many years, I grew up on the mainland. Coming back here two years ago, I was pleasantly surprised by all the runners and joggers and cyclists; the people exercising on the beach and in the parks; the farmers markets full of beautiful, fresh local produce. I fell in love with the fresh, crisp and clean air; the breathtaking hiking spots; the gorgeous variety of trees, flowers and birds. These islands permeate with the feeling of aloha and the promise of a better, happier, and much healthier life for all who are fortunate enough to live here. I am proud to call Hawai'i my home.

But today I am ashamed to find out that our government is planning to use the people's hard-earned tax dollars to fund a slaughterhouse—a business which can have devastating effects on our environment and our health—what to speak of for the animals. It is absolutely shameful that the government would use tax-payer money for such a morally reprehensible business. The people's money should be used for things that are beneficial to the well-being of the people and the community (including the animals), not things which are detrimental to the well-being of the community. In these times when public services are falling by the wayside and schools are being shut down, the last thing we need is for our money to go towards bailing out a failing slaughterhouse.

Please don't pass this bill!

Respectfully,

Bhavarani Silva

SB249

Aloha my name is Josh Harvey

I have been a long time Kamaina resident of Hawaii .

Although I live and work in California I have a condo on Ohau and come to visit my island ohana friends and family every year. One of the main things I love about Hawaii is its natural beauty the warm kind people and healthy lifestyle & environment.

There are many other tropical vacation places I could go to but many of them dont have the same cleanliness and healthy non polluted air water ,infrastructure and overall environmental standards.

The state government of Hawaii doesn't need to waste its citizens tax dollars and limited precious resources to fund or support such an unhealthy ugly, expensive, wasteful polluting enterprise as a slaughterhouse...i doubt very many tourists or even local schools and families would ever want to take their children for a tour.

Why not invest or fund something much more attractive and worthwhile?

I'm glad I don't have to pay any local state taxes in California for such things.

Maybe I should think twice about permanently moving /retiring to Hawaii especially Kapolei.

Mahalos for allowing me to exspressmy opinions,

Sincerely,

Josh Harvey

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March 29, 2011

Hawaii State Legislature  
House Finance Committee  
Honolulu Hawaii

Dear Committee Members,

I have only recently learnt of SB 249 and am strongly opposed to it for a number of reasons.

Firstly, it obviously very clear that the slaughterhouse enterprise is not fiscally viable, otherwise there would be no need for government support in the past and as proposed by this bill. If an enterprise cannot stand on its own two feet then it should be allowed to fail and certainly should not be the beneficiary of government support.

At present various essential government services are being cut and workers furloughed as a result as a shortage of funds, yet this bill proposes to spend taxpayer money to support a clearly non-viable enterprise. That makes no commercial sense.

If the State Government wishes to encourage fuller employment by supporting enterprise then it should at least invest in enterprises that are viable. However, as a fiscal conservative I am against government being involved in anything other than the provision of essential public services. It's not the intended role of government (state or federal) to be involved in competing in the commercial sector in the provision of non-essential goods or services.

Lastly, as a life-long vegetarian I strongly oppose and object to my taxes being used to support an enterprise that slaughters animals. State tax revenue is intended to be used by the State to provide necessary public services. I object to my taxes being spent in this way.

I strongly urge the committee to deny funding to this Bill.

Sincerely,



Mark R Campbell

March 29, 2011

Representative Marcus Oshiro

Room 308

State of Hawaii Capitol

Re: **Oppose** SB 249, Purchase of Hawaii Livestock Cooperative Slaughterhouse

Dear Representative Marcus Oshiro,

I am writing to urge you to oppose any and all legislation that would allow for the purchase of the Hawaii Livestock Cooperative Slaughterhouse in Kapolei.

Our beautiful state is already facing a \$1 billion deficit. Taxpayers shouldn't have to subsidize a cruel industry that harms animals, people's health, and the environment. The slaughterhouse is in an environmentally sensitive area and its wastewater—so close to the ocean—is a potential source of pollution that could create dead zones in the water, suffocate coral reefs, and kill fish.

Certainly there is a better solution to the problem, one that enhances our environment and health and supports humane farming and slaughter of feed animals.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Patricia Sullivan

5455C Kuamo'o Road

Kapaa, Hawaii 96746

860-559-6572



March 29, 2011

Dear Mr. Marcus Oshiro and the Finance Committee,

I am writing to tell you about my strong opposition to Bill SB249. I do not think it is appropriate for the state to buy and run a slaughterhouse - especially with the economy being as bad as it is. No private individual or company is willing to buy this slaughterhouse - as it's not profitable. Why is the Government trying to save it? Our tax dollars shouldn't be used to bail out failing businesses.

As a Nation we are billions of dollars in debt and this is just a small example of wasting tax money and not using it responsibly. We should be trying to make budget cuts where we can and if we have 1 million dollars to spare shouldn't we be using it to fund our schools and improve our roads?

I also feel it is wrong for our Government to run (using my tax dollars) a business which is bad for the environment and cruel and inhumane to animals. There is so much talk of reducing global warming by biking and carpooling. But, the meat industry is a huge contributor to global warming much more so than cars. So, let's go green by not passing this bill out of committee.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Sita Strickland

*Mrs. Sita Strickland 627A Oneawa St. Kailua, HI 96734*

House Finance Committee  
Chair The Honorable Rep. Marcus Oshiro  
Vice Chair The Honorable Marilyn Lee

**Re: SB 249- STRONG OPPOSITION**

Date: March 30, 2011

**I strongly oppose this bill for many reasons.**

There are important social services, programs, and projects that benefit the people of Hawai'i that need help from the state. With a huge budget shortfall, this is not the best option for taxpayers' dollars.

As we as a state talk more about sustainability, the importance of preserving the environment, and improving the health of our residents, supporting and encouraging a pork slaughterhouse runs in direct opposition to those goals.

**As we all know, Hawai'i has a childhood obesity problem. The funds that are being proposed to support Hawai'i Livestock Cooperative should be used instead to improve the long-term health of our keiki, not deter from it.**

Finally, the foul waste that slaughterhouses produce--blood, stool, and body parts--simply end up polluting the environment and eventually our precious ocean.

Please don't put my hard-earned money into supporting this type of industry that does nothing to improve the well-being, health, economy or environment.

Sincerely,

Alison Riggs  
PO Box 3529  
Kapolei, HI 96707

778-4243

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I am Jacoby Young. I am a concerned citizen of Hawaii and would like it to be known that I strongly oppose this bill. I oppose this not only for the lack of aloha and kokua towards animals and people that slaughterhouses are known for but for environmental reasons as well. The whole world over is rethinking the foods we eat and the ways that we produce them. If the state of Hawaii bankrolls the opening of a new slaughterhouse we are taking a giant leap in the wrong direction. Mark Bittman reports in the New York Times:

" The environmental impact of growing so much grain for animal feed is profound. Agriculture in the United States – much of which now serves the demand for meat – contributes to nearly three-quarters of all water-quality problems in the nation's rivers and streams, according to the Environmental Protection Agency.

Because the stomachs of cattle are meant to digest grass, not grain, cattle raised industrially thrive only in the sense that they gain weight quickly. This diet made it possible to remove cattle from their natural environment and encourage the efficiency of mass confinement and slaughter. But it causes enough health problems that administration of antibiotics is routine, so much so that it can result in antibiotic-resistant bacteria that threaten the usefulness of medicines that treat people.

Those grain-fed animals, in turn, are contributing to health problems among the world's wealthier citizens – heart disease, some types of cancer, diabetes. The argument that meat provides useful protein makes sense, if the quantities are small. But the "you gotta eat meat" claim collapses at American levels. Even if the amount of meat we eat weren't harmful, it's way more than enough."

If the argument of the environment, health, or animal welfare does not interest you, then as Cathy Goeggel points out the financial reasons this slaughterhouse should not be funded become paramount. We simply can't afford it. Funding this would be stealing from our kids educations, making our seniors suffer, ignoring the working class, and spiting the homeless.

Please oppose this bill as any fiscally sensible, morally adept individual should.

Jacoby Young  
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jacobyyoung@gmail.com

**RE: SB 249, SD2, HD1: Making an Appropriation to the Department of Agriculture**

Dear Representative Oshiro and the members of the House Finance Committee:

I am strongly opposed to SB 249.

I am shocked and saddened to hear that my tax dollars, along with those of thousands of other Hawaii residents who are opposed for moral, ethical, religious, health, environmental, or other reasons to the completely unnecessary killing of animals for food, may be appropriated for the purchase of a slaughterhouse in Campbell Industrial Park.

I urge you to kill this bill instead.

At a time when taxes are being raised and state government services in areas such as education and health are being cut back, it makes absolutely no sense to divert taxpayer funds toward a failing business.

Speaking of health, numerous scientific studies show that meat-eating is not only **unnecessary** for human health, but is actually **detrimental** to human health. Meat-eating leads to health problems such as heart disease, cancer, obesity, kidney failure, and more. It makes absolutely no sense for the State to use taxpayer funds to support such an unhealthy dietary choice.

Meat-eating is also about the most environmentally damaging food choice a person can make. The waste of land, water, and other resources attributable to meat-eating and the contribution of meat-eating to global warming have been well documented in books such as *Diet for a New America* by John Robbins. Locally, waste from the slaughterhouse in Campbell Industrial Park may well end up polluting Hawaii's groundwater and ocean. It makes absolutely no sense for the State to use taxpayer funds to support such an environmentally unfriendly dietary choice.

Finally, meat-eating causes unnecessary and unimaginable suffering for animals. It makes absolutely no sense for the State to use taxpayer funds to support such a cruel dietary choice.

Please vote **against** SB 249.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Patricia Compton  
pjcompton@gmail.com

To The Finance Committee

Hawaii State legislature is planning to spend \$1.7 million to subsidize a slaughterhouse in Oahu. This is outrageous! We need this money for education, libraries, health clinics, and other public services. We do not need another place to practice the inhumane treatment of animals. If we were a better educated society, we would know this. We would be supporting organic gardening, vegetarianism, and the humane treatment of all living creatures. It is a vicious cycle that we slight education to spend our money on killing.

Sincerely,  
Juju

**Opposition to Senate Bill 249 Campbell Industrial Park; Slaughterhouse**

I am opposed to the State purchase of the Campbell Industrial Park Slaughterhouse on Oahu. I believe it is not a valid use of tax payer funds. At a time when our economy is in crisis, our funding should go towards healthcare, education and environmental protection. These are of a far greater concern to our State than the purchase of a failing slaughterhouse.

Thank you

S Brown

**To- House Finance Committee members**  
**Re- Senate Bill 249**  
**Date- 3/30/11**  
**From- Kaleo Johnson**  
**Honolulu, HI 96818**

Please do not vote in favor of the bill to fund a slaughterhouse in Kapolei. This kind of business is filthy and does nothing to improve our community. It does nothing to make our economy stronger. It only makes our people fatter & more unhealthy. We have enough meat in this state. Put some money toward helping clean the beaches, get people off ICE, make our kids healthier and smarter....something good for us.

--Kaleo Johnson

I was very disappointed when I heard about Bill SB249. I am a taxpayer and a vegetarian and don't want my hard earned taxes spent on a slaughterhouse. Apart from it being a waste of money – if a private company can't make money out of a slaughterhouse what makes the government think it can - there are many reasons why a meat-based diet is an unhealthy option.

I hope the finance committee sees clearly and rejects this bill.

Sincerely,

Merril Lobel

Maui



I oppose Senate Bill 249 because it is an unjust bill. First, I believe that there are lots of things that the government must address. Instead of allotting money for a slaughterhouse, why can't it be used to resolve other problems of Hawaii. Allot the money for the needs of other sectors such as for education and health. Second, the buying of a slaughterhouse is a very cruel act to animals. We don't want Hawaii to start a trend of killing animals...

Ophelia Mae Lim

March 30, 2011

Dear Representative Marcus Oshiro and House Finance Committee Members-

In regards to Senate Bill 249 that you will be making a decision on today, I urge you to seriously consider the impact that this legislation will have. What reasons can you possibly have for supporting a failing business at this time, when the state is facing economic calamity? I question the motives behind this initiative. I see no benefit for myself or anyone else in the state, besides this particular business and the related industries.

You are supposed to be representing your constituents' best interests. Vote no on SB249!

With aloha,

Lauren Rose

Waianae Valley Ohana- 4<sup>th</sup> generation

Hawaii State Legislature, House of Representatives  
House Finance Committee  
Hawaii State Capital

March 30, 2011  
11am Committee Hearing

**Testimony to Oppose SB 249**

**Thank you for your time. I will be brief. I work in Campbell Industrial Park in a business close to Hawaii Livestock Cooperative.**

**It is a filthy, inhumane, and polluting facility that should not be helped by the State!**

**Further investigation should be done before passing this.**

**Thank you,  
Whitney Goralski**

**Makakilo resident**

Dear House Finance Committee members,

Aloha oukou

I would like to express my total opposition to Senate Bill 249; the state should not be spending our precious funds on buying an unsuccessful and unnecessary business. There are many other areas that this money could be more usefully spent. Instead of adding to Hawaii's environmental problems with the waste produced by the slaughterhouse, the funds could be used to help improve the trash disposal problems we have. Or directed to increasing education funding or improving the roads etc.

Please reconsider the passage of this bill.

Mahalo

Ala Suzuki

Dear Legislators,

I strongly oppose Senate Bill 249. During this time of an economic / budget deficit, it does not make sense to use our taxpayer dollars for the state to buy a slaughterhouse. Our taxpayer dollars should not be used to bail out a failing business when they are closing schools, cutting people from work, furloughs, and other cut backs due to budget shortages. As a mother of two, there are many other public services I think our taxpayer dollars should be used for rather than a slaughterhouse that is unnecessary.

For the sake of our budget deficit, please don't pass this bill.

Sincerely,

Tandis Bishop

Dear House Finance Committee members,

I am vehemently opposed to Senate Bill 249 on a number of counts. I urge you to please not let this bill pass. It's an environmental disaster and economically unsound. As a taxpayer, I do not want my hard earned tax money going to such a government bailout of such an unsuccessful "business" that no private sector would touch with a 10 foot pole! Please don't let this happen.

Ron Azzopardi  
Kailua, HI

Dear Legislators,

Hello, I'm Loui from Maui. I oppose the Senate Bill 249 because slaughterhouses are unnecessary and that these do more harm than good. Raising animals for slaughter is simply wasteful. It would benefit our State and our people better to promote healthier eating of fruits and vegetables. Our State Budget is much needed in other areas of public service.

Sincerely,  
Loui from Maui

Dear Legislators,

Good Day this is Emman Culalic, I'm live here in Hawai'i and as a citizen I don't want to have slaughterhouses here in our state. I'm opposed to Senate Bill 249. There's had many disadvantages or may I can say that there's no good reason at all for having such establishment. First thing it is very bad to our environment, also to our health condition. And most of all to our beloved animals, they are not supposed killed to make them foods. Slaughtering animals for food is an unnecessary "luxury" and is morally wrong. Animals have rights and they not deserved to experience cruelty by many people. Earth provides human needs but not human greed. Please don't schedule a hearing of Senate Bill 249.

From,  
Emman Culalic



Important!

SB249

Please don't permit a slaughterhouse to operate in our state, it can destroy peacefulness in our community, it is a health hazard, tax money should not be used to invest in a failed business. Instead tax money should be used for other better investments like better schools for better education. I hope you consider your decision carefully.

Cynthia V. Obmerga

A concerned citizen.

This testimony is in opposition to SB249. There is nothing sustainable about the meat industry. It wastes huge amounts of natural resources (water, electricity, farmland, fuel, etc.) to raise cows for slaughter. Not to mention the pollution. If you really want to make Hawaii's food supply more self sufficient, you should be looking for ways to make farming here more productive and profitable. And encouraging more sustainable farms. We are blessed with a year around growing season, we should take full advantage of it.

Michael Bond

March 28, 2011

Dear House Finance Committee Members:

I am opposed to SB 249, the slaughterhouse bill. I ask you to dig deep, and think about the moral and philosophical objections to this ill-advised legislation. I'm not a vegetarian, but many of my friends are and I certainly empathize with their objections to this kind of bill. Simply from a common sense approach, this doesn't even come close to passing the smell test. I pay taxes, and I want my taxes to fund schools, roads, etc. that are for the public good. As far as I can see, you're spitting in the faces of those who eat plant-based diets.

Bronson White  
Hawaii Kai

SB249

To whom it may concern:

I have just recently heard that tax payers money will be used to buy the slaughter house in Campbell Industrial Park. I am utterly fuming about this! This goes against so many people's religious beliefs including mine. I can't believe you can use my tax payer money to pay for a slaughter house! I do not condone the killing of innocent animals. So Im asking you please do not use our money to pay for this slaughter house.

Samaan.

Dear Legislators,

I hope this meets you in good health, I oppose to Senate Bill 249. We don't have the money for this Bill with so many public services being cut. On top of this, this slaughterhouse will likely severe ongoing going drain to the State Budget. It will likely be taking more of the portion of our taxes! Plus I don't agree with having a meat based diet. Its bad for the peoples' health, makes us fat out of proportions. Its definitely bad for the environment of our beautiful State. The slaughterhouse is located in an environmentally-sensitive area and poses a serious threat to the environment because it discharges its waste into a "lagoon" located just yards from the ocean. This creates the potential for ground water contamination and pollution of the ocean—contributing to the possible creation of dead zones, coral reef suffocation, and fish depopulation. Additionally, the meat industry is bad for the environment as it is an inefficient use of resources and is the most significant contributor to global warming. Please don't schedule a hearing of Senate Bill 249 before the Hawaii State.

Sincerely yours, Ohama Williams

Dear Legislators,

I oppose to Senate Bill 249. Its is morally wrong to kill so many animals for food. We are not meat eaters, we are not meant to eat meat. You see it by looking at your teeth, is it as sharp as a shark's teeth?NO! Aside from that it will kill our environment! Having a slaughterhouse will make a lot of waste. Where exactly are we going to dump this waste?? Think about that.  
Please don't schedule a hearing of Senate Bill 249 before the Hawaii State Court.

- Rancho

## FINTestimony

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Testimony for FIN 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM SB249

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Comments:  
Please do not spend our \$\$\$ in this way.

## FINTestimony

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Submitted on: 3/29/2011

**Comments:**

The potential for pollution and the death of wildlife in the ocean is not worth any type of monetary gains for the state.



## **FINTestimony**

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Submitted on: 3/29/2011

**Comments:**

I oppose SB 249 which proposes using taxpayer money for the state to purchase a slaughterhouse.

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Submitted on: 3/29/2011

**Comments:**

I am highly opposed to this purchase into a business that needs to be kept privately owned. The liability of such a business operation is not one that the state needs to take on. There are many forward thinking ways for Hawaii to invest, this is a poor choice.

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E-mail: [gerrymead@hawaiiantel.net](mailto:gerrymead@hawaiiantel.net)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

**Comments:**

Dear Finance Committee Members,  
State Government should not be spending my tax dollars on projects not related to State Government responsibilities.  
Money would be better spent figuring out a different way to help business, not to take it over.

Sincerely,  
Doug Allen

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Submitted on: 3/29/2011

### Comments:

My husband and I are both from the state of Michigan and lived there all of our lives until we moved here. Michigan also has a long history of fiscal mismanagement so the current expenditures and misappropriations the state of Hawaii produces are all too familiar. This issue is one of many that I personally have been opposed to. I feel that the state government takes noted advantage over it's citizens under the principles that they have no frame of reference. Michigan is surrounded by other large states with large major cities and has ready access, via close proximity and media coverage, to their legislative/state governmental histories and errors in regards to their economies. This gives a very thorough frame of reference when the state of Michigan walks down a fruitless path financially or in matters regarding law making. Hawaii does not have this added benefit seeing as they are so isolated and, from what I have seen, do not have as adequate of media coverage of other state's internal movements as do other mainland states. The legislators seem to be fully aware of this, travel out of the state frequently enough to have a decent frame of reference, and I believe know ahead of time most they are making poor choices for the citizens of Hawaii. Pandering to potential sympathies and issues of citizens is common in order to produce coercion and support to pass laws; however, Hawaii reaps added setbacks such that when poor decision have been carried out they stand for some time before their damages are rectified. The bill for these mistakes falls on the citizens. As sickening as this is, and as disappointing, I cannot rightly be disenfranchised and sit and do/say nothing. Therefore, with this opportunity, I would like to voice an opinion in strong opposition to the money being spent and wasted by the state, to afford a slaughterhouse that is not necessary to be purchased by the state whatsoever. If I am not mistaken, and I am not, there are other areas of the state's budget that are lacking and could utilize this funding in a much more advantageous manner. Furlough Friday's might be one area. The public education system in general needs much more time and effort then it sees in a given year.

## **FINTestimony**

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**ent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2011 1:04 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** brezina2209@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Michelle Brezina  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [brezina2209@yahoo.com](mailto:brezina2209@yahoo.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

**Comments:**

Our money should be spent on things that are more beneficial to our community, such as education or road maintenance, not bailing out businesses.

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**ent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2011 11:49 AM  
**to:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** Ahimsamary99999@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: Yes  
Submitted by: Mary Markl  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [Ahimsamary99999@gmail.com](mailto:Ahimsamary99999@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

### Comments:

With a huge state deficit and tough economic times, we don't have the public money to go to a failing private industry, otherwise you need to bail out all of the failing businesses. With so many of our public educational and social programs being cut, the previous committees preferential treatment to one industry at the expense of all the other high needs was irresponsible to our public funds. Yesterday's newspaper head story was about the deep cuts to education. I only recently learned of this bill and I called the teachers union association to make them aware of the preferential treatment the ranchers have been given over the many other important needs of all citizens. As the finance committee, you must stop this irresponsible spending bill and look at the priorities of services to the public not to the private. Many people are against the meat industry because of health issues (shown to contribute to disease) and/or ethical reasons. Mrs. Martin Luther King came to believe that addressing the inhumane treatment of animals was the next logical step in her husband's legacy and became a vegetarian. Have you ever unannounced been to a slaughterhouse? These creatures are live, sensitive beings who feel everything, they are not metal. This is one of the major horror traditions that needs to be questioned and changed since there are humane alternatives. That private industry does not benefit me and many others so do not give them our tax money. Give it to an educational, social or humane industry that benefits many humanely. Please stop this bill now. I intend to be there tomorrow to testify against this bill.

Thank you.  
M. Markl

## FINTestimony

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2011 1:14 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** nogawaj001@hawaii.rr.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Janine Nogawa  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [nogawaj001@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:nogawaj001@hawaii.rr.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

Comments:

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**ent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2011 12:39 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** legendarygunz@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Karady Chan  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [legendarygunz@yahoo.com](mailto:legendarygunz@yahoo.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

**Comments:**

We do not have \$1.6 million dollars to spend on a slaughter house!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!  
Our taxpayer money needs to be used for important things!



## **FINTestimony**

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**ent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2011 1:12 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** vkhurana@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Vikram  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [vkhurana@yahoo.com](mailto:vkhurana@yahoo.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

Comments:

## FINTestimony

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**ent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2011 1:13 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** Melanienharvey01@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Melanie Harvey  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [Melanienharvey01@gmail.com](mailto:Melanienharvey01@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

**Comments:**

Dear Legislators,

My name is Melani Harvey, and I'm a resident in Honolulu, Hawaii. I am writing you to voice out my thought in opposed to the the Senate Bill 249 that will use our hard earned tax dollars for the purchase of an unnecessary slaughterhouse which has been proven a failure in the past. I feel it is not necessary because there are lot more priorities in our country to e considered solving the problems than focusing on this pointless issue. I am a preschool teacher and I just got a pink slip and will be laid off by the end of the school year in June 2011. This event brought me lots of grief and unhappiness, it brought a great impact on my health, triggered seriously of my physical and physiological illness and not to mention of my own livelihood. I depend solely of my monthly earnings to live decently in our country. I am thinking why not consider helping our educational institution first which will benefit the whole mankind not only at this time of grievance but for the next generation to come.

I am pleading to of you to please don't let make this thing happen. Please give consideration more on to those things that will really help the majority of our people. The Senate Bill 249 will bring more harm than good to our country. It makes no sense to use our own money to purchase this when all of us know and very aware that this thing is not good for our health, it promotes cancer, obesity, and other kind of sickness. We all know that it is bad for our environment, it brings pollution and germs and make people sick. I have the right to voice out my thought and I am very much hoping that you will consider this appeal before you make a drastic decision for our country.

Sincerely,

Melanie Harvey

## **FINTestimony**

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**ent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2011 12:42 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** mirahlove@hotmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Tisha Montoya  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [mirahlove@hotmail.com](mailto:mirahlove@hotmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

**Comments:**

I urge you not to use tax payers money to purchase the campbell sklaughter house because it is bad for the animals , bad for human health to eat animals (heart disease, diabetes, cancer, obesity, etc.) , bad for the local lagoon envirnment and global warming, and is a waste of recources. There is enough healthy food for humans to eat that doesn't contribute to animals suffering. It is just plain morally wrong.

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2011 12:56 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** jacksonr007@hawaii.rr.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Rich Jackson  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [jacksonr007@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:jacksonr007@hawaii.rr.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

**Comments:**

Re The Slaughterhouse Bill SB 249. I am oppose to this bill for two reasons: 1) IF there is slaughterhouse in HI, it should be run by 'free enterprise' NOT government (tax payers). 2) The obvious trend in healthy eating habits is LESS MEAT. Let's not encourage poor eating habits & health problems in the future HI.

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**ent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2011 1:25 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** jbellmartineau@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Jennifer Martineau  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [jbellmartineau@gmail.com](mailto:jbellmartineau@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

**Comments:**

It's wrong for the animals, wrong for the environment and wrong for the economy. It is money poorly spent. I don't support this at all.

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2011 1:25 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** kailuaangel@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Ginger Westerman  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [kailuaangel@gmail.com](mailto:kailuaangel@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

Comments:  
Please do not pass this bill.

It is inhumane and you should not use our tax dollars for this purchase.

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2011 1:22 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** dh1lighthouse@aol.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Aimee Rice  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [dh1lighthouse@aol.com](mailto:dh1lighthouse@aol.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

Comments:  
I strongly oppose the Slaughterhouse purchase.

## FINTestimony

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2011 1:24 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** chandravalidasi@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Chandra Vali  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [chandravalidasi@gmail.com](mailto:chandravalidasi@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

**Comments:**

Dear Politicians,

I've heard about the Senate Bill 249 which I believe will use hard earned taxpayer dollars for the state to purchase an unnecessary slaughterhouse. I am writing you because I am not in favor of this. As an honest taxpayer I know and everybody knows that we work hard to earn a living and at the same time contribute to the state for the goodness sake so we can all live happily in this country. If you are going to approve the Bill 249 that will mean getting a lot of money that will be taken from our hard earned tax paid and yet we that is not a hundred percent sure it will really give us money in the future. Do you really believe slaughter houses are good for the country? Have you already done all the necessary research on the negative impact it could bring to our families health and environment? If so I humbly ask that you not to approve this Bill 249. Mahalo.

Hoping for your earnest consideration.

Sincerely,

Chandra Vali



## FINTestimony

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**From:** Brooke Hernandez [chamberypaps@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2011 1:16 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00 a.m.

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Brooke Hernandez  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [chamberypaps@gmail.com](mailto:chamberypaps@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

**Comments:**

Stop slaughterhouse bill SB249. I do not want my taxpayer money to be used to support an animal slaughterhouse in Hawaii. We don't have the money.

work for the Judiciary, and the state doesn't even have enough money to pay us for a full year and had to furlough us for the past two years.

Taxpayer money should not be used to bail out failing businesses.

Eating meat has been proven to cause a higher risk of heart disease, cancer, obesity and other health illnesses. With the unbelievably high rate of obesity in this state, especially among young children, we all would benefit from a healthier diet by cutting out meats.

Raising animals for meat is bad for the environment. The slaughterhouse in Kapolei is located in an environmentally-sensitive area and poses a serious threat to the environment and drinking water supply because it discharges animal waste into a lagoon located just yards from the ocean. If this causes high bacteria levels in the ocean it will float to Ko'Oolina and harm the growing tourist industry there. Also, the slaughterhouse is bad for the animals and morally wrong.

Eating a plant-based diet of vegetables, fruits, grains, rice, starches, legumes is much better for humans and the world. Do the right thing and vote against SB249. Thank you.

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*Brooke Hernandez*

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2011 1:17 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** moondrops23@hotmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Melani Ortiz  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [moondrops23@hotmail.com](mailto:moondrops23@hotmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

**Comments:**

Dear Sirs / Madams,

I am opposed to Senate Bill 249 that will use hard earned taxpayer dollars for the state to purchase a failed and unnecessary slaughterhouse because I know this will not bring profit to our state. There's a lot of articles I've read and observed personally about the harmful effect that the slaughter houses could bring, not only it gives pain and suffering to our poor animals, but it will also compromise the people's health, our living environment and our natural resources. There are lots of things to be considered and worth of paying attention to than buying a slaughter house in hope that it would bring our country big bucks. It is like hoping to earn lots of money to sell bubble gum, it's not a big thing and helpful to be regard as. There are more other things that we should study and analyze and give more effort to make it work, things that is proven profitable and beneficial to all mankind, plants and animals.

We live in this world were ecological system is a very important factor in order to breathe, stay healthy, and soundly. We can only achieve that if we respect nature. We all know how nature fights back. Japan has just that experience with the earthquake and tsunami. Killing animals in massive amount, (I'm not even in favor to killing a single animal because they have consciousness like us where they feel pain when you inflict it to them.) will result to lots of negative impact like health, environment and agony to all animals that are being slaughtered. With my respect to all of you, legislators who are very educated people, I hope that you would not allow this thing to happen.

Thank you.

Respectfully yours,

Melani Ortiz

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2011 11:26 AM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** josh@rainbowraindrops.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: James Mullins  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [josh@rainbowraindrops.com](mailto:josh@rainbowraindrops.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

Comments:  
To whom it may concern...especially the cows

As a concerned citizen and friend to all animals...I find it totally unacceptable to have any of my tax dollars spent on the unnecessary funding of a failed mis-managed cruel slaughter house...and for the first time am taking the time to write to express my disgust with those in our local government who are promoting ,supporting or endorsing this.

I and all of my animal loving friends are going to make sure that whatever pork barrel benefits some politicians may be trying to from this wasteful spending is slaughtered themselves (pardon the pun) in the next election.

Unhappily yours,

Jimmy James Mullins

Haiku Maui

## FINTestimony

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2011 11:36 AM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** kparker@hawaii.edu  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Kealii Parker  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [kparker@hawaii.edu](mailto:kparker@hawaii.edu)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

**Comments:**

To whom this may concern,

My name is Kealii Parker. I'm a Native Hawaiian woman and also a vegetarian. I strongly oppose the government's proposed idea to use our hard worked for tax monies to purchase a slaughterhouse. This really sends the worst message such as slaughtering helpless animals in a cruel and inhuman manner is far more important than keeping schools open, and social services available. I really don't think this is the message you want us to get do you? Please be smart about this. I appreciate your time.

mahalo,

Kealii Parker

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2011 10:36 AM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** bamcollc@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Lincoln Whang  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [bamcollc@gmail.com](mailto:bamcollc@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

**Comments:**

Using our hard earned tax dollars to save a failing business does not make sense. The company failed for a reason and government bail outs are not the answer as evidenced by the federal government. Many Hawaii small businesses are struggling and support should be looked at within. Put the money into a ferry system and education.

## FINTestimony

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2011 10:35 AM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** oahuhome@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Alice Folkart  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [oahuhome@yahoo.com](mailto:oahuhome@yahoo.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

**Comments:**

No other state owns slaughterhouses. Hawaii shouldn't either. I don't want my tax dollars going for this purchase, especially when important and needed programs are being cut to balance the budget.

## FINTestimony

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2011 8:55 AM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** sue@kauaibeach.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Susan Scott  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [sue@kauaibeach.com](mailto:sue@kauaibeach.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

**Comments:**

I am writing to ask you not to support SB249. In a time of such deficit it is unwise to spend taxpayers money on this venture. The slaughterhouse is in an environmentally sensitive area, and its wastewater—so close to the ocean—is a potential source of pollution that could create dead zones in the water, suffocate coral reefs, and kill fish thank you Susan Scott

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2011 12:30 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** easyryder@hawaii.rr.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Jaci Chan  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [easyryder@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:easyryder@hawaii.rr.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

Comments:  
Please do not let the state purchase the slaughterhouse!! It would be a terrible disaster for our environment!! Also a waste of OUR taxpayer money!!!! The state is already in debt!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



## FINTestimony

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2011 9:14 AM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** xveganx@rocketmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Kristina Swenson  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [xveganx@rocketmail.com](mailto:xveganx@rocketmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

### Comments:

I am vehemently opposed to the proposed state funding of a failing slaughterhouse. It is an atrocity that our taxpayer money could be used to buy out businesses that are not doing well. The slaughterhouse is bad for people's health because it causes pollution in the form of run off into a lagoon located near the ocean, this run off can also seep into our groundwater and cause medical problems not only for us, but for future generations in Hawai'i. This is seen in many places on the mainland located near slaughterhouses. It is also wrong for taxpayer money to go towards supporting a business that promotes eating meat, which is unhealthy and unnecessary. Slaughterhouses are not only bad for humans, but terrible for the animals who are killed.

## **FINTestimony**

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**sent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2011 9:05 AM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** Trishamoyen96@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Trisha Moyen  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [Trishamoyen96@yahoo.com](mailto:Trishamoyen96@yahoo.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

**Comments:**

I strongly OPPOSE this!!! If the state of Hawaii passes this and supports and allows this type of cruel &quot;business&quot; that will prove the the state of Hawaii is only concerned about making money!! It will prove that the Hawaii state legislature does not care for it's people nor the innocent animals involved!!

## FINTestimony

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**ent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2011 9:19 AM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** dannygr@hawaiiantel.net  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Daniel Grantham  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [dannygr@hawaiiantel.net](mailto:dannygr@hawaiiantel.net)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

**Comments:**

Please do not devote public money to something as cruel and unhealthy as slaughtering animals.

Why not have a sprout, tomato, avocado and nut salad for lunch, with baked sweet potato for dessert!

## FINTestimony

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**ent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2011 9:22 AM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** jackiemcp2000@hotmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Jackie McPherson  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [jackiemcp2000@hotmail.com](mailto:jackiemcp2000@hotmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

### Comments:

I would like for you all to consider not allocating over \$1 million to purchase a slaughterhouse. In these economic times when we are having to consider taxing Senior citizens, who have already paid more than enough into the system, and cutting funding to needed social programs and education programs, I cannot imagine the justification for this purchases. Please do not allocate these funds to something when the money could be so much better spent elsewhere.

## **FINTestimony**

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2011 8:04 AM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** mmhope2000@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: barb manni  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [mmhope2000@yahoo.com](mailto:mmhope2000@yahoo.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

Comments:

## **FINTestimony**

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
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**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** goofyfoot@hawaii.rr.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Deborah Aldrich  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [goofyfoot@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:goofyfoot@hawaii.rr.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

Comments:

## FINTestimony

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**sent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2011 10:23 AM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** amydonahue@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Amy Donahue  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [amydonahue@gmail.com](mailto:amydonahue@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

**Comments:**

Aloha Senators,

Though I support the bill's intent to improve Hawaii's food self-sufficiency, promote local jobs, and reduce unnecessary carbon waste, I am concerned that the bill does not adequately stipulate fair and safe employment conditions for local workers, and oppose it in its current form. Slaughterhouses are dangerous work environments, yet the bill does not stipulate a minimal level of collective bargaining rights and safety for the workers in the proposed partially state-owned slaughterhouse. If the state is going to invest in these jobs for the good of Hawaii's workers and families, then these should be union jobs. The bill, if passed, should stipulate that the workers would be eligible to unionize on the basis of a simple card check.

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
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**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** aliaska@hawaii.rr.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Aliaska Brozen  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [aliaska@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:aliaska@hawaii.rr.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

**Comments:**

This would be a disaster. Why should the people who live in Hawaii have to pay for something that would do great harm to them? Both financially and environmentally?? And morally: this is EXTREMELY cruel.



## **FINTestimony**

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**ent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2011 10:23 AM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** irobela@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Irobela H Wreagh  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [irobela@gmail.com](mailto:irobela@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

**Comments:**

\$1.6 mill should be used to support other State porgrams that assist more people in need - not just ranchers.

## FINTestimony

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2011 10:18 AM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** karilynwilson@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Kari Wilson, M.D.  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [karilynwilson@yahoo.com](mailto:karilynwilson@yahoo.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

**Comments:**

It is unconscionable that the state take over the business of running of slaughterhouse for many reasons, including not being able to afford the cost when so many other vital services are being cut, as well as the environmental and health impact that a slaughterhouse has on the people of Hawaii. A "NO" vote is the only choice that makes any sense. Do the right thing for the people of Hawaii.

## FINTestimony

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**ent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2011 10:19 AM  
**fo:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** srgrant@hawaii.edu  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Scott Grant  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [srgrant@hawaii.edu](mailto:srgrant@hawaii.edu)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

**Comments:**

I strongly oppose the use of public funds for the purchase of a failing slaughterhouse. It is a poor decision from a financial, environmental, and human health stand point. Please do not use our limited resources on this action of overall negative value to our community.

## FINTestimony

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**ent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2011 9:37 AM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** ncborg@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Norman C. Berg  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [ncberg@gmail.com](mailto:ncberg@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

### Comments:

Please use the monies identified for this project to instead support the producers of sustainable and healthy grown crops in Hawaii. We need more food grown, as opposed to animals being killed. We can feed more people with grown crops than with raising cows on vast pastures or worse; compacted and inhumane feed lots. Hawaii should lead the way in showing the rest of the country that it is possible to grow more green crops and move away from a red Meat-Centric diet. We are almost an Island Nation in the respect that we are so isolated...so please help Hawaii Grow more green items, all things vegetarian/Fruits will benefit us more healthfully than growing and killing another living entity.

## **FINTestimony**

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2011 9:39 AM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** jfujimoto@wasahawaii.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: James Raiden Fujimoto  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [jfujimoto@wasahawaii.com](mailto:jfujimoto@wasahawaii.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

**Comments:**

Since the state is facing a \$1 billion deficit, taxpayers shouldn't have to subsidize a cruel industry that harms animals, people's health, and the environment.

## FINTestimony

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**ent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2011 10:24 AM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** tkane411@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: tracy kane  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [tkane411@yahoo.com](mailto:tkane411@yahoo.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

Comments:

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
Sent: Tuesday, March 29, 2011 9:36 AM  
To: FINTestimony  
Cc: kimimchun@gmail.com  
Subject: Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Kimi Chun  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [kimimchun@gmail.com](mailto:kimimchun@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

### Comments:

Dear Legislators,

I am opposed to Senate Bill 249 that will use hard earned taxpayer dollars for the state to purchase a failed and unnecessary slaughterhouse for the following reasons:

1. We don't have the money. With so many public services being cut, such as schools being closed, workers being furloughed, etc. due to budget short-falls, the last place we should be spending taxpayer dollars is on an unnecessary slaughterhouse.
2. Taxpayer money shouldn't be used to bail out failing businesses. Taxpayer dollars should not be used to buy and run a slaughterhouse that has been so unsuccessful that nobody in the private sector wants to do it. If the State operates this slaughterhouse through enactment of SB 249 it will likely be a severe ongoing drain on the State budget.
3. It is bad for people's health. It makes no sense for the state to use taxpayer money to promote a meat-based diet, which has been linked to increased risk of heart disease, diabetes, obesity, cancer, and many other illnesses.
4. It is bad for the environment. The slaughterhouse is located in an environmentally-sensitive area and poses a serious threat to the environment because it discharges its waste into a "lagoon" located just yards from the ocean. This creates the potential for ground water contamination and pollution of the ocean-contributing to the possible creation of dead zones, coral reef suffocation, and fish depopulation. Additionally, the meat industry is bad for the environment as it is an inefficient use of resources and is the most significant contributor to global warming.
5. It is bad for the animals. Slaughtering animals for food is unnecessary because nature has provided ample vegetables, fruits, grains, legumes and dairy products for human sustenance. Slaughtering animals for food is an unnecessary "luxury" and is morally wrong.

Please don't pass this bill out of committee.

Yours truly,

Kimi

## FINTestimony

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**ent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2011 8:57 AM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** aloharunner@hotmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Stephanie McLaughlin  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [aloharunner@hotmail.com](mailto:aloharunner@hotmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

### Comments:

Stop slaughterhouse bill SB249. I do not want my tax payer money to be used to support an animal slaughterhouse in Hawaii. We don't have the money. I am a public school teacher and the state doesn't even have enough money to pay teachers for a full year and had to furlough us for the past two years. Tax payer money should not be used to bail out failing businesses. Eating meat has been proven to cause a higher risk of heart disease, cancer, obesity and other health illnesses. Raising animals for meat is bad for the environment. The slaughterhouse in Kapolei is located in an environmentally-sensitive area and poses a serious threat to the environment and drinking water supply because it discharges animal waste into a lagoon located just yards from the ocean. If this causes high bacteria levels in the ocean it will float to Ko'Oolina and harm the growing tourist industry there. Also, the slaughterhouse is bad for the animals and morally wrong. Eating a plant-based diet of vegetables, fruits, grains, rice, starches, legumes is much better for humans and the world. Do the right thing and vote against SB249. Thank you.



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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**ent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2011 8:45 AM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** amylong2@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Amy Long  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [amylong2@yahoo.com](mailto:amylong2@yahoo.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

**Comments:**

I am a fisheries biologist who lives in Kapolei. I believe a slaughterhouse in the Campbell Industrial Park would be a huge mistake. Slaughterhouses, even "sustainable" slaughterhouses ultimately have waste water which will have a negative impact on the surrounding environment. We have so many reasons to avoid passing this Bill. When the state is already facing a \$1 billion deficit, taxpayers shouldn't have to subsidize a cruel industry that harms people's health, and the environment. The slaughterhouse is in an environmentally sensitive area, and its wastewater—so close to the ocean—is a potential source of pollution that could create dead zones in the water, suffocate coral reefs, and kill fish. Please consider getting a Environmental Impact Statement on this before going through, our precious resources are relying on it.  
Mahalo for your time,  
A concerned resident of Kapolei

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2011 7:58 AM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** melisa\_mil@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Melisa Milinchuk  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [melisa\\_mil@yahoo.com](mailto:melisa_mil@yahoo.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

**Comments:**

The state government should not be spending tax money to fund a business that promotes poor health to its citizens. Meat has been shown to cause health problems including obesity, heart disease, and high cholesterol, all of which are already a problem in Hawaii. Isn't the government supposed to promote and protect the health and safety of it's constituents? I believe if the people were informed of the workings of the slaughter house and where their tax money was going they would vote against this bill.

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2011 8:00 AM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** geezrgrrl@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Renata Priviere  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [geezrgrrl@gmail.com](mailto:geezrgrrl@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

**Comments:**

Dear Legislators,

I am opposed to Senate Bill 249 that will use hard earned taxpayer dollars for the state to purchase a failed and unnecessary slaughterhouse for the following reasons:  
We don't have the money. With so many public services being cut, such as schools being closed, workers being furloughed, etc. due to budget short-falls, the last place we should be spending taxpayer dollars is on an unnecessary slaughterhouse.  
Taxpayer money shouldn't be used to bail out failing businesses. Taxpayer dollars should not be used to buy and run a slaughterhouse that has been so unsuccessful that nobody in the private sector wants to do it. If the State operates this slaughterhouse through enactment of SB 249 it will likely be a severe ongoing drain on the State budget.  
It is bad for people's health. It makes no sense for the state to use taxpayer money to promote a meat-based diet, which has been linked to increased risk of heart disease, diabetes, obesity, cancer, and many other illnesses.  
It is bad for the environment. The slaughterhouse is located in an environmentally-sensitive area and poses a serious threat to the environment because it discharges its waste into a "lagoon" located just yards from the ocean. This creates the potential for ground water contamination and pollution of the ocean-contributing to the possible creation of dead zones, coral reef suffocation, and fish depopulation. Additionally, the meat industry is bad for the environment as it is an inefficient use of resources and is the most significant contributor to global warming.  
It is bad for the animals. Slaughtering animals for food is unnecessary because nature has provided ample vegetables, fruits, grains, legumes and dairy products for human sustenance. Slaughtering animals for food is an unnecessary "luxury" and is morally wrong.  
Please don't pass this bill out of committee.

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2011 7:43 AM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** surfgeorge@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: George Pace  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [surfgeorge@yahoo.com](mailto:surfgeorge@yahoo.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

**Comments:**

Please vote no on SB 249. The state government has no authority or mandate to buy and/or operate a failing private business. The idea that my tax dollars would go toward the government operating a slaughterhouse is repugnant and repulsive. Hawai'i needs to work toward self-sufficiency, and any animal agriculture, especially growing animals for flesh food is the most wasteful and polluting environmental choice for any human food source. Please do not use any tax money in these economically difficult times to bail out a wasteful, incompetently run, and, in my view, unethical business. Please vote no on SB 249.

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**ent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2011 7:52 AM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** gerraine\_s@hotmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: gerraine santos  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [gerraine\\_s@hotmail.com](mailto:gerraine_s@hotmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

**Comments:**

we face a huge deficit, yet we still spend, in this case, not only useless but detrimental to our oceans and wastewater.

if you pass this thinking it will make money for our state, it would be at the expense of our water and environment. In the long run, it would cost us immeasurably.

Is vote wisely for our people.

## FINTestimony

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2011 7:35 AM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** veganman@pixi.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: PATRICK J. MOORE  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [veganman@pixi.com](mailto:veganman@pixi.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

### Comments:

My Dear Honorable Legislators:

Why is the State of Hawaii considering wasting money on an industry that is dying?

The Hawaiian people lived for hundreds of years without intensive animal agriculture. (i.e. no cows or dairy products) Captain Cook's records indicate that he was greeted by "slender people." How many slender Hawaiians do you see today?

The records of the Hawaiian Historical Society show that in 1793 "Hawaii's first cattle—five cows, two with calf—are brought ashore at Kealakekua Bay from Captain George Vancouver's ship on February 22." Upon adopting the diet of the white man, the health of the Hawaiian people started into a rapid decline which continues to this day.

Raising animals for slaughter is a waste of resources and massive amounts of highly toxic liquids are created.

The undeniable truth is that animal agriculture has no place in the Hawaiian Islands. It is unsustainable and unhealthy. If you vote "Yes" on this proposal you will be voting "Yes" for: high blood pressure, high cholesterol, stroke, heart attack and diabetes; all by-products of a slaughterhouse. Think about it please.

I strongly urge you ALL to go out to Campbell Industrial Park and carefully examine the site and experience all of the sounds, smells and atmosphere of a killing place. Walk all around this oceanfront property and ask yourself if this is a good idea for the people of Hawaii? It is worth the drive.

Mahalo and a hui hou,  
Patrick J. Moore

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2011 7:35 AM  
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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Tabatha  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [niponneko@Hotmail.com](mailto:niponneko@Hotmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

Comments:

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
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**To:** FINTestimony  
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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Tina Varble  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [tvarble@gmail.com](mailto:tvarble@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

Comments:



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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
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**To:** FINTestimony  
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**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: LYDIA FALETOI  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [isumuzmom@hawaiiantel.net](mailto:isumuzmom@hawaiiantel.net)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

**Comments:**

Why the heck is the State buying a slaughterhouse with our tax \$? Don't we have more important things to spend \$ on - like education and social services???!!!

## FINTestimony

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2011 11:22 PM  
To: FINTestimony  
Cc: leyla.lee332@gmail.com  
Subject: Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Leyla Lee  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [leyla.lee332@gmail.com](mailto:leyla.lee332@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/28/2011

### Comments:

Dear Legislators,

I am opposed to Senate Bill 249 that will use hard earned taxpayer dollars for the state to purchase a failed and unnecessary slaughterhouse for the following reasons:

We don't have the money. With so many public services being cut, such as schools being closed, workers being furloughed, etc. due to budget short-falls, the last place we should be spending taxpayer dollars is on an unnecessary slaughterhouse.

Taxpayer money shouldn't be used to bail out failing businesses. Taxpayer dollars should not be used to buy and run a slaughterhouse that has been so unsuccessful that nobody in the private sector wants to do it. If the State operates this slaughterhouse through enactment of SB 249 it will likely be a severe ongoing drain on the State budget.

It is bad for people's health. It makes no sense for the state to use taxpayer money to promote a meat-based diet, which has been linked to increased risk of heart disease, diabetes, obesity, cancer, and many other illnesses.

It is bad for the environment. The slaughterhouse is located in an environmentally-sensitive area and poses a serious threat to the environment because it discharges its waste into a "lagoon" located just yards from the ocean. This creates the potential for ground water contamination and pollution of the ocean—contributing to the possible creation of dead zones, coral reef suffocation, and fish depopulation. Additionally, the meat industry is bad for the environment as it is an inefficient use of resources and is the most significant contributor to global warming.

It is bad for the animals. Slaughtering animals for food is unnecessary because nature has provided ample vegetables, fruits, grains, legumes and dairy products for human sustenance. Slaughtering animals for food is an unnecessary "luxury" and is morally wrong.

Please don't pass this bill out of committee.

Yours truly,  
Leyla Lee

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
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**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** dianeh@hawaii.rr.com  
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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Diane Hackett  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [dianeh@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:dianeh@hawaii.rr.com)  
Submitted on: 3/28/2011

### Comments:

I am opposed to Senate Bill 249 that will use hard earned taxpayer dollars for the state to purchase a failed and unnecessary slaughterhouse for the following reasons:

1. We don't have the money. With so many public services being cut, such as schools being closed, workers being furloughed, etc. due to budget short-falls, the last place we should be spending taxpayer dollars is on an unnecessary slaughterhouse.

2. Taxpayer money shouldn't be used to bail out failing businesses. Taxpayer dollars should not be used to buy and run a slaughterhouse that has been so unsuccessful that nobody in the private sector wants to do it. If the State operates this slaughterhouse through enactment of SB 249 it will likely be a severe ongoing drain on the State budget.

3. It is bad for people's health. It makes no sense for the state to use taxpayer money to promote a meat-based diet, which has been linked to increased risk of heart disease, diabetes, obesity, cancer, and many other illnesses.

4. It is bad for the environment. The slaughterhouse is located in an environmentally-sensitive area and poses a serious threat to the environment because it discharges its waste into a "lagoon" located just yards from the ocean. This creates the potential for ground water contamination and pollution of the ocean--contributing to the possible creation of dead zones, coral reef suffocation, and fish depopulation. Additionally, the meat industry is bad for the environment as it is an inefficient use of resources and is the most significant contributor to global warming.

5. It is bad for the animals. Slaughtering animals for food is unnecessary because nature has provided ample vegetables, fruits, grains, legumes and dairy products for human sustenance. Slaughtering animals for food is an unnecessary "luxury" and is morally wrong.

Please don't pass this bill out of committee.

## FINTestimony

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Monday, March 28, 2011 11:29 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
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**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Naomi Egami  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [nomie\\_34@yahoo.com](mailto:nomie_34@yahoo.com)  
Submitted on: 3/28/2011

**Comments:**

My family has already gone through downsizing and furloughs during this tough economy as other families are going through. Why burden the Hawaii taxpayer even more by spending money on a formerly private owned slaughterhouse which was not even able to pay its own loans? I strongly feel it is not fair since I do not even eat meat! Please oppose this bill and use the money where it is needed!

## **FINTestimony**

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Monday, March 28, 2011 10:56 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** bkwon@hawaii.edu  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

Testimony for FIN 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM SB249

Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Brenda Kwon  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [bkwon@hawaii.edu](mailto:bkwon@hawaii.edu)  
Submitted on: 3/28/2011

### Comments:

As a long-time educator who works with many students who care about our island's environment and economy, I urge you to oppose SB249. The proposed 1.6 million dollars that would be spent on the Campbell Industrial Park slaughterhouse must be put to better use. We need to consider long-range projects that will foster sustainability in Hawai'i, not hamper it. It is a well-known fact that the meat industry is a greater contributor to environmental pollution and greenhouse gases than the automobile and transportation industry, and we in Hawai'i must consider what will preserve our natural resources, not contaminate them.

## **FINTestimony**

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**ent:** Monday, March 28, 2011 11:04 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** pseudoschizo@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

Testimony for FIN 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM SB249

Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Anne Camarista  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [pseudoschizo@yahoo.com](mailto:pseudoschizo@yahoo.com)  
Submitted on: 3/28/2011

Comments:  
I live in Hawaii and I am strongly against slaughetrhouses.

## **FINTestimony**

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**ent:** Monday, March 28, 2011 10:52 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** dorisresch@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Doris Resch  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [dorisresch@yahoo.com](mailto:dorisresch@yahoo.com)  
Submitted on: 3/28/2011

Comments:

## FINTestimony

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**sent:** Monday, March 28, 2011 10:55 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** cozycat.lodgekaneohe@hawaiiantel.net  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Leinani Busch  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [cozycat.lodgekaneohe@hawaiiantel.net](mailto:cozycat.lodgekaneohe@hawaiiantel.net)  
Submitted on: 3/28/2011

**Comments:**

I don't have any formal documents to give you, but I strongly oppose this particular Bill. I understand that there are numerous slaughterhouses nationwide but we don't need one at Campbell Industrial Park. You're not only promoting inhumane treatment to animals, but you would be creating problems pertaining to the environment in that area. Think about it!!



## FINTestimony

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Monday, March 28, 2011 10:41 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** caw@omprograms.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Carmela Wolf  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [caw@omprograms.com](mailto:caw@omprograms.com)  
Submitted on: 3/28/2011

**Comments:**

I strongly oppose SB249 for several reasons. I do not see how it should be legal for tax payers to have to pay for what should only be a private business. If we have that money available it should go to something more important and appropriate like public education. It is ridiculous to spend our tax dollars on this when our education is in the poor state it is in. Not to mention how bad it is for our environment. It is simply wrong all around.

## **FINTestimony**

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Monday, March 28, 2011 10:45 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** smlove38@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Sharon Love  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [smlove38@gmail.com](mailto:smlove38@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/28/2011

Comments:

## FINTestimony

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Monday, March 28, 2011 10:06 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** chelco25@hotmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Dawn Maekawa-Matsushima  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [chelco25@hotmail.com](mailto:chelco25@hotmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/28/2011

Comments:  
NO! OPPOSE!

## FINTestimony

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Monday, March 28, 2011 10:14 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** bf96743@woodbuilder.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Brendan Fischer  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [bf96743@woodbuilder.com](mailto:bf96743@woodbuilder.com)  
Submitted on: 3/28/2011

**Comments:**

Since when are state governments in the business of buying slaughter houses? The state has no more business buying a slaughter house than it does buying a laundromat! The funds would be better used to improve education.

Thank you.

Brendan Fischer

## FINTestimony

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Monday, March 28, 2011 9:52 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** sue.alawa@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Suzanne Alawa  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [sue.alawa@gmail.com](mailto:sue.alawa@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/28/2011

**Comments:**

I am strongly opposed to the allocation of \$1.6million dollars for the state to purchase the Hawaii Livestock Cooperative's slaughterhouse in Campbell Industrial Park located at Kapolei on Oahu.

## **FINTestimony**

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Monday, March 28, 2011 9:57 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** rcshanklin@hotmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: roland shanklin  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [rcshanklin@hotmail.com](mailto:rcshanklin@hotmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/28/2011

Comments:

## FINTestimony

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**ent:** Monday, March 28, 2011 9:51 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** maliasmiles808@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Malia Sato  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [maliasmiles808@yahoo.com](mailto:maliasmiles808@yahoo.com)  
Submitted on: 3/28/2011

**Comments:**

I OPPOSE THIS BILL, I DON'T THINK OUR TAX DOLLARS SHOULD GO TO THIS SLAUGHTER HOUSE.

## FINTestimony

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Monday, March 28, 2011 9:56 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** buisson010@hotmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Buisson  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [buisson010@hotmail.com](mailto:buisson010@hotmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/28/2011

Comments:



## FINTestimony

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Monday, March 28, 2011 9:23 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** cynacruz23@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Cynthia Cruz  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [cynacruz23@gmail.com](mailto:cynacruz23@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/28/2011

**Comments:**

Dear Legislators,

I am opposed to Senate Bill 249 that will use hard earned taxpayer dollars for the state to purchase a failed and unnecessary slaughterhouse for the following reasons:

1. We don't have the money. With so many public services being cut, such as schools being closed, workers being furloughed, etc. due to budget short-falls, the last place we should be spending taxpayer dollars is on an unnecessary slaughterhouse.
2. Taxpayer money shouldn't be used to bail out failing businesses. Taxpayer dollars should not be used to buy and run a slaughterhouse that has been so unsuccessful that nobody in the private sector wants to do it. If the State operates this slaughterhouse through enactment of SB 249 it will likely be a severe ongoing drain on the State budget.
3. It is bad for people's health. It makes no sense for the state to use taxpayer money to promote a meat-based diet, which has been linked to increased risk of heart disease, diabetes, obesity, cancer, and many other illnesses.
4. It is bad for the environment. The slaughterhouse is located in an environmentally-sensitive area and poses a serious threat to the environment because it discharges its waste into a "lagoon" located just yards from the ocean. This creates the potential for ground water contamination and pollution of the ocean—contributing to the possible creation of dead zones, coral reef suffocation, and fish depopulation. Additionally, the meat industry is bad for the environment as it is an inefficient use of resources and is the most significant contributor to global warming.
5. It is bad for the animals. Slaughtering animals for food is unnecessary because nature has provided ample vegetables, fruits, grains, legumes and dairy products for human sustenance. Slaughtering animals for food is an unnecessary "luxury" and is morally wrong.

I feel that this is the step in the wrong direction and is leading Hawaii down a bad path.

Yours truly,

Cynthia Cruz

## **FINTestimony**

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**ent:** Monday, March 28, 2011 9:47 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** doc-roswitha@hawaii.rr.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Dr. Roswitha Shanahan  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [doc-roswitha@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:doc-roswitha@hawaii.rr.com)  
Submitted on: 3/28/2011

Comments:

## FINTestimony

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**ent:** Monday, March 28, 2011 9:21 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** buisson010@hotmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Buisson  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [buisson010@hotmail.com](mailto:buisson010@hotmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/28/2011

Comments:

## FINTestimony

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**ent:** Monday, March 28, 2011 9:21 PM  
**fo:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** lindwallplace@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Marsha Lavidès  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [lindwallplace@gmail.com](mailto:lindwallplace@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/28/2011

### Comments:

Dear Legislators,

I am opposed to Senate Bill 249 that will use hard earned taxpayer dollars for the state to purchase a failed and unnecessary slaughterhouse for the following reasons:

We don't have the money. With so many public services being cut, such as schools being closed, workers being furloughed, etc. due to budget short-falls, the last place we should be spending taxpayer dollars is on an unnecessary slaughterhouse.

Taxpayer money shouldn't be used to bail out failing businesses. Taxpayer dollars should not be used to buy and run a slaughterhouse that has been so unsuccessful that nobody in the private sector wants to do it. If the State operates this slaughterhouse through enactment of SB 249 it will likely be a severe ongoing drain on the State budget.

It is bad for people's health. It makes no sense for the state to use taxpayer money to promote a meat-based diet, which has been linked to increased risk of heart disease, diabetes, obesity, cancer, and many other illnesses.

It is bad for the environment. The slaughterhouse is located in an environmentally-sensitive area and poses a serious threat to the environment because it discharges its waste into a "lagoon" located just yards from the ocean. This creates the potential for ground water contamination and pollution of the ocean—contributing to the possible creation of dead zones, coral reef suffocation, and fish depopulation. Additionally, the meat industry is bad for the environment as it is an inefficient use of resources and is the most significant contributor to global warming.

It is bad for the animals. Slaughtering animals for food is unnecessary because nature has provided ample vegetables, fruits, grains, legumes and dairy products for human sustenance. Slaughtering animals for food is an unnecessary "luxury" and is morally wrong.

Please don't schedule a hearing of Senate Bill 249 before the House Finance Committee. If Senate Bill 249 is heard before the Committee, please vote against it.

Yours truly,  
Marsha Lavidès

## FINTestimony

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2011 7:32 AM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** marijkeschaf@hotmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: MARIJKE SCHAF  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [marijkeschaf@hotmail.com](mailto:marijkeschaf@hotmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

**Comments:**

I oppose the purchase of the Hawaii Livestock Cooperative slaughterhouse.  
Thanks!  
NO slaughterhouse!

## FINTestimony

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Monday, March 28, 2011 9:21 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** rapozat001@hawaii.rr.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Lana Rapoza  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [rapozat001@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:rapozat001@hawaii.rr.com)  
Submitted on: 3/28/2011

### Comments:

To respective State Representatives of Hawaii: If I did not have to pay outrageous taxes, mortgage, etc.. and more taxes to keep Hawaii stable, I would be at this hearing. I don't like any animal being abused. If humans treated animals humanely from its birth, through its entire life and slaughtered humanely-a quick and painless death, I would not advocate for animal rights. They do not deserve to be treated in a mean manner from birth to death. We as humans seek divine life, live a good life with our family, don't you think animals are and want the same? Please have compassion and stop looking at companies as \$\$\$ for campaign donations. Do the right thing, no one else is doing the right thing in the world. I am a hard working person with morales and integrity who just wish life could be better for both humans and animals. Be the trend setter of doing right and not be the same as the rest of the world. Don't you think that tourism would thrive if we were known as the beautiful compassionate state? A different sales pitch to an ever growing society of environmentally conscious and healthy group of people? Malama Pono the world and its creatures. Regards, Mrs. Lana Rapoza

## **FINTestimony**

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**ent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2011 6:24 AM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** thekarenursic@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: karen ursic  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [thekarenursic@yahoo.com](mailto:thekarenursic@yahoo.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

Comments:

## FINTestimony

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2011 6:50 AM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** steveandgillianbell@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Gillian Pedretti-Bell  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [steveandgillianbell@gmail.com](mailto:steveandgillianbell@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

**Comments:**

Please, please use our taxpayers money on something that our children, and our children's children and on, can benefit from. Slaughtering cows, adding to the detriment of the environment is NOT a worthy action to spend our taxpayers money on.



## FINTestimony

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2011 4:32 AM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** suyin@hawaii.edu  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: Yes  
Submitted by: suyin Phillips  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [suyin@hawaii.edu](mailto:suyin@hawaii.edu)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

Comments:

## FINTestimony

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2011 5:39 AM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** rosebud22@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Emily Howard  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [rosebud22@gmail.com](mailto:rosebud22@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

### Comments:

Dear Legislators,

I am STRONGLY opposed to Senate Bill 249 that will use hard earned taxpayer dollars for the state to purchase a failed and unnecessary slaughterhouse for the following reasons:

It is bad for the animals. Slaughtering animals for food is unnecessary because nature has provided ample vegetables, fruits, grains, legumes and dairy products for human sustenance. Slaughtering animals for food is an unnecessary "luxury" and is morally wrong.

It is bad for the environment. The slaughterhouse is located in an environmentally-sensitive area and poses a serious threat to the environment because it discharges its waste into a "lagoon" located just yards from the ocean. This creates the potential for ground water contamination and pollution of the ocean—contributing to the possible creation of dead zones, coral reef suffocation, and fish depopulation. Additionally, the meat industry is bad for the environment as it is an inefficient use of resources and is the most significant contributor to global warming.

We don't have the money. With so many public services being cut, such as schools being closed, workers being furloughed, etc. due to budget short-falls, the last place we should be spending taxpayer dollars is on an unnecessary slaughterhouse.

Taxpayer money shouldn't be used to bail out failing businesses. Taxpayer dollars should not be used to buy and run a slaughterhouse that has been so unsuccessful that nobody in the private sector wants to do it. If the State operates this slaughterhouse through enactment of SB 249 it will likely be a severe ongoing drain on the State budget.

It is bad for people's health. It makes no sense for the state to use taxpayer money to promote a meat-based diet, which has been linked to increased risk of heart disease, diabetes, obesity, cancer, and many other illnesses.

Please don't pass this bill out of committee.

Yours truly,

Emily Rose Howard  
[rosebud22@gmail.com](mailto:rosebud22@gmail.com)

## FINTestimony

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2011 1:32 AM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** kong.eunice@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

Testimony for FIN 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM SB249

Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Eunice Kong  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [kong.eunice@gmail.com](mailto:kong.eunice@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

**Comments:**

We don't have the money.  
Taxpayer money shouldn't be used to bail out failing businesses.  
It is bad for people's health.  
It is bad for the environment.  
It is bad for the animals.

## FINTestimony

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2011 5:18 AM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** suryamon@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Suryan Vasudevan  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [suryamon@gmail.com](mailto:suryamon@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

**Comments:**

We don't have the money. It is bad for health, environment and animals. Thanks for considering my comments.

## FINTestimony

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**ent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2011 1:35 AM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** kdw@hawaiiantel.net  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Kim Williams  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [kdw@hawaiiantel.net](mailto:kdw@hawaiiantel.net)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

### Comments:

I am opposed to Senate Bill 249 that will use hard earned taxpayer dollars for the state to purchase a failed and unnecessary slaughterhouse for the following reasons:

1. We don't have the money. With so many public services being cut, such as schools being closed, workers being furloughed, etc. due to budget short-falls, the last place we should be spending taxpayer dollars is on an unnecessary slaughterhouse.
2. Taxpayer money shouldn't be used to bail out failing businesses. Taxpayer dollars should not be used to buy and run a slaughterhouse that has been so unsuccessful that nobody in the private sector wants to do it. If the State operates this slaughterhouse through enactment of SB 249 it will likely be a severe ongoing drain on the State budget.
3. It is bad for people's health. It makes no sense for the state to use taxpayer money to promote a meat-based diet, which has been linked to increased risk of heart disease, diabetes, obesity, cancer, and many other illnesses.
4. It is bad for the environment. The slaughterhouse is located in an environmentally-sensitive area and poses a serious threat to the environment because it discharges its waste into a "lagoon" located just yards from the ocean. This creates the potential for ground water contamination and pollution of the ocean—contributing to the possible creation of dead zones, coral reef suffocation, and fish depopulation. Additionally, the meat industry is bad for the environment as it is an inefficient use of resources and is the most significant contributor to global warming.
5. It is bad for the animals. Slaughtering animals for food is unnecessary because nature has provided ample vegetables, fruits, grains, legumes and dairy products for human sustenance. Slaughtering animals for food is an unnecessary "luxury" and is morally wrong.

Please don't spend my tax dollars on this all around losing proposition.

## FINTestimony

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2011 4:22 AM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** pidu108@gmx.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Boebner Peter  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [pidu108@gmx.com](mailto:pidu108@gmx.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

### Comments:

Dear Legislators,

I am opposed to Senate Bill 249 that will use hard earned taxpayer dollars for the state to purchase a failed and unnecessary slaughterhouse for the following reasons:

I am an environmentalist and I know that the root cause for our environmental problems are the slathering of innocent animals. An meat based diet is bad for peoples health. It also is a big sours for the pollution of our ground water. Slaughtering animals for food is an unnecessary "luxury" and is morally wrong.  
Thank you very much.

## **FINTestimony**

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
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**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** kshharu31@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Akisha Haruka  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [kshharu31@gmail.com](mailto:kshharu31@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

Comments:

## FINTestimony

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
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**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** bertongkingco@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Bert Ongkingco  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [bertongkingco@yahoo.com](mailto:bertongkingco@yahoo.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

Comments:



## FINTestimony

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
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**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** Squishydog\_94@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Ria Basco  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [Squishydog\\_94@yahoo.com](mailto:Squishydog_94@yahoo.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

### Comments:

Hi I'm from Kailua-Kona. I strongly disagree to senate bill 249 because first of all it is a bad for the environment. Why suffocate the fishes and coral reefs with toxic wastes from the slaughterhouse?! Fruits, veggies and grains, it is all provided. Why do we still need to make a slaughterhouse and kill animals for meat? We should think of the future and the effects of slaughterhouse.

Pls. don't schedule a hearing of senate bill 249 before the House finance committee. If senate bill 249 is heard before the committee, pls. vote against it.

Yours truly,  
Ria Basco

## **FINTestimony**

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
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**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** vealodev1@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Vera Lo Juan  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [vealodev1@yahoo.com](mailto:vealodev1@yahoo.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

Comments:

## FINTestimony

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**ent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2011 4:25 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** babyonmyhip@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

Testimony for FIN 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM SB249

Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Atienza Family  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [babyonmyhip@gmail.com](mailto:babyonmyhip@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

### Comments:

To our Legislators:

We do not support Senate Bill 249. As leaders, your responsibility is to build a better world for individuals, families and communities. Purchasing this slaughterhouse will bring more pollution and health problems. It is not building a better world. Use our money for a higher purpose. Salvaging a failing business will not help us in any way.  
Atienza Family from Kona

## FINTestimony

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**ent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2011 4:24 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** kevlew97@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Kevin Lewis  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [kevlew97@yahoo.com](mailto:kevlew97@yahoo.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

**Comments:**

Aloha Representatives,

I am just wondering what the motive of the Hawaii State Legislature is in investing in a failing slaughterhouse. I don't see any justifiable reason why the State would even consider spending our hard-earned money on something as completely useless to us as a slaughterhouse. Just because we eat meat doesn't mean we approve of you wasting our taxpayer dollars in this way. Come on legislators ... where are your heads at? If you wrote down a laundry list of all the needs the people of Hawaii have right now, and then prioritize that list, do you really think a slaughterhouse would be anywhere near a priority? I feel sure if you asked the people of Hawaii that question, the slaughterhouse would most likely be thrown off the list!

Please get our priorities straight--please oppose/drop SB 249 which is a waste of your time and our money.

Mahalo,  
Kevin Lewis

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2011 4:03 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** lilsy19@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Lily Soares  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [lilsy19@gmail.com](mailto:lilsy19@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

### Comments:

Mahalo! I'm Lily Soares from Kaneohe. I strongly object to Senate Bill 249. We could use that money from taxes to build a better community & maintain schools, hospitals, parks etc. We should use our money for a good cause, not for a slaughterhouse that's practically failing in business.

On top of that, it is scientifically proven that a meat-based diet is very unhealthy. It increases not only your calories but also increases the risk of heart disease, diabetes, cancer, obesity, etc.

We all want to live a long life to see our grandchildren in the future. But truthfully, is this what you want for our grandchildren - more health problems and a polluted beach? Let's be smart about this and put the money to good use.

Lily Soares

## **FINTestimony**

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2011 4:23 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** ophel\_mae@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Ophelia Mae Lim  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [ophel\\_mae@yahoo.com](mailto:ophel_mae@yahoo.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

Comments:

## FINTestimony

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
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**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** fseuren@mail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Frances Seuren  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [fseuren@mail.com](mailto:fseuren@mail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

### Comments:

Dear Committee Members,

This testimony is with respect to your proposal to purchase a slaughterhouse with our tax dollars. There are enough animal killing slaughterhouses in America already without us trying to build up another one. We are Hawaii, the "aloha" state which means "loving spirit". Having a merciless animal-killing slaughterhouse being funded by the Hawaii government is not in the aloha spirit; it's simply a contradiction. First a slaughterhouse, then what will be next? One bad action always leads to another. Please do not get the ball rolling on such immoral, unethical practices in our precious aloha state. Let us continue to be an example of the aloha spirit to our children and to all other states. Please oppose Senate Bill 249.

Respectfully with aloha,  
Francis Seuren

## FINTestimony

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
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**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** mauramccormick@att.net  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Maura McCormick  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [mauramccormick@att.net](mailto:mauramccormick@att.net)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

### Comments:

I oppose this legislation because I do not believe that the state should be profiting (if the slaughterhouses even do turn a profit) from an industry that depends on the consumption of products that are bad for people's health, bad for the environment and cruel to animals. It's a poor investment of limited funds and conflicts with the state's efforts to improve the health of the citizens in a state where obesity, including child obesity, is epidemic.



## **FINTestimony**

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
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**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** lila\_tamayo@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Lila Tamayo  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [lila\\_tamayo@yahoo.com](mailto:lila_tamayo@yahoo.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

### Comments:

Dear Legislators,

I would like to express my strong opposition to Senate Bill 249. Tax payer's hard-earned dollars are meant to be used for the good of all. To use tax dollars to bail out a failed slaughter house is against the overall well-being of the nation. We are a nation recovering from a recession; we are facing unemployment and wage cuts in every corner. We DO NOT have the money to spend on an unnecessary slaughterhouse. A slaughterhouse is unnecessary because we are provided enough food without having to feed it to the animals for food. Not only is it unnecessary, but it is actually bad for our health and the environment. Meat-based diets have been proven to highly increase the risks of heart disease, cancer, and so many others. My grandfather died of a heart-disease caused by his meat-eating lifestyle. This may have occurred due to personal choices, and so let it be. But to actively take money coming from the pockets of the people as a whole and use it to purchase something many are decisively against, which is horrible for everyone's health and is entirely unnecessary is outrageous. I am always being told about Global Warming and how terrible it's getting. Then let's do something about it! Slaughterhouses are an inappropriate way to use natural resources. It's such a wasteful, round-about way of supplying food to people. Slaughterhouses discharge tons and tons of waste, much of which goes directly to the ocean, killing much of the aquatic life and habitats. I hope to always see Hawaii as beautiful as it is now, with some of the most beautiful waters in the world. Nothing good can be gained by purchasing a slaughterhouse of all things. Let's keep Hawaii safe and beautiful, and do ourselves all a favour by saying "no!" to 249 and another slaughterhouse.

Pls. don't schedule a hearing of senate bill 249 before the House finance committee. If senate bill 249 is heard before the committee, pls. vote against it.

Yours Sincerely,  
Lila Tamayo

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
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**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** charlesanthony@hawaii.rr.com  
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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Charles Anthony  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [charlesanthony@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:charlesanthony@hawaii.rr.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

### Comments:

Slaughter houses are the worst kind of employment opportunity. Almost anything else is better than that. We do not need our tax dollars supporting this inhumane practice.

## FINTestimony

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
Sent: Tuesday, March 29, 2011 4:32 PM  
To: FINTestimony  
Cc: bobtakata@yahoo.com  
Subject: Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Bob Takata  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [bobtakata@yahoo.com](mailto:bobtakata@yahoo.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

### Comments:

I am against the idea that the government should buy slaughter houses. Why? The government should be the one who helps people in their lives and by buying slaughter houses you are not doing that. The government could use the money for exercise programs that will make people fit, not fat from eating meat.

It is easier to grow crops for people than to produce meat for people. To produce meat you also have to produce food for the cows or other animals. The same food fed to the animals can be fed to humans instead. This will make the humans much healthier too!

The area that the meat production takes place is not only in the slaughter houses. It is also in the enormous fields where grains are grown and the animals are lined up waiting for their deaths. If you convert that huge amount of land into farmland directly for humans- not just for feeding animals who will feed a very limited number of humans, far more people will be fed. Not only that, we will also be able to keep more of our beautiful island paradise clean and beautiful.

Keep the killing fields of animals out of Hawaii.

For the sake of the keiki, for the sake of the environment, for the sake of world peace, for the sake of our health, and for the sake of us tax payers, please vote NO NO NO to Senate Bill 249.

Wishing you well & A big Mahalos for listening, -Bob

## **FINTestimony**

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
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**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** HARRISMDW001@hawaii.rr.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: Yes  
Submitted by: William Harris, M.D.  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [HARRISMDW001@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:HARRISMDW001@hawaii.rr.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

Comments:  
Giving \$1.6 mil of taxpayer's money to buy a slaughterhouse makes no sense.

## FINTestimony

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2011 4:36 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** susan.cushman@usdoj.gov  
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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Susan Cushman  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [susan.cushman@usdoj.gov](mailto:susan.cushman@usdoj.gov)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

Comments:

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: Yes  
Submitted by: Ori Ann Li  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [oyal@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:oyal@hawaii.rr.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

**Comments:**

We need to provide a friendly, peaceful and safe environment to raise our children. We don't need to invite the cruel practice of an industrialized slaughterhouse here in our neighborhood. We strongly oppose it!!!

## **FINTestimony**

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
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**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** dasi\_lebardo@yahoo.com  
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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Daisy Lebardo  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [dasi\\_lebardo@yahoo.com](mailto:dasi_lebardo@yahoo.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

Comments:  
Please do not allow this Bill 249 to exist.

## FINTestimony

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
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**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** johnthewatcher76@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: John Watcher  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [johnthewatcher76@gmail.com](mailto:johnthewatcher76@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

**Comments:**

Dear Legislators and Everyone involved with Senate Bill 249,

Please let this bill die a natural death for the better of Hawaii. Allowing this Bill to exist will cause endless suffering, pain, diseases, environmental destruction, and good money put to waste. Allowing this Bill to pass by you without voting a "NO" for it will only show that you as a legislator do not deserve to be in office. If you vote yes for this bill it means that you do not care for Hawaii. You do not care for the people who voted you into office. You do not care for the beautiful environment of Hawaii. You do not care for the health of the people of Hawaii now and in the future.

I hope you care. Please vote NO against the Senate Bill 249. We do not want our money to go into such a horrible project which will only lead to no good.

Mahalo to all of you who will listen,  
John from Kailua



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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
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**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** lorax3283@hotmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Doreen Adams  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [lorax3283@hotmail.com](mailto:lorax3283@hotmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

### Comments:

I oppose this bill. I make this decision based upon knowledge RE: slaughterhouses and the massacre that happens behind closed doors. The killing takes place behind closed doors because if people knew what HELL these animals experience they would not support this bill. I have been vegan for 12 years. The slaughter of any animal is a horrendous act. The individual performing the slaughter suffers tremendous mental anguish and is more apt to perform violent acts against other animals and people. Animals are slaughtered alive. Pigs, hogs are subjected to brutal acts. No further slaughter houses are needed in Hawaii. The money will be better spent toward the production of more nutritional food. There will always be war, killing; there will never be peace in this world if people continue to slaughter animals. You have the power to make this change. Whether you have the intelligence, compassion is questionable. Please oppose this bill. Thank you, Doreen Adams

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
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**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** johnthewatcher@gmail.com  
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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: John Watcher  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [johnthewatcher@gmail.com](mailto:johnthewatcher@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

**Comments:**

Dear Legislators and Everyone involved with Senate Bill 249,

Please let this bill die a natural death for the better of Hawaii. Allowing this Bill to exist will cause endless suffering, pain, diseases, environmental destruction, and good money put to waste. Allowing this Bill to pass by you without voting a "NO" for it will only show that you as a legislator do not deserve to be in office. If you vote yes for this bill it means that you do not care for Hawaii. You do not care for the people who voted you into office. You do not care for the beautiful environment of Hawaii. You do not care for the health of the people of Hawaii now and in the future.

I hope you care. Please vote NO against the Senate Bill 249. We do not want our money to go into such a horrible project which will only lead to no good.

Mahalo to all of you who will listen,  
John from Kailua

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Rev Lorraine Barrie  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [lbarrie@mac.com](mailto:lbarrie@mac.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

**Comments:**

Phase out slaughterhouses in Hawaii. They have a negative impact on the environment through grazing and fish depopulation and coral reef suffocation through toxic runoff, a negative effect on the health of our citizens, a negative impact on our budget crisis and subsidizing a slaughterhouse is a financial drain on the state.

## **FINTestimony**

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Dorothy Sakata  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [DorothySakata@aol.com](mailto:DorothySakata@aol.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

Comments:

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Gail silva  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [G7silva@aol.com](mailto:G7silva@aol.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

Comments:

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Nicole Rosacia Jao  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [nix\\_jao@yahoo.com](mailto:nix_jao@yahoo.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

Comments:  
Committee on Finance and Chairman Rep Marcus Oshiro:

Dear Legislators,

I am opposed to Senate Bill 249 that will use hard earned taxpayer dollars for the state to purchase a failed and unnecessary slaughterhouse for the following reasons:

We don't have the money. With so many public services being cut, such as schools being closed, workers being furloughed, etc. due to budget short-falls, the last place we should be spending taxpayer dollars is on an unnecessary slaughterhouse.

Taxpayer money shouldn't be used to bail out failing businesses. Taxpayer dollars should not be used to buy and run a slaughterhouse that has been so unsuccessful that nobody in the private sector wants to do it. If the State operates this slaughterhouse through enactment of SB 249 it will likely be a severe ongoing drain on the State budget.

It is bad for people's health. It makes no sense for the state to use taxpayer money to promote a meat-based diet, which has been linked to increased risk of heart disease, diabetes, obesity, cancer, and many other illnesses.

It is bad for the environment. The slaughterhouse is located in an environmentally-sensitive area and poses a serious threat to the environment because it discharges its waste into a "lagoon"; located just yards from the ocean. This creates the potential for ground water contamination and pollution of the ocean—contributing to the possible creation of dead zones, coral reef suffocation, and fish depopulation. Additionally, the meat industry is bad for the environment as it is an inefficient use of resources and is the most significant contributor to global warming.

It is bad for the animals. Slaughtering animals for food is unnecessary because nature has provided ample vegetables, fruits, grains, legumes and dairy products for human sustenance. Slaughtering animals for food is an unnecessary "luxury" and is morally wrong.

Please don't pass this bill out of committee.

Yours truly,

Nicole Rosacia Jao

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: Yes  
Submitted by: Tara McLean  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [taramclean808@gmail.com](mailto:taramclean808@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

Comments:

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Tim Rubald  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
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E-mail: [startalker@aol.com](mailto:startalker@aol.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

**Comments:**

A waste of taxpayer dollars to support a business that has a negative impact upon the environment and health of citizens.



## FINTestimony

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2011 2:33 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** christa@mooreservices.org  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Christa Moore  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [christa@mooreservices.org](mailto:christa@mooreservices.org)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

**Comments:**

I have been a vegetarian for over 30 years so I can attest to the fact that animal slaughter is not only inhumane and cruel but also totally unnecessary. All recent medical studies conclude that consumption of meat products increases the risk of heart disease. I DO NOT want my tax dollars spent on propagating a practice that harms innocent animals, the humans that consume the products, and has already been proven to be economically unsustainable.

## **FINTestimony**

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2011 2:33 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** merwitte@aol.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Selene Mersereau  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [merwitte@aol.com](mailto:merwitte@aol.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

**Comments:**

Please oppose the state buying this slaughter house. Spend our money on other things. Please.

## FINTestimony

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2011 2:50 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** Maricansalazar108@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Maricar Salazar  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [Maricansalazar108@gmail.com](mailto:Maricansalazar108@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

### Comments:

Dear Legislators,

I am strongly against Senate bill 249 that will use hard earned taxpayer dollars for the state to purchase a failed and unnecessary slaughterhouse, for the following reasons:

1. Man was provided with vegetables and fruits to eat so there is no need to slaughter these poor animals for our own consumption. We must not be greedy and think that we can all we want while other living entities are suffering.

2. So many people die because of heart diseases, cancer, diabetes etc and SB249 is promoting these diseases. So it is also very bad for our health, what to speak of it being bad for our dear Mother Earth. We've heard it again and again - a meat-based diet contributes to global warming but we are not doing anything about it. We should ask ourselves - do we want to be part of the solution? Because it seems we are only adding to the problems.

3. Why do we need to spend taxpayers' dollars? There are so many other efficient means to use these funds - education, animal sanctuaries, better housing, drug prevention programs etc.

Let us work together and build a better world for future generations to come.

Pls don't schedule a hearing of Senate Bill 249 before the House Finance Committee. If senate Bill 249 is heard before the Committee, please vote against it.

Yours truly,

Maricar Salazar from the Big Island

## FINTestimony

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**ent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2011 2:49 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** stumahai@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Storm Tumahai  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [stumahai@yahoo.com](mailto:stumahai@yahoo.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

### Comments:

I do not support the Senate Bill 249. The fact that hard-earned tax money will be used to buy a completely unnecessary slaughterhouse on Hawaiian soil is foul.

Our tax money should be put into education funds or into improving our public transportation or projects for protecting the environment or anything else that will provide actual benefit not just for the people but for the government as well. Already our schools are furloughed due to insufficient funds to pay for our teachers and social workers. Why not put the money into some good sports programs that will help prevent future diseases?

So why is the government wanting to use the money that can be used for the education of our children, or to give people jobs, to produce a better economy, instead of being used to rescue a failing business. That in the big picture is contributing to the overall downfall of our already teetering economy, Another contribution to my strong opinion against this passing bill is the fact that the health of the people overall these days (as compared to years ago when meat was an uncommon treat, and not easily found abundant in the house of the middle-class citizen) is so much lower.

What has changed? Our consumption of meat surely does not help.

So now we have a situation in which taxpayers' money is being used to promote an unhealthy meat based diet, that has already been linked to some of the most fatal diseases plaguing the world today. Why does the government spend thousands of dollars on experiments and the concoction of different drugs to treat diseases when the problem can be cut at the root by ridding it from the cause - MEAT. Not only would money be saved from the reduced need for medical reasons, but the money used for the slaughter house and production of the meat would be cut too.

Another point to take into consideration is the rising fact that the meat industry is going higher on the list of global warming contributors. It also promotes wasteful land utilization as the amount of American soil being used to produce livestock feed is around 64%, whereas only 2% is being used in the production of vegetables and fruit.

Let's not forget the shocking comparison of how much beef can be produced on one acre of prime land (250pounds) as opposed to the amount of potatoes (40,000 pounds) from the same acre.

The slaughterhouse that the SB249 wants to support is located close to an environmentally-sensitive area, literally yards from our beautiful Hawaiian waters, posing the risk of ground water pollution, ultimately contributing to the possible creation of dead zones, coral reef suffocation and our beautiful native fish population depleting.

Please take into consideration the abovementioned reasons and help protect the Hawaiian ohana.

Sincerely,  
Storm Tumahai

## FINTestimony

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2011 3:14 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** inhousecc@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Jason Leue  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [inhousecc@gmail.com](mailto:inhousecc@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

**Comments:**

Dear Respected Representative,

I am writing you to testify in opposition of Senate Bill 249.

It doesn't take much research to find out how damaging slaughterhouses are to the environment. The water wastage and pollution are shocking to the fragile ecosystem of any state, what to speak of the impact it has on a small island like Oahu. It's a terrible waste of many resources. It takes 16 lbs of food to produce 1 lb of beef - 61 lbs of food that could be feeding so many more people.

Why would we want to bother with such a draining business in such troubled times as we are in? Only a handful of people benefit (short-term, anyway) - while it creates and perpetuates so much suffering.

Please reject Senate Bill 249.

Sincerely,

Jason Leue

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2011 3:13 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** allisonramos@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Allison Ramos  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [allisonramos@gmail.com](mailto:allisonramos@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

**Comments:**

Dear Legislators,

We ultimately do things we don't need to do in order to survive or be happy. It makes no sense for the State to use taxpayer money to build slaughterhouses. Eating meat can cause heart disease, diabetes, cancer, and many other illnesses. It is bad for the human's health.

Don't vote for Senate Bill 249.

Alison Ramos from the Big Island

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**ent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2011 3:15 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** malaoahuahu@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Ahuahu Manalo  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [malaoahuahu@yahoo.com](mailto:malaoahuahu@yahoo.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

### Comments:

Dear Legislators,

Please vote against Senate Bill 249. Why is it necessary for the state to buy a slaughterhouse? First of all, as a tax payer, I definitely don't want my money going into buying a failing slaughterhouse business. Why should my hard-earned money go into a project which will cause so much pain and destruction to nature. Second, we don't need slaughterhouses. We can live without it. That's why we are not supporting the Senate Bill 249 to continue their plans because it is really bad for our health, for all the animals and for our Mother Earth. So Senate Bill 249, the only thing I can say is "if you have heart that you don't want all the human beings to suffer because of your ideas... PLEASE! Don't add another danger that can really harm all of us. Let all the animals, humans live peacefully and quietly.

There is that ancient Chinese proverb that says that if you hear the cries of the animals in slaughter early in the morn, you will know the cause of war. Let's not be any part of that!  
Mahalo from Ahuahu Manalo



## FINTestimony

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**ent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2011 3:16 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** mannyortigs@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Manuel Soares Ortigas  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [mannyortigs@gmail.com](mailto:mannyortigs@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

### Comments:

To Whom it May Concern:

I am opposed to Senate Bill 249 for the following reasons:

We don't have enough finances to simply build a facility that will harm the economy even more. People cannot even get a job, even a simple job is not available. There is just no money at all available, people who even don't have enough money to live in a house are kicked out of their homes. Even the government can't help these people. We don't need to spend taxpaying dollars on a useless slaughterhouse. Where would the money come from? People don't even have money to feed their families, now would they be forced to give more money to the government? It's just a waste of money, we have already been causing problems for the environment. Now we will enlarge the problem or the economy. Who will even want to work in such a business? It will just drain the finance of our state budget. People who have no money at all will pay even more to a fail facility. Everyone knows that money doesn't grow on trees, and it doesn't. Yet the government is acting as if it does. Money is just being wasted on a facility that people would supposedly support. If this bill really does pass, it will be an act that will drain the state's money.

Not only would this facility drain our finance, but it is bad for our health. Eating a meat-based diet is completely unhealthy. It causes diseases and other illnesses. By having this facility happen we can easily increase the risk of heart attacks into our lives. Half of the population has diseases, which come from eating meat. So the government will simply be contributing more people with diseases into hospitals. We already have vegetables, we even have a soy protein diet. There's no need to kill animals, when we have food right in front of us. We don't have to always survive on meat, we have the vegetables there for a reason. This facility is harmful for the environment, the fumes will pollute the air and oceans will be destroyed. I've been surfing since as long as I can remember, and I really don't want to see the oceans being destroyed by the bodies of animals. We are simply responsible for the environmental crisis, we just sit down and watch Mother Nature cry her eyes out. It doesn't take long to understand that we humans cause the problem. Factories being put up, littering, smog, it's all us. We celebrate Earth Day and we "clean" and "recycle," "cleaning" the earth. If the government is going to pass this bill, then Earth day is useless. We just sit back and watch the dolphins, turtles, whales, and fish struggling to survive. You know I was once walking by the ocean and saw an oil trail spreading out farther out through the ocean. Right here were baby turtles who were struggling to breathe. Don't people even care? At once I called the DNR, and they came and rescued the turtles. One of them died, but some survived. See? Can't people see how this slaughterhouse will affect the rest of the environment?

It's so unnecessary to kill these animals, we have vegetables so there's no use to kill them. People are so cold-hearted that they can't see the animals in pain. They are in so much pain and I am in pain to see them struggling to survive. People have no heart, they have to see that animals are people too. They're not food, they're living beings! Save the turtles! Save the oceans!

Please don't schedule a hearing on Senate Bill 249 before the House Finance Committee. If Senate Bill 249 is heard before the Committee, please vote against it.

Yours Truly,

Manuel Soares Ortigas from Maui

## FINTestimony

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2011 3:17 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** rasikaleue@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Rasika Leue  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [rasikaleue@gmail.com](mailto:rasikaleue@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

**Comments:**

Dear Respected Representative,

I am writing you to testify in opposition of Senate Bill 249.

I heard that you, my representative, are considering bailing out a slaughterhouse.

Considering what goes on in a slaughterhouse, it's actually wonderful that its business is failing and in dire straits. We should be merciful to all the individuals involved (cows included) and let them know that not only is it not necessary for this blight on humanity to continue, but it actually should end.

Considering that the cow gives us her milk, she is actually our mother. Let us join together and stop slaughtering our mother just to eat her flesh.

Please reject Senate Bill 249.

Sincerely,

Rasika Leue

## FINTestimony

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**ent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2011 3:18 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** gemnecs@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Gemma Sionillo  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [gemnecs@yahoo.com](mailto:gemnecs@yahoo.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

### Comments:

Dear Legislators,

Please do not allow Senate Bill 249 to proceed. Here are some reasons why it should not proceed:

1. It's bad for the health of the general populous. Taxpayer money shouldn't be used in order to promote a meat based diet which has been scientifically proven to increase the risk of heart disease, diabetes, cancer, and other diseases.

2. We don't have the money!!! The taxpayer's money shouldn't be used especially with so many public services being out such as schools and social workers. The last thing we want to do is use the citizens hard earned money to pay for a failed business. Enactment of SB249 will be an unnecessary loss and drain of the State's finances.

3. It's harmful to the environment. Slaughtering animals uses resources inefficiently and is also a contributor to global warming. Since the slaughterhouse is positioned in a rather sensitive area it is a potential threat to the environment since it will be discharging its waste into the ocean resulting in contamination of the waters, destruction of coral reefs, dead zones and marine life depopulation. Mother Nature has already provided us with fruit and vegetables, which are sufficient enough to sustain the human population.

Please don't schedule a hearing on Senate Bill 249 before the House Finance Committee. If Senate Bill 249 is heard before the Committee, please vote against it.

Sincerely Yours,

Gemma Sionillo of Kauai

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**ent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2011 3:19 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** justnature1@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Jonas Tumahai  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [justnature1@gmail.com](mailto:justnature1@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

### Comments:

Dear Legislators,

I'm against the Senate Bill 249 because it will lead to imminent economical death.

I've been living in Hawaii since I was a kid and the beautiful waters were always my second home. Now the government wants to take the money that the honest taxpaying citizens have, and use it to fail us all. I'm being told that there are now days in which my teachers are being furloughed because there isn't enough governmental money to pay for the schooling systems and ultimately it is stunting my educational growth! Even though I'm young, I know that today's economy is going down the drain, but in order to bring it back up, first we need to be properly educated, and how can that be done when the wry government this is supposed to be doing that is being one of the main contributors to the problem we're trying to fix. Another reason I feel very strongly against this is because, why do people feel that killing animals is ok? Animals cannot be compared to humans, but surely, the pain we feel when a pet dies, when we feel as though one of the family died, the tears we shed as we think of the last pain and fear killed moments of their lives, should be equal to that of when we mercilessly slaughter animals for nutrition we don't even need. I am a 3rd generation vegetarian, and not once has anyone in my family ever had any kind of nutritional lacking that meat would help in.

When one eats vegetables, they are not only getting all the nutrition found in meat times ten, but also leaving OUT the toxic substances that is now imbedded into the flesh of these badly-treated animals.

If you were to watch any of the PETA or SEEDS videos of which you can find on Youtube I'm sure you would wither be shocked to see how the worlds mass made meat animals are produced and raised, and IF you were already aware of these conditions then shame on you.

You are taking hard-earned money to create a black environment for our children to grow in. I never thought that one day I would be worrying about not swimming in pristine waters every day of my life.

And what about the services we owe our ancestors, the Forefather of this land? We owe them enough to keep their greatest treasures shining through the smog that is enveloping the rest of the world.

Thank You.

Jonas Tumahai from Kona

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2011 3:26 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** eleuajones@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Eleu Jones  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [eleuajones@gmail.com](mailto:eleuajones@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

**Comments:**

Dear Legislators,

I do not support Senate Bill 249 that will use hard earned taxpayer dollars for the state to purchase an unnecessary slaughterhouse for the reasons:

A diet based on meat is unnatural and toxic to our bodies. People who have a meat based diet are more likely to get diabetes, cancer, and heart diseases and many other illnesses.

It empties our natural resources and is a big contributor to global warming and global

hanging. I don't want to swim in a polluted ocean. I want to live in harmony with nature. Please don't schedule a hearing on Senate Bill 249 before the House Finance Committee. If Senate Bill 249 is heard before the Committee, please vote against it.

Yours Truly,

Eleu Jones from Honolulu

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2011 3:31 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** tamayo\_upou@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Sarah Tamayo  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [tamayo\\_upou@yahoo.com](mailto:tamayo_upou@yahoo.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

**Comments:**

Dear Legislators,

I'm Sarah Tamayo from the Big Island.

I was appalled when a friend told me about the Senate Bill 249 that will use taxpayer money for the state to bail out the failing slaughterhouse. Please do not pass this bill! First of all, it is unnecessary and incorrect to use taxpayer money to bail out failing businesses when Hawaii's state budget is already very limited. Secondly, that slaughterhouse is an environmental hazard because of its location. It releases waste that is discharged into some kind of lagoon that is a few yards away from the ocean. The potential for this waste to contaminate the ground water and to pollute the ocean is very real. As we all know, pollution of the ocean will contribute to the destruction of coral reefs which in turn leads to further ecological imbalances. We, as the people of Hawaii should be responsible for taking care of Hawaii. Legislators should be leaders in this regard. So please consider the ramifications of Senate Bill 249 and by all means, do not pass the bill.

Sincerely,  
Sarah Tamayo

## FINTestimony

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2011 3:32 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** HiLaureli@hawaii.rr.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Laureli  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [HiLaureli@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:HiLaureli@hawaii.rr.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

**Comments:**

In these times of want, the state has no right to even consider spending money on new projects, much less a business they have no business running. If it can't turn a profit with a businessman at the helm, then this is just a ball and chain to the state which will not only require purchase money but subsidies. Do we have money to waste? Then let's fix our roads and education system! The state is not supposed to be running businesses - stop it! This is ludicrous nonsense. LET'S GET OUR HOUSE IN ORDER FIRST AND FOREMOST.



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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2011 3:33 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** jazyfletcher@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Marilla Pacheco Fletcher  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [jazyfletcher@yahoo.com](mailto:jazyfletcher@yahoo.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

### Comments:

Dear Legislators,

I vehemently disagree to Senate Bill 249. Why? Here are some of my reasons:

First of all I don't want to waste my money just for unnecessary luxury, and that will cause harm to others and to the Nature. Not only that but it's also bad for the health of others. People nowadays are always getting sick, diabetes, cancer, and all the different kind of disease. So we don't want to produce more sick and diseased people or increase their sickness, due to meat based diet. And it is also bad for the animals. Of course you won't see a cow or a chicken jumping for joy because they're going to get slaughtered. The animals also have feelings, they feel hurt too, just like we do. And God has given us plenty of fruits, vegetables, and land to cultivate food, so slaughtering animals for food makes no sense if God has already provided us with food. It is also very bad for the environment. The slaughterhouse is located near the beach, and so all the waste goes to the ocean. So people who swims there will also get contaminated and they would not like the ocean to be polluted. We must care for other and the nature, and not create harm to them. God gave this wonderful gift to us, so we must take care of it. And please don't schedule a hearing on Senate Bill 249 before the House Finance Committee. If Senate Bill 249 is heard before the Committee, please vote against it.

Truly Yours,  
Marilla Pacheco Fletcher

## FINTestimony

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2011 3:52 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** Dsuder32@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: David Takata Suder  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [Dsuder32@gmail.com](mailto:Dsuder32@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

**Comments:**

I am sorry that I do not agree with the SB249. This idea will not bring a good result in this state of Hawaii. First of all, it taxes will be used for the slaughter house that they are trying to save, what will happen to public services? Not only the taxes and public services will be affected, the environment and health of all will be adversely affected as well. Meat is not good for our health anyway. Meat is like a poison that kills our body in a gradual process and this is actually scientifically proven.

David Takata Suder from Molokai'i

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2011 3:52 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** Crowned.mountains@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: L. Silva  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [Crowned.mountains@gmail.com](mailto:Crowned.mountains@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

### Comments:

Dear Legislators,

I am deeply opposed to Senate Bill 249, which proposes to use taxpayer dollars to purchase a failed slaughterhouse in Hawaii. My family has had roots in Hawaii for decades, and I wish to keep her beautiful and safe. Please be aware of the environmental risks of slaughterhouses. Slaughterhouses can pose a serious threat to the environment because all of its waste practically gets dumped into "lagoons" near the beach. This can easily leak into the drinking water and into the ocean, harming ourselves, the coral reefs, and aquatic populations. The Earth can only take so much exploitation. We may think "what can just one more slaughterhouse do?" but we need to step up and stop it now, or things will only continue to get worse. Imagine a Hawaii with beaches unfit for swimming. Imagine that soon spreading to the entire world. Supporting the meat-industry is the surest way to make this come true.

I will not push vegetarianism on others, but nor should the United States push the unjust killing of animals on her people. I don't want my nephew to grow up in a country where he must pay for something he has no share in, and wishes to have none. It makes no sense to take taxpayer dollars to purchase something which is bad for everyone. If we really want another slaughterhouse, then a private purchase can be made. But no, nobody wants it and certainly nobody needs it.

Pls. don't schedule a hearing of senate bill 249 before the House finance committee.

Sincerely,  
L. Silva

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
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**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** sachi.ladyong@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Sachi Dasi Robles Ladyong  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [sachi.ladyong@gmail.com](mailto:sachi.ladyong@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

**Comments:**

i dont think it is appropriate to build a slaughter house in such a beautiful place.it will only destroy/contaminate the natural resources. it will only add as another pollutant because of such waste that can go to the ocean. ive been to hawaii and i have relatives who lives there i wouldnt want such slaughter house ruin such beauty and peace there.i also dont wanna promote or be part of killing of such harmless creatures.pls dont build a slaughter house there!!!

regards  
sachi ladyong

## **FINTestimony**

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**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** manaloahuahu@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Ahuahu Manalo  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [manaloahuahu@yahoo.com](mailto:manaloahuahu@yahoo.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

**Comments:**

The transaction of Senate Bill 249 is not like by most of the people and should be stopped. Taking care of the people and the environment is not by listening only to a few. That means if it is unwanted by most of the people, it should definitely be discarded. The education sector needs money. The Hawaii government takes the money from our taxes so we should decide how we want this money used. It's ridiculous that such a thing is happening. Please make for us a good environment especially for the children.

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
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**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** janajohnson22@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Jana Johnson  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [janajohnson22@gmail.com](mailto:janajohnson22@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

### Comments:

I'm writing to oppose this Senate249 Bill. My reason is that I believe that the government should not be using citizens' hard worked for tax money to support this dying business of slaughtering innocent animals. There are so many other things where the citizen's tax money could be used. So why waste it on a dying private slaughter house? We could all live without meat. A non-meta diet is so much better for our health. In the recent months the world has been turned upside down and slaughter houses only add to the destruction of this planet.  
Jana Johnson

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**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** yddtamayo@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Marissa Tamayo  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [yddtamayo@gmail.com](mailto:yddtamayo@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

### Comments:

I wish my grandson in Hawaii could grow up in a place where people are kind, peaceful, and dignified. I don't see how that can be if the government there would rather support the killing of animals rather than spend on making sure the citizens are educated and have good paying jobs. Let's not spend on a dying business of slaughtering animals. What happened to our priorities?

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2011 3:50 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** t.linsley@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Tony Linsley  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [t.linsley@gmail.com](mailto:t.linsley@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

**Comments:**

What's happening in Hawaii right now is horrible! People shouldn't pay to save a slaughter house which is just killing a lot of innocent animals. If a person saw how many animals were being slaughtered a day, he or she would be sick. The government is trying to save a business that has already failed. It is even proven that a meat diet is so unhealthy for a person. People can easily survive without meat. Eating meat is just the same as eating another human being. It's really gross. The government should give support to more helpful things like schools and hospitals - not slaughterhouses.  
Tony Linsley from Kāneʻohe



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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2011 3:49 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** arnoldkurusetrs@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Arnold Apurada  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [arnoldkurusetrs@yahoo.com](mailto:arnoldkurusetrs@yahoo.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

**Comments:**

I grew up in Pearl City and just recently moved to Virginia after getting married. I am writing this letter to request you not to use taxpayer dollars on the use of bailing out of the slaughterhouse. Taxes have already been raised and other public buildings shut down for the sake of government spending. And now the Senate Bill 249 will allow the government in Hawaii to bail out this slaughter house. This place is already a failing business so a bail out would just be a waste. I therefore request on behalf of all Hawaiians, people who love Hawaii, and taxpaying citizens, not to waste any money on this slaughterhouse. Please hear your citizen's requests.  
Mahalo, Arnold Apurada

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
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**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** Salvacion.Yadu@gmail.com  
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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Henry Salvacion  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [Salvacion.Yadu@gmail.com](mailto:Salvacion.Yadu@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

### Comments:

A big Aloha from us folks from Waipahu! I am writing because I have heard that tax payers' dollars might be used to buy a slaughterhouse. I would please request for you not to waste money on this. First a slaughterhouse does not help the environment, animals, and people like us because the machines that are being used to kill those innocent animals are adding to the greenhouse effect that's the world one number problem. Second, without this slaughterhouse we can eat and live peacefully. Third, meat is not good for our health. It causes a lot of complications like heart disease and cancer which lead to death.

I very kindly request - please don't raise use the taxes this way. A lot of people are losing their jobs because companies are closing. A lot of kids can't get their education because the schools are closing. What is more important? Please don't support the slaughterhouse because it doesn't make any sense.

Thank you very much and God bless us.  
Henry Salvacion

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2011 3:48 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** tpowers@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Tyrone Power  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [tpowers@gmail.com](mailto:tpowers@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

**Comments:**

What the government is doing is totally wrong. They raise taxes of the people and they are supporting a business which is a slaughterhouse. It can't pay taxes. So they are getting the people's money and supporting a failing business, and just losing money. People are running out of money so this transaction (Senate Bill 249) shouldn't take place. I request you please don't do this.

Mahalo from Tyrone Power of Lana'i

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2011 3:43 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** tamayo\_upou@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Sarah Tamayo  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [tamayo\\_upou@yahoo.com](mailto:tamayo_upou@yahoo.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

**Comments:**

Dear Legislators,

I'm Sarah Tamayo from the Big Island.

I was appalled when a friend told me about the Senate Bill 249 that will use taxpayer money for the state to bail out the failing slaughterhouse. Please do not pass this bill! First of all, it is unnecessary and incorrect to use taxpayer money to bail out failing businesses when Hawaii's state budget is already very limited. Secondly, that slaughterhouse is an environmental hazard because of its location. It releases waste that is discharged into some kind of lagoon that is a few yards away from the ocean. The potential for this waste to contaminate the ground water and to pollute the ocean is very real. As we all know, pollution of the ocean will contribute to the destruction of coral reefs which in turn leads to further ecological imbalances. We, as the people of Hawaii should be responsible for taking care of Hawaii. Legislators should be leaders in this regard. So please consider the ramifications of Senate Bill 249 and by all means, do not pass the bill.

Sincerely,  
Sarah Tamayo

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2011 3:46 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** sltsvati14@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Sandra Lee  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [sltsvati14@yahoo.com](mailto:sltsvati14@yahoo.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

**Comments:**

Dear Legislators,

I hope you are all well.

I'm Sandra from Honolulu. I'm 16 years old and I've been vegetarian since I was 9. When I was 9 years old I witnessed a pig getting slaughtered. The pig was crying, terribly scared but helpless in the hands of the butcher. Since then I could never eat another piece of meat ever again. No innocent animal should go through such a horrible death just to fill people's bellies, when there are a lot of other healthier foods like bread, fruits and vegetables that people can eat without causing so much suffering to others. So please do not do anything to support the slaughterhouse where animals are killed everyday.

Truly Yours,  
Sandra

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2011 4:27 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** bevcampbell2002@yahoo.com  
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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Beverley Campbell  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [bevcampbell2002@yahoo.com](mailto:bevcampbell2002@yahoo.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

### Comments:

i think this is a disservice to the state of Hawaii, i am a regular visitor to Hawaii and would be very upset at the thought of innocent cows being slaughtered on this beautiful island, Hawaii is beautiful and a popular tourist destination, where i come from the people would be most upset knowing that there is a slaughterhouse here , In Australia where the slaughterhouses are built it brings down the real estate value and popularity of that area, i think this is a very bad decision from a business and ethical stand point

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
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**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** forsure63@yahoo.com  
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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Williams Family  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [forsure63@yahoo.com](mailto:forsure63@yahoo.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

**Comments:**

Dear Committee Members,

My family and I are sad to hear you are wanting to pass a bill to buy a slaughterhouse. Two years ago we lost two loved ones from diseases caused by a mostly meat diet. Our family decided to make a change and get educated. For 2 years now we have been living healthier eating mostly local vegetables and no red meat. It has saved our lives, and we thank our Lord everyday for the plentiful bounty he provides. Instead of buying a slaughterhouse, why don't you buy into our local farmers whose fruits and labors can really help the people get healthier and live better lives.

With much aloha,  
Williams Family (Wahiawa)

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
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**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** anthonyjames@yahoo.com  
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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: James Anthony  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [anthonyjames@yahoo.com](mailto:anthonyjames@yahoo.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

### Comments:

I am a vegetarian so I'm against the Senate Bill 249. Not all people are into eating meat and we should not use tax money to buy slaughterhouses.

Is eating meat good for people? No. What are some of the biggest problems in America? Obesity, cancer, and heart disease. These problems are caused by the meat people eat. We aren't starving. Vegetarians don't eat meat and they meet their protein needs and they don't have all the health problems meat gives you. By doing this thing you will just ruin more people's lives.

The government is supposed to take care of the citizens and by buying the slaughterhouses, you are spreading more health problems when there's so much already. You wouldn't like it if you were going to be slaughtered like all the animals that the slaughter houses kill. You'll probably answer no. The animals don't want to suffer by getting their heads chopped off or being smashed and they hate living in those ranches. We're just killing animals for our pleasure and don't care whether thousands of animals are dying. So I'm totally against this buying of slaughterhouses. We should use taxes properly and not for things like this.

-James Anthony, 14 years old



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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**ent:** Monday, March 28, 2011 7:31 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** hawaii\_eye\_md@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Melanie Tantisira  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [hawaii\\_eye\\_md@yahoo.com](mailto:hawaii_eye_md@yahoo.com)  
Submitted on: 3/28/2011

**Comments:**

I pay taxes and I am opposed to spending taxpayers' money to support a slaughterhouse that is a failing business. I do not believe we need to be spending money that is very precious to our state to support an industry that sells a product that raises blood cholesterol levels and therefore the rate of heart attack and stroke in our state.

Thank you.

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
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**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** rsmgthornton@aol.com  
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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Sharri Thornton  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [rsmgthornton@aol.com](mailto:rsmgthornton@aol.com)  
Submitted on: 3/28/2011

**Comments:**

I strongly oppose this bill the reasons listed below:

it is bad for the animals, the environment, and the health of the people. Why are we bailing out failing businesses?

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
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**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** th@lava.net  
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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Terese Hiram  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [th@lava.net](mailto:th@lava.net)  
Submitted on: 3/28/2011

Comments:

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Monday, March 28, 2011 5:01 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** jandh81@mac.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Heather Kemp  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [jandh81@mac.com](mailto:jandh81@mac.com)  
Submitted on: 3/28/2011

Comments:

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2011 1:47 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** apark44@hotmail.com  
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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Alvin P.  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [apark44@hotmail.com](mailto:apark44@hotmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

**Comments:**

I was shocked to find out that the state of Hawaii is considering purchasing the Hawaii Livestock Cooperative slaughterhouse in Kapolei for \$1.6 million. When the state is already facing a \$1 billion deficit, taxpayers shouldn't have to subsidize a cruel industry that harms animals, people's health, and the environment.

The slaughterhouse is in an environmentally sensitive area, and its wastewater—so close to the ocean—is a potential source of pollution that could create dead zones in the water, suffocate coral reefs, and kill fish. We have MUCH better uses for \$1.6 million dollars and tax payer's dollars, so please do not let this Senate Bill pass!

Let's keep our 'aina clean. It's the only one we have.

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
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**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** info@getmetocapit.com  
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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Nanouk  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [info@getmetocapit.com](mailto:info@getmetocapit.com)  
Submitted on: 3/28/2011

**Comments:**

Dear Legislators,

I am opposed to Senate Bill 249 that will use hard earned taxpayer dollars for the state to purchase a failed and unnecessary slaughterhouse for the following reasons:

1. We don't have the money. With so many public services being cut, such as schools being closed, workers being furloughed, etc. due to budget short-falls, the last place we should be spending taxpayer dollars is on an unnecessary slaughterhouse.

2. Taxpayer money shouldn't be used to bail out failing businesses. Taxpayer dollars should not be used to buy and run a slaughterhouse that has been so unsuccessful that nobody in the private sector wants to do it. If the State operates this slaughterhouse through enactment of SB 249 it will likely be a severe ongoing drain on the State budget.

3. It is bad for people's health. It makes no sense for the state to use taxpayer money to promote a meat-based diet, which has been linked to increased risk of heart disease, diabetes, obesity, cancer, and many other illnesses.

4. It is bad for the environment. The slaughterhouse is located in an environmentally-sensitive area and poses a serious threat to the environment because it discharges its waste into a "lagoon" located just yards from the ocean. This creates the potential for ground water contamination and pollution of the ocean—contributing to the possible creation of dead zones, coral reef suffocation, and fish depopulation. Additionally, the meat industry is bad for the environment as it is an inefficient use of resources and is the most significant contributor to global warming.

5. It is bad for the animals. Slaughtering animals for food is unnecessary because nature has provided ample vegetables, fruits, grains, legumes and dairy products for human sustenance. Slaughtering animals for food is an unnecessary "luxury" and is morally wrong.

Please don't schedule a hearing of Senate Bill 249 before the House Finance Committee. If Senate Bill 249 is heard before the Committee, please vote against it.

Yours truly,

Nanouk Denis

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
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**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** ericapittullo@hotmail.com  
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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Erica Pittullo  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [ericapittullo@hotmail.com](mailto:ericapittullo@hotmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/28/2011

Comments:

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Monday, March 28, 2011 8:41 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** angela@serenitypet.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Angela Dinsmoor  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [angela@serenitypet.com](mailto:angela@serenitypet.com)  
Submitted on: 3/28/2011

Comments:



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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
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**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** nickdinsmoor@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Nick Dinsmoor  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [nickdinsmoor@yahoo.com](mailto:nickdinsmoor@yahoo.com)  
Submitted on: 3/28/2011

Comments:

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**Sent:** Monday, March 28, 2011 8:48 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Ginger Chock  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
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E-mail: [gtchock@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:gtchock@hawaii.rr.com)  
Submitted on: 3/28/2011

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Monday, March 28, 2011 9:02 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** alohaashley93@aim.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Ashley Lukashevsky  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [alohaashley93@aim.com](mailto:alohaashley93@aim.com)  
Submitted on: 3/28/2011

**Comments:**

We don't need to be spending taxpayer money on a cruel, environmentally harmful practice.

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Monday, March 28, 2011 8:54 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** grietds@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: griet de schaepeester  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [grietds@yahoo.com](mailto:grietds@yahoo.com)  
Submitted on: 3/28/2011

**Comments:**

I strongly oppose to the slaughterhouse bill in my goal to help stop animal cruelty.

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**sent:** Monday, March 28, 2011 9:06 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** naturescottage08@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Samuel Buisson  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [naturescottage08@gmail.com](mailto:naturescottage08@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/28/2011

**Comments:**

I hope you are well.

I am writing to appeal to you to vote against the Slaughterhouse Bill SB249.

Research has shown how vegetarian diets - or even vegan diets are able to completely satisfy all of our nutritional needs. Research has also shown how meat production and meat eating completely ruin the environment and our health. There are thousands of people who die daily of health complications from heart disease, obesity, cancers, and other meat-eating caused diseases. On the other hand, there are also thousands of people who die of starvation due to starvation. In either the diet caused deaths and starvation, the problem is caused by the consumption of meat. After all, the thousands of people who die of starvation everyday could be completely fed (with extra amounts available) with the foods put aside for animals for slaughter. In short, eating meat is really bad for our bodies and for the economy.

Please do not support the spending of our tax money on things like this.

## FINTestimony

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**ent:** Monday, March 28, 2011 9:08 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** sachitamayo@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Sachi Tamayo  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [sachitamayo@yahoo.com](mailto:sachitamayo@yahoo.com)  
Submitted on: 3/28/2011

### Comments:

Dear Legislators,

I am opposed to Senate Bill 249 that will use hard earned taxpayer dollars for the state to purchase a failed and unnecessary slaughterhouse for the following reasons:

1. We don't have the money. With so many public services being cut, such as schools being closed, workers being furloughed, etc. due to budget short-falls, the last place we should be spending taxpayer dollars is on an unnecessary slaughterhouse.
2. Taxpayer money shouldn't be used to bail out failing businesses. Taxpayer dollars should not be used to buy and run a slaughterhouse that has been so unsuccessful that nobody in the private sector wants to do it. If the State operates this slaughterhouse through enactment of SB 249 it will likely be a severe ongoing drain on the State budget.
3. It is bad for people's health. It makes no sense for the state to use taxpayer money to promote a meat-based diet, which has been linked to increased risk of heart disease, diabetes, obesity, cancer, and many other illnesses.
4. It is bad for the environment. The slaughterhouse is located in an environmentally-sensitive area and poses a serious threat to the environment because it discharges its waste into a "lagoon" located just yards from the ocean. This creates the potential for ground water contamination and pollution of the ocean—contributing to the possible creation of dead zones, coral reef suffocation, and fish depopulation. Additionally, the meat industry is bad for the environment as it is an inefficient use of resources and is the most significant contributor to global warming.
5. It is bad for the animals. Slaughtering animals for food is unnecessary because nature has provided ample vegetables, fruits, grains, legumes and dairy products for human sustenance. Slaughtering animals for food is an unnecessary "luxury" and is morally wrong. Please don't schedule a hearing of Senate Bill 249 before the House Finance Committee. If Senate Bill 249 is heard before the Committee, please vote against it.

Yours truly,  
Sachi Tamayo

## FINTestimony

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**ent:** Monday, March 28, 2011 9:10 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** ghurkaedge@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Samuel Thomas  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [ghurkaedge@gmail.com](mailto:ghurkaedge@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/28/2011

**Comments:**

Dear Legislators,

I hope you are well.

I am writing to protest the Slaughterhouse Bill SB249. I can't believe that such a bill is even being considered here in our state of Hawaii!

I have been a long time advocate for both animal rights and human rights, and I am aghast by this bill. Even the United Nations has concluded that if people shifted to a vegetarian or vegan diet, we can fight against the worst effects of climate change. There are many other researchers who have proved the same fact.

Allowing the Slaughterhouse Bill SB249 to slip right through your hands without stopping it will only mean the death of Hawaii and her residents. Slaughterhouses are an excellent way to degrade both ground water and air. Not only that, eating meat has been proven to cause so many deadly diseases such as colon cancer, stomach cancer, heart diseases, diabetes, obesity, etcetera. Allowing this bill will only mean that you are compounding the health and environmental problems of Hawaii by hundred fold.

For the sake of the future of Hawaii and for the sake of our children, please do not allow this bill to pass through. Our money can go to so many other things which will benefit people and the environment rather than cause problems at every turn not just now but for hundreds of years to come. Let us preserve and respect life- let us work together to preserve and care for Mother Nature!

Regards,  
Samuel Thomas

## FINTestimony

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Monday, March 28, 2011 9:08 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** jybschi@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Jackie  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [jybschi@yahoo.com](mailto:jybschi@yahoo.com)  
Submitted on: 3/28/2011

Comments:

Dear Sir or Ma'am,  
I hope you are well.

I am against the Senate Bill 249 because a) I don't want my money going into something which will ruin the environment. There is so much evidence already on how slaughterhouses ruin the environment. We don't have any more land area in the planet (and definitely not in our state of Hawaii!) to give to livestock to trample on and ruin.

b) My father was a butcher, and I have seen enough of the misery that goes on inside and outside slaughterhouses. Why should our tax money go into ruining the environment and causing the deaths of thousands and thousands of animals daily, and then later on- causing more human deaths from having eaten too much meat?

c) Yes eating meat is bad for our health! So many people suffer from obesity, heart disease, cancer, and all these other diet-based diseases. The government of Hawaii should not redirect funds to something which will only result in problems.

Please vote against Senate Bill 249.

Sincerely,  
Jackie



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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**ent:** Monday, March 28, 2011 9:15 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** rsabhaorg@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Rico Garcia  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [rsabhaorg@yahoo.com](mailto:rsabhaorg@yahoo.com)  
Submitted on: 3/28/2011

Comments:

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
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**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** buenafe06@yahoo.com.ph  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

Testimony for FIN 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM SB249

Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Buenafe Garcia  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [buenafe06@yahoo.com.ph](mailto:buenafe06@yahoo.com.ph)  
Submitted on: 3/28/2011

Comments:

## FINTestimony

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**sent:** Monday, March 28, 2011 9:16 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** buisson010@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Samaan Buisson  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [buisson010@gmail.com](mailto:buisson010@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/28/2011

Comments:

## FINTestimony

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Monday, March 28, 2011 9:16 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** sachitamayo146@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Sachi  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [sachitamayo146@gmail.com](mailto:sachitamayo146@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/28/2011

**Comments:**

I do not support this bill! Put our money into education or health promoting bills, not one that will ruin the environment, our health, and our Hawaii! Allowing this to happen means you do not care about Hawaii and our future generations.

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
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**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** headforthehills@ihug.co.nz  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Marilyn Smith  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [headforthehills@ihug.co.nz](mailto:headforthehills@ihug.co.nz)  
Submitted on: 3/28/2011

Comments:

## **FINTestimony**

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Monday, March 28, 2011 9:17 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** tds42878@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Manuel Ramos  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [tds42878@gmail.com](mailto:tds42878@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/28/2011

Comments:

## FINTestimony

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Monday, March 28, 2011 6:27 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** evhawaii@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Tom Gillen  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [evhawaii@yahoo.com](mailto:evhawaii@yahoo.com)  
Submitted on: 3/28/2011

Comments:  
Do not spend my tax money on killing animals. Support vegetable farmers.

## FINTestimony

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Monday, March 28, 2011 6:45 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** davidpaulstarr@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: David Starr  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [davidpaulstarr@gmail.com](mailto:davidpaulstarr@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/28/2011

Comments:



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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Monday, March 28, 2011 6:50 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** changm024@hawaii.rr.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Michael Chang  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [changm024@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:changm024@hawaii.rr.com)  
Submitted on: 3/28/2011

**Comments:**

Why spend so much money on this purchase? Why not use the money for other things such as the public libraries, or programs that will prevent our youths from getting into trouble on the streets?

## FINTestimony

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**sent:** Monday, March 28, 2011 6:50 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** splbandita@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Susie Petersen  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [splbandita@gmail.com](mailto:splbandita@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/28/2011

**Comments:**

Please consider the negative impact the passing of this bill would have. Slaughterhouses are unnecessary, and, in my belief, detrimental to people's health, the environment, and definitely for animals. This is the last thing our striving economy needs right now, or ever, for that matter. This barbaric business practice should be put to an end, not receive government assistance. Please use our taxpayers money in ways that will have a positive impact to society, such as promoting a healthy diet of foods like fruits, vegetables, grains and legumes.

Thank you for your consideration and understanding.

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Monday, March 28, 2011 6:59 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** Bethefrank@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Elizabeth Frank  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [Bethefrank@yahoo.com](mailto:Bethefrank@yahoo.com)  
Submitted on: 3/28/2011

Comments:

It is obviously bad for the state of Hawaii to operate a slaughter- house! &#160; It is inappropriate to expect the tax payers to fund a business to which many of the citizens are opposed.&#160;

It is especially unacceptable in a time when we are cutting services to citizens, and forcing state workers to take &quot;furlough days&quot;.&#160; Also, our state will be experiencing an even larger deficit than was previously predicted due to an anticipated decline in tourism as a result of the tragedies in Japan.&#160;

This bill will increase animal suffering, increase pollution to our valuable ocean and potentially contaminate our valuable drinking water. The costs to Hawaii, not just financially, are TOO HIGH!

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Monday, March 28, 2011 5:51 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** halestan@hotmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: HALE AKAMINE  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [halestan@hotmail.com](mailto:halestan@hotmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/28/2011

**Comments:**

We need this to be able to be a self-sustaining state. My advice is to have a stipulation to turn it over to a private company after a certain number of years of operation (and for the state to break even!).

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Monday, March 28, 2011 5:54 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** Candee675@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Candace  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [Candee675@gmail.com](mailto:Candee675@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/28/2011

**Comments:**

Stop slaughter house approval in Hawaii. Stop for our health, Hawaii & our children's Heath. Putting a slaughter house in Hawaii means contamination in our streams & possible toxin spread by birds/insects on to schools or local business food. It is not safe & I truly believe it will only be money down the drain. Who will it benefit, I promise u not our people of Hawaii. Please save the million of dollars on local business and schools. Save our future, please do u your research on slaughterhouses, no hood comes from it.

## **FINTestimony**

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Monday, March 28, 2011 5:56 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** jadelo808@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Jade Louie  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [jadelo808@gmail.com](mailto:jadelo808@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/28/2011

Comments:  
Strongly oppose

## **FINTestimony**

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Monday, March 28, 2011 5:58 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** chlear909@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: CHRIS  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [chlear909@yahoo.com](mailto:chlear909@yahoo.com)  
Submitted on: 3/28/2011

Comments:  
we dont want or need this bill,it is misuse of power

## FINTestimony

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Monday, March 28, 2011 6:10 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** Danae614@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position:  
Testifier will be present: Yes  
Submitted by: Danae Bloise  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [Danae614@gmail.com](mailto:Danae614@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/28/2011

Comments:



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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
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**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** ekandagawa@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Emily Kandagawa  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [ekandagawa@gmail.com](mailto:ekandagawa@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/28/2011

Comments:

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
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**To:** FINTestimony  
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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Mele Fernandez  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [melef@hawaii.edu](mailto:melef@hawaii.edu)  
Submitted on: 3/28/2011

Comments:

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Monday, March 28, 2011 6:23 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** sayuyosh@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Sayuri Yoshimura  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [sayuyosh@gmail.com](mailto:sayuyosh@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/28/2011

Comments:

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**sent:** Monday, March 28, 2011 6:24 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** clk@quixnet.net  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Carolyn Knoll  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [clk@quixnet.net](mailto:clk@quixnet.net)  
Submitted on: 3/28/2011

**Comments:**

Considering the budget issues that Hawaii has, why would anyone draft a bill to spend \$1.6 million to purchase Hawai'i Livestock Cooperative's slaughterhouse in Campbell Industrial Park located at Kapolei on Oahu. Why? This bill is not smart and I can't believe it is finally feasible.

## **FINTestimony**

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2011 11:11 AM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** malmuds001@hawaii.rr.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Shirley Malmud  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [malmuds001@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:malmuds001@hawaii.rr.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

Comments:

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2011 11:27 AM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** carmshasta@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: CARM SHASTA  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [carmshasta@gmail.com](mailto:carmshasta@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

Comments:  
March 29, 2011

To the House Finance Committee members,

This letter is an explicit opposition to Senate Bill 249. Because it is a serious oversight for the state to direct our precious, hard-earned taxpayer money towards purchasing and mailing out, of all businesses, a failing abattoir! Where will the state draw the line? What about other businesses that deserve to be continued for the welfare of more people? Such as schools, small-scale, sustainable agriculture, and more. If no individuals would venture to buy out that slaughterhouse business, why should the state even consider this! The state will be draining out its budget to maintain a slaughterhouse right in the face of furloughs, pay-cuts, astronomic gas prices, foreclosures, a myriad business closures, and even budget cuts on EDUCATION!

On top of this, a slaughterhouse has been known to:

- 1) Destroy the environment. The wastes that come off it, the water used in maintaining it, the chemicals needed to decontaminate (if that is even possible), to preserve rotting flesh, etc. flow on to the soil and into the water table and onto waterways that ultimately end in our oceans, which we Hawaiians are so proud of and are so famous for all over the world. The thousands of gallons needed in maintaining a slaughterhouse goes against our delicate sensitivities, while many of our brothers and sisters across the states are cutting their water consumption, and the world is trying to rectify the serious effects of climate change. Moreover, the putrid, abhorrent smells that come from a slaughterhouse pollute the air.
- 2) Destroys people's health. From the handlers to the workers to the consumers—health is gravely undermined. Heart disease, cancer, kidney failure, obesity are just some of the few diseases linked to meat consumption that have now reached epidemic proportions.
- 3) Be more than cruel to the animals. A famous celebrity once said if abattoirs had glass walls, no one would eat meat. How can we expect a peace-loving society if this is the way the animals are treated.

You, as elected representatives of the people, are responsible for the care and wellbeing of the very people who put you there and the environment that sustains us all. We have faith that it is in your best interest to keep the general wellbeing of everybody a priority in the work you are designated to do.

Thank you for your time. Aloha,

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
Sent: Tuesday, March 29, 2011 5:13 PM  
To: FINTestimony  
Cc: timymc@hotmail.com  
Subject: Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Timothy McKenny  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [timymc@hotmail.com](mailto:timymc@hotmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

### Comments:

I am against Senate Bill 249 because this bill will destroy my home, beautiful Hilo, Hawaii. Slaughter houses take and need more and more land, the land we could be using for our food and homes for others. There wouldn't be starvation if we utilize our resources wisely. There would be more than enough food for us to consume. It is proven that with 12 pounds of bread, we can only get 1 pound of beef.

) not destroy my home.

Timothy McKenny

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
Sent: Tuesday, March 29, 2011 5:14 PM  
To: FINTestimony  
Cc: tamayo\_kris@yahoo.com  
Subject: Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Kris Tamayo  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [tamayo\\_kris@yahoo.com](mailto:tamayo_kris@yahoo.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

### Comments:

Please vote against Senate Bill 249. Do not use our tax money for such a horrific project.



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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**ent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2011 5:03 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** Suno.kan@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Cristiana Suno Kano  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [Suno.kan@gmail.com](mailto:Suno.kan@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

**Comments:**

To our dear legislators,  
I am against the SB 249 because it will bring poor health and more diseases to the communities. The slaughter house will also bring a barrage of pollution. Mother Nature provides us with so much, so many necessities we need to retain a healthy life. By taking for granted the wonderful things we are provided with, we, human beings try to create things that will be beneficial to us but they always harm our mother.

Let us honor Mother Earth by keeping our environment clean.

Cristiana Suno Kano from Pearl City

## **FINTestimony**

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2011 5:07 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** vamsuli@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Kate Sulia  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [vamsuli@gmail.com](mailto:vamsuli@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

**Comments:**

I am totally against Senate Bill 249. Please do not vote this.

## FINTestimony

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2011 5:02 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** ellen.mcfarland@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Ellen McFarland  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [ellen.mcfarland@gmail.com](mailto:ellen.mcfarland@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

**Comments:**

I am respectfully requesting that you do NOT vote to acquire--or even subsidize--a slaughterhouse on Oahu. Our state is facing a \$1 billion deficit, so it would be especially foolish to spend money on a slaughterhouse when money is desperately needed for schools, roads, affordable housing, and health care, to name a few. On top of the initial funding, slaughterhouse will be a financial drain on the state. Also, Hawaii prides itself on the health of its people, always ranking at or near the top in the nation. Why encourage the consumption of more meat by buying a slaughterhouse? We know increased meat consumption increases rates of cardiovascular disease, diabetes, obesity, and cancer. Hawaii would be the only state to have acquired one, a shameful distinction. I can't imagine anyone wanting to live within 20 miles of it.

Mahalo for listening!

## **FINTestimony**

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2011 5:03 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** caring\_natividad@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Caring Natividad  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [caring\\_natividad@yahoo.com](mailto:caring_natividad@yahoo.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

Comments:

## **FINTestimony**

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2011 5:01 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** prettynana2168@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Purificacion  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [prettynana2168@gmail.com](mailto:prettynana2168@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

Comments:

## FINTestimony

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Monday, March 28, 2011 7:32 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** laura.chong@pruhawaii.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Laura chong  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [laura.chong@pruhawaii.com](mailto:laura.chong@pruhawaii.com)  
Submitted on: 3/28/2011

Comments:

## FINTestimony

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Monday, March 28, 2011 7:33 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** lou16000@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Cindy Chase-Kruse  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [lou16000@yahoo.com](mailto:lou16000@yahoo.com)  
Submitted on: 3/28/2011

**Comments:**

I believe the SB 249 is bad for Hawaii for 5 main reasons:

1. We don't have the money in Hawaii
  2. Taxpayer money shouldn't be used to bail out failing businesses
  3. It is bad for people's health
  4. It is bad for the environment
  5. It is bad for the animals.
- Love Life! Don't allow this to happen here.

## **FINTestimony**

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Monday, March 28, 2011 7:37 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** lilbugga808@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Danielle Callahn  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [lilbugga808@gmail.com](mailto:lilbugga808@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/28/2011

Comments:



## **FINTestimony**

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Monday, March 28, 2011 7:40 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** laurapix@hawaiiantel.net  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Laura St. Denis  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [laurapix@hawaiiantel.net](mailto:laurapix@hawaiiantel.net)  
Submitted on: 3/28/2011

**Comments:**

I do not eat meat, it is not necessary for sustenance I do not want my hard earned tax dollars to go to kill animals.

## **FINTestimony**

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Monday, March 28, 2011 7:40 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** jcb\_chase@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Jake Chase  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [jcb\\_chase@yahoo.com](mailto:jcb_chase@yahoo.com)  
Submitted on: 3/28/2011

Comments:  
SB 249 is a terrible idea for the state:

With all the other ways to spend our Taxpayer money, should we really use it to bail out failing businesses?

We don't have the money...Period!

## **FINTestimony**

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Monday, March 28, 2011 7:44 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** jakespeare@rocketmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Leland Chase  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [jakespeare@rocketmail.com](mailto:jakespeare@rocketmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/28/2011

**Comments:**

The health of our islands is bad enough already, besides obesity what does this measure benefit really!

## FINTestimony

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Monday, March 28, 2011 7:48 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** cindy@downtoearth.org  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Cindy Chase-Kruse  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [cindy@downtoearth.org](mailto:cindy@downtoearth.org)  
Submitted on: 3/28/2011

**Comments:**

This bill represents everything that is wrong in the world and nothing our company stands for. How can Hawaii even think about putting such blatant cruelty out here, amongst such peaceful people?

## FINTestimony

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Monday, March 28, 2011 8:10 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** kparesanei@aol.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Karen Paresa Neizman  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [kparesanei@aol.com](mailto:kparesanei@aol.com)  
Submitted on: 3/28/2011

**Comments:**

With the economy the way it is today, so many of us out of jobs, struggling to make ends meet why would the state want to spend 1.6 million on a slaughter house? Why not use that money to re-instate some of the humane services that have been cut? I feel that more of our population could benefit from the money being used for human services such as smaller class rooms or more staff in the unemployment office that using it to purchase a slaughter house. I do not even eat meat! Why should my hard earned money go toward purchasing a slaughter house? Don't we the people who's money you take to pay your salaries have a say as to where and how the money is used?

## FINTestimony

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Monday, March 28, 2011 8:28 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** Georgiana8@hawaii.rr.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Georgiana W. Yap, R.N.  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [Georgiana8@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:Georgiana8@hawaii.rr.com)  
Submitted on: 3/28/2011

**Comments:**

The consumption of beef causes so many health problems, like high cholesterol, coronary artery disease, and hypertension, and I'd like to see some monetary support go to agriculture and farmers who grow healthy leafy green produce and fruits and vegetables which are full of vitamins and antioxidants and contribute to a more healthy lifestyle.

## **FINTestimony**

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Monday, March 28, 2011 8:29 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** MissCummings@hotmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Laura Cummings  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [MissCummings@hotmail.com](mailto:MissCummings@hotmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/28/2011

Comments:

## FINTestimony

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Monday, March 28, 2011 7:59 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** katalina2008@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: K McGlon  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [katalina2008@gmail.com](mailto:katalina2008@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/28/2011

**Comments:**

If you have \$1.6 million of taxpayer money to spend, use it for human services. Slaughterhouses are grim places. Show animals the aloha spirit. You also could contribute to Hawaii's food sustainability by using the 1.6 million on community or school gardens.



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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Monday, March 28, 2011 8:22 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** hktamayo@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Carlos Tamayo  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [hktamayo@gmail.com](mailto:hktamayo@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/28/2011

Comments:

## FINTestimony

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Monday, March 28, 2011 7:18 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** 007jamesb41@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: james burmester  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [007jamesb41@gmail.com](mailto:007jamesb41@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/28/2011

### Comments:

This is amazing, that in this time of dire need of people, the government could bail out a failing company, that has a history record of needing government assistance. A company that is responsible for the pain and misery of animals, just for a habit of eating meat, which is unnecessary and unhealthy. The evidence for not eating meat is overwhelming, and it is in the best interest of our country and its people that we not support the killing of animals financially, or personally. The costs to support this company can be used for better means to educate, and for the health of the people of Oahu. I strongly plead with you to consider what is best for the people health wise and economically and vote down this bill. Thank you

## FINTestimony

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Monday, March 28, 2011 7:26 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** laakea@hawaiiantel.net  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Laakea Laano  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [laakea@hawaiiantel.net](mailto:laakea@hawaiiantel.net)  
Submitted on: 3/28/2011

**Comments:**

Dear Legislators,

Please support SB249. We need to create & encourage a sustainable local food supply. Having a slaughterhouse on Oahu would allow local cattle ranchers to raise & sell their beef here on the island. Many consumers would love to be able to buy grass-fed beef from Kualoa Ranch, for example.\

Thank you for your careful consideration of this bill.

La'akea Laano

## FINTestimony

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Monday, March 28, 2011 7:25 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** davidhmarti@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: David Marti  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [davidhmarti@yahoo.com](mailto:davidhmarti@yahoo.com)  
Submitted on: 3/28/2011

**Comments:**

I oppose appropriating funds to acquire a slaughterhouse within the Campbell Industrial Park.

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Monday, March 28, 2011 7:30 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** nalogal@hotmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Jackie Kerner  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [نالوال@hotmail.com](mailto:نالوال@hotmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/28/2011

**Comments:**

It's time to cut spending...correction, slaughter spending! Please stay focused on getting us back into black. Aloha

## FINTestimony

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Monday, March 28, 2011 7:29 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** rebeccacorby@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Rebecca Corby  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [rebeccacorby@gmail.com](mailto:rebeccacorby@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/28/2011

**Comments:**

I strongly oppose using our tax dollars to bail out the failing slaughterhouse in Kapolei. If the slaughterhouse is failing, that's good because slaughterhouses are cruel to animals, pollute the environment and produce a product that is proven to be bad for human health. Please invest our tax dollars in things like public education, healthcare and healthy businesses that promote healthy food.

## FINTestimony

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2011 2:57 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** kaipahupu@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Kai Pahupu  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [kaipahupu@yahoo.com](mailto:kaipahupu@yahoo.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

### Comments:

Dear Legislators,

I don't agree to build slaughterhouses because animals are also living entities in this world. We should take care of them and not kill them. Tax dollars should not be used to build slaughterhouses that are unsuccessful! Animals for food are an unnecessary luxury and is morally wrong. It is bad for human health and environment. This also creates contamination and pollution of the ocean.

Kai Sylvaine Yu Pahupu

## FINTestimony

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2011 2:53 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** amyhirata@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Maricar Salazar  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [amyhirata@gmail.com](mailto:amyhirata@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

### Comments:

Dear Legislators,

I do not support Senate Bill 249 for the following reasons:

1. We can't afford it. It's a waste of money. Instead of wasting money for building a slaughter-house, we can just use it for supporting schools, parks, etc. We don't want to spend our money for such a failing business.

2. It is bad for the environment. The slaughter house possesses a serious threat to the environment. It's located close to the ocean which means it's dangerous for the animals which are living there. The slaughter house area will also think which will cause less tourists in Hawaii. I come to Hawaii every year with my family. The reason why we always choose Hawaii for our vacation spot is because it is an amazing, fresh and beautiful place.

Hawaii is famous for the gorgeous environment. Please don't ruin that.

Yours truly,

Amy Hirata of Hilo



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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2011 2:51 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** inhouseecc@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Jason Leue  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [inhouseecc@gmail.com](mailto:inhouseecc@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

**Comments:**

Dear Respected Representative,

I am writing you to testify in opposition of Senate Bill 249.

It doesn't take much research to find out how damaging slaughterhouses are to the environment. The water wastage and pollution are shocking to the fragile ecosystem of any state, what to speak of the impact it has on a small island like Oahu. It's a terrible waste of many resources. It takes 16 lbs of food to produce 1 lb of beef - 61 lbs of food that could be feeding so many more people.

Why would we want to bother with such a draining business in such troubled times as we are in? Only a handful of people benefit (short-term, anyway) - while it creates and perpetuates so much suffering.

Please reject Senate Bill 249.

Sincerely,

Jason Leue

## FINTestimony

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2011 2:44 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** jane Fletcher <janefletcher@yahoo.com>  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Jane Fletcher  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [jane Fletcher@yahoo.com](mailto:jane Fletcher@yahoo.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

### Comments:

Dear Legislators,

I am opposed to the Senate Bill 249 that will use hard earned taxpayers money to build an unnecessary slaughterhouse. For one, if we were those animals getting knives shoved through our throats, how would we feel? Not only does my compassion for the animals sadden my heart, but also the effect this state purchased slaughter house will have on the general population. Slaughter houses are one of the most significant contributors to global warming because of the rapid consumption of our ever decreasing natural resources, such as water to wash away the blood of all the tortured souls.

On top of this, the slaughter house discharges its un-environmentally friendly, toxic waste into a lagoon located very closely to the ocean, creating possible dead zones and the depopulation of the many endangered sea-dwelling creatures. And besides, who wants to swim in contaminated waters?

By encouraging the production of a slaughter house, the possibility of heart attack and heart disease as well as cancer and diabetes, rises greatly. Certainly no one wishes to live a short life and die of some major illness.

If Senate Bill 249 is heard before the Committee, please, we truly wish you vote against it.

Yours truly,  
Jane Fletcher from Kona

## FINTestimony

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2011 3:07 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** kaipahupu@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Kai Pahupu  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [kaipahupu@yahoo.com](mailto:kaipahupu@yahoo.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

**Comments:**

Dear Legislators,

I don't agree to build slaughterhouses because animals are also living entities in this world. We should take care of them and not kill them. Tax dollars should not be used to build slaughterhouses that are unsuccessful! Animals for food are an unnecessary luxury and is morally wrong. It is bad for human health and environment. This also creates contamination and pollution of the ocean.

Kai Sylvaine Yu Pahupu

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2011 3:36 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** jfletcher@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Jess Fletcher  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [jfletcher@gmail.com](mailto:jfletcher@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

### Comments:

Please vote against Senate Bill 249. The government should not own slaughterhouses because it is all the tax payers' money being used. People can live without a slaughterhouse. We don't need animals because we can live on vegetables, grains, fruits, and legumes. Living healthy will also keep us from spending more unnecessary money on health care. Slaughterhouses will increase the output of money spent on health care later on- all of which will be a waste of money because it is not necessary.

Jess Fletcher

## FINTestimony

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2011 3:34 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** timmyfletcher@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Timmy Fletcher  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [timmyfletcher@yahoo.com](mailto:timmyfletcher@yahoo.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

### Comments:

To: All Legislators

Please vote against Slaughterhouse Bill 249 for the safety and well-being of our planet, it's animal inhabitants, and the survival and health of the humans race in general, please vote against the state purchase of an unnecessary slaughterhouse.

Today's economy is going downhill. Global warming is drastically affecting us all in most aspects of everyday life. Part of the long road to bring our economy back up is being properly educated and part of this education is knowing that raising another slaughterhouse worth thousands of taxpayer's dollars is just adding to the ever increasing crisis and will not do any good to anyone of us, not the environment or the animals themselves. Since the beginning of the 21st century our population had increases and so had the demand for more and more. Along with this pollution, global warming, and disease have also increased. The slaughterhouse is located in an environmentally sensitive area and possesses great threat to the environment. All the toxic wastes discharged from the slaughter house flow directly into a lagoon and then pass through the ocean thus polluting our seas and depopulation aquatic life as well as creating possible dead-zones, besides who want to swim in contaminated waters?

On the health side of things, having dead flesh in our system is toxic and will make our body sick some of the main diseases caused by eating a meat based diet causes diabetes, heart disease, and cancer, and also increasing the risk of other major killer diseases and illnesses.

Yours very sincerely,  
Timmy Fletcher

## FINTestimony

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2011 3:27 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** jazyfletcher@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

Testimony for FIN 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM SB249

Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Marilla Pacheco Fletcher  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [jazyfletcher@yahoo.com](mailto:jazyfletcher@yahoo.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

### Comments:

Dear Legislators,

I vehemently disagree to Senate Bill 249. Why? Here are some of my reasons:

First of all I don't want to waste my money just for unnecessary luxury, and that will cause harm to others and to the Nature. Not only that but it's also bad for the health of others. People nowadays are always getting sick, diabetes, cancer, and all the different kind of disease. So we don't want to produce more sick and diseased people or increase their sickness, due to meat based diet. And it is also bad for the animals. Of course you won't see a cow or a chicken jumping for joy because they're going to get slaughtered. The animals also have feelings, they feel hurt too, just like we do. And God has given us plenty of fruits, vegetables, and land to cultivate food, so slaughtering animals for food makes no sense if God has already provided us with food. It is also very bad for the environment. The slaughterhouse is located near the beach, and so all the waste goes to the ocean. So people who swims there will also get contaminated and they would not like the ocean to be polluted. We must care for other and the nature, and not create harm to them. God gave this wonderful gift to us, so we must take care of it. And please don't schedule a hearing on Senate Bill 249 before the House Finance Committee. If Senate Bill 249 is heard before the Committee, please vote against it.

Truly Yours,

Marilla Pacheco Fletcher

## FINTestimony

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
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**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** farlene@tapasya.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Fergusson Wahine  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [farlene@tapasya.com](mailto:farlene@tapasya.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

### Comments:

Dear Legislators,

I am opposed to Senate Bill 249! I used to live in Hawaii when I was a child. All of my memories from my childhood are from there. Clean and fresh water in the ocean, many colorful fish and animals in the ocean and so many tourists every year. I was very healthy while I was living there, because of fresh environment. There was no slaughterhouses. Air was so fresh. I used to go every weekend on our farm with my family and harvest vegetables and fruits. All of them were organic and fresh. Now when I moved to California I became unhealthy. It's all because of really bad environment. People get sick easily, because they eat meat. Slaughtering animals for food is unnecessary, because nature has provided ample vegetables, fruits, grains, and dairy products for human sustenance. Slaughtering animals for food is an unnecessary luxury and morally wrong. It's bad for people's health. Meat eaters get sick so easy. Their immune system is very low. Eating meat causes diseases, diabetes, cancer, and many other illnesses. Please save Hawaii from that. If you will build slaughterhouses there, you will be a part of all that what I wrote about. There won't be that many tourists anymore. Fresh beautiful environment will become a nice memory from the past. Please, don't build slaughter houses in Hawaii Fergusson Wahine

## FINTestimony

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
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**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** czalex@op.pl  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Aleksander Czarski  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [czalex@op.pl](mailto:czalex@op.pl)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

Comments:  
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:  
FROM: ALEKSANDER CZARSKI  
RE: SENATE BILL 249

The Hawaiian government is running out of money. Schools and other public services are being cut because the government doesn't have money to support them. Instead of supporting those services, they are giving money to a slaughter house.  
The slaughter house is bad for the environment and kills many species of animals. Also, meat is not good for people's personal health. Therefore, I request to please reject this bill.  
There are many ways that people can eat their food without meat.  
~Aleksander Czarski, a newly married fellow from beautiful Oahu



## FINTestimony

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
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**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** Guarilopez@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Rico Johnson  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [Guarilopez@gmail.com](mailto:Guarilopez@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

**Comments:**

Right now the United States of America is in the middle of a financial crisis and a lot of Americans are either bankrupt, jobless or homeless so by passing this new SENATE BILL 249 the government will be taking the taxes which so many Americans work so hard to pay, and without their permission, spending it on an animal slaughterhouse. In America we have beliefs like veganism and many religions which require people to have nothing to do with the slaughtering of innocent animals. Therefore by passing this bill these people are forced to either go against what they believe in or riot and protest against the government (which may very well happen). On top of all of that we have got the issue of all the environmental hazards which are caused by massive animal factories.  
Rico Johnson from Honolulu

## FINTestimony

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2011 3:10 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** sevakunj8@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM  
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Testimony for FIN 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM SB249

Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Estela Balagtas  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [sevakunj8@gmail.com](mailto:sevakunj8@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

Comments:

Honorable Legislators,

Please do not even have a hearing on this Senate Bill 249. I strongly recommend that this Senate Bill 249 be opposed by everyone for the following reasons:

I love animals and oppose anything or anyone who pushes murdering these innocent beings. We do not need to eat meat. In fact, meat eating causes or aggravates diseases like cancer, diabetes, heart failures or strokes, hypertension, etc. We have fresh, delicious produce like vegetables, fruits and beans, dairy and grains to keep our bodies fit and healthy. Why inflict pain and suffering on animals unnecessarily just so we can taste blood? There are more disadvantages to health, environment and consciousness in meat eating than advantages. It is bad enough to have slaughterhouses legally being operated here but to even have to bail out this failing business with taxpayer's money is too much. To use taxpayer's money to push meat eating is too much.

I am opposed to Senate Bill 249 as it will promote meat eating and is detrimental to the environment. Already located in an environmentally-sensitive area, this slaughterhouse is a dangerous threat to people and the environment as it will discharge its waste into a "pool" so near the ocean. This will only result to ground water contamination and pollution of the ocean. Our beautiful oceans and fertile ground will soon suffer. Our beautiful clean air will be polluted as well as toxic gases like methane from animal waste will be abundant and add to the already serious problem of global warming and climate change.

Worst of all, we will be spending or throwing out money we really don't have enough of to bail out a non-profitable business that poses serious threats and repercussions to health and environment. Is this really a wise thing to do? Is this really beneficial for all citizens and the environment? The vast majority of people like me will be on the losing end as far as I am concerned.

## FINTestimony

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2011 4:02 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** tinrex@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Marie Resurreccion  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [tinrex@gmail.com](mailto:tinrex@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

### Comments:

Dear Government Officials,

I am Marie Resurreccion from Hilo. I am opposed to Senate Bill 249. Please take a moment to read my petition.

We are obviously in hard financial times and should think wisely of spending our citizen's hard earned taxes. Please do not let our efforts go to waste; please do not purchase the slaughterhouse as many of us see it unnecessary, useless and degrading; considering the current financial status of its owner. It is also inhumane and impractical. There is no need for acquiring this slaughterhouse for it does no good. As Government Officials, we expect you to care not only for running systems/operations smoothly, but also for our welfare—not only for the people, but also for animals and nature as well.

Aside from financial factors, I urge you to look into the humane aspect. There is an abundant supply of fresh and natural food source in our country to nourish us and which we should take advantage of. Consuming meat will only result to more sicknesses and deaths, which will eventually bring the economy down.

There are many proofs that meat eating is the current top source of greenhouse gasses, but most people are not aware of that, or do not want to accept that. I am against the meat industry and will not sacrifice the lives of animals just for the want of the tongue. Animals have feelings too; just because we do not take care of them as pets doesn't mean it's alright to kill them.

By the minute, forests all over the world are being depleted just to provide cow grazing areas, which are soon to be sent to one of these slaughterhouses. Moreover, slaughterhouses' wastes are major pollutants to nature around us and our bodies also.

There has been a series of natural disasters recently which are simply out of our control; but we are in charge of other things somehow. By not purchasing this slaughterhouse, it can create ripples of goodness to nature, animals and the citizens' welfare. Please put the money to good use. I am just one of many, but I hope you consider that I made even a little step to write and voice out my plea.

Thank you very much.

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Monday, March 28, 2011 5:13 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** willowhi@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Willow Aureala  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [willowhi@yahoo.com](mailto:willowhi@yahoo.com)  
Submitted on: 3/28/2011

**Comments:**

I strongly and vehemently oppose the passing of this bill! No other state owns a slaughterhouse, and I do NOT want my hard-earned tax money going to pay for this one! As an ethical vegan, I oppose slaughtering animals for food. Not only are there ethical reasons to oppose a slaughterhouse that is state-run, there are environmental reasons as well - slaughterhouses typically produce a lot of nasty waste. Additionally, tax money needs to be allocated elsewhere; there are services and programs being cut that would warrant the funds, not a slaughterhouse. There have been too many bailouts already by the gov't of private businesses. Hawaii should not get in the habit [or even start this trend] with buying this slaughterhouse. More than likely, this slaughterhouse would be a continual drain of tax-payer money, and I vote no!

## FINTestimony

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Monday, March 28, 2011 5:08 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** nesnow@hawaii.edu  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Kevin Nesnow  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [nesnow@hawaii.edu](mailto:nesnow@hawaii.edu)  
Submitted on: 3/28/2011

Comments:

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Monday, March 28, 2011 4:59 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** mauitesol@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Michael Gyori  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [mauitesol@gmail.com](mailto:mauitesol@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/28/2011

**Comments:**

Government ought not take control of an operation that embraces an inhumane life for animals and unhealthy diets.

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Monday, March 28, 2011 4:34 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** evauran@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Eva Uran  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [evauran@yahoo.com](mailto:evauran@yahoo.com)  
Submitted on: 3/28/2011

**Comments:**

As a tax-paying resident of this state, I strongly oppose SB249 because our state budget can't afford it especially when no private company is willing to invest into a slaughterhouse in Hawaii. Why should we taxpayers subsidize a failing industry? We all know that meat is detrimental to our health (even though most people consume it). It would be tantamount to asking the Hawaii legislature to support the construction of a tobacco plant here. Slaughterhouses are bad for the environment (emit stench and pollute nearby water resources) bad for the workers (highest accident rate in the industry), bad for our health, cruel to the animals and unnecessary. Our islands produce wonderful fruits and vegetables. Instead of using land to feed animals, we should feed humans only. Meat is a luxury we cannot afford! Rather allocate that \$1.7 for education as it is of greatest importance and urgency.



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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Monday, March 28, 2011 4:10 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** bridgettelgreenia@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: Yes  
Submitted by: Bridgette Greenia  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [bridgettelgreenia@gmail.com](mailto:bridgettelgreenia@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/28/2011

**Comments:**

This is an ALOHA state, so lets show ALOHA to our animals, by not supporting slaughterhouses in any way. I DONT WANT my tax dollars going to killing animals!!!!!!!!!!

## FINTestimony

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Monday, March 28, 2011 3:57 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** cob\_i@foodnwater.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: COBI KIM  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [cobi@foodnwater.com](mailto:cobi@foodnwater.com)  
Submitted on: 3/28/2011

### Comments:

Dear Legislators,

I am opposed to Senate Bill 249 that will use hard earned taxpayer dollars for the state to purchase a failed and unnecessary slaughterhouse for the following reasons:

We don't have the money. With so many public services being cut, such as schools being closed, workers being furloughed, etc. due to budget short-falls, the last place we should be spending taxpayer dollars is on an unnecessary slaughterhouse.

Taxpayer money shouldn't be used to bail out failing businesses. Taxpayer dollars should not be used to buy and run a slaughterhouse that has been so unsuccessful that nobody in the private sector wants to do it. If the State operates this slaughterhouse through enactment of SB 249 it will likely be a severe ongoing drain on the State budget.

It is bad for people's health. It makes no sense for the state to use taxpayer money to promote a meat-based diet, which has been linked to increased risk of heart disease, diabetes, obesity, cancer, and many other illnesses.

It is bad for the environment. The slaughterhouse is located in an environmentally-sensitive area and poses a serious threat to the environment because it discharges its waste into a "lagoon" located just yards from the ocean. This creates the potential for ground water contamination and pollution of the ocean—contributing to the possible creation of dead zones, coral reef suffocation, and fish depopulation. Additionally, the meat industry is bad for the environment as it is an inefficient use of resources and is the most significant contributor to global warming.

It is bad for the animals. Slaughtering animals for food is unnecessary because nature has provided ample vegetables, fruits, grains, legumes and dairy products for human sustenance. Slaughtering animals for food is an unnecessary "luxury" and is morally wrong.

Please don't schedule a hearing of Senate Bill 249 before the House Finance Committee. If Senate Bill 249 is heard before the Committee, please vote against it.

Yours truly,

Cobi Kim

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
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**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** rainlorain@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Patsy Lorain Rumfield  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [rainlorain@gmail.com](mailto:rainlorain@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/28/2011

**Comments:**

I am very opposed to monies hat are taken from my salary to be in any way supporting the operations and existence of a slaughterhouse. I am voting NO to this bill and encourage my lawmakers to do the same, either that or refund me my taxes that are being paid into the funds for such an atrocity.

## FINTestimony

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Monday, March 28, 2011 2:45 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** justpuckett@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Robert Puckett  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [justpuckett@gmail.com](mailto:justpuckett@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/28/2011

**Comments:**

I am strongly opposed to SB249. I believe that it is ethically questionable and fiscally irresponsible for the state to acquire a slaughterhouse.

## FINTestimony

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**ent:** Monday, March 28, 2011 1:25 PM  
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**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: William Harris, M.D.  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [HARRISMDW001@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:HARRISMDW001@hawaii.rr.com)  
Submitted on: 3/28/2011

Comments:  
SB249 states:

“The legislature has long recognized the benefits of maintaining the viability of the State's beef industry for local consumption”

And what might those benefits be? Increasing the risk to Hawaii citizens for cardiovascular disease, type 2 diabetes, obesity, a host of autoimmune diseases, and the catalogue of catastrophes associated with animal agriculture?

&gt;”in an effort to increase Hawaii's food self- sufficiency and overall sustainability.”

Fine. Why don't we just give the plant farmers, who grow healthy food, a break by simply putting animal ag on the free market where it belongs? If people want to eat meat let them pay the open market price. Plant farmers get next to no ag supports and they get by in spite.

“The legislature also finds that adequate resources are necessary to promote ranching and an increase in cattle production. “

Why? They can't make it on a free market basis, never have, never will, they come begging for legislative bailouts every year without fail, and on top of it are increasing disease rates with their cholesterol and saturated fat laden offerings.

Let 'em sink or swim for God's sake.

Sincerely,

William Harris, M.D.  
1765 Ala Moana Blvd. #1880

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
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**Cc:** ebarker@hawaii.edu  
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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Eric Barker  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [ebarker@hawaii.edu](mailto:ebarker@hawaii.edu)  
Submitted on: 3/28/2011

**Comments:**

This makes no sense in terms of the following areas:

Human health  
Environmental health  
Economic health / fiscal responsibility

Do not allow yourselves to be misled. There is \*nothing\* necessary about this. I have lived without animal based ingredients in my diet for more than half my life and I'm not the only one.

Trends are away from animal based foods, and towards more plant based foods. Why do this?

## FINTestimony

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**ent:** Monday, March 28, 2011 11:02 AM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** jayen2you@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Jan Mitchell  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [jayen2you@yahoo.com](mailto:jayen2you@yahoo.com)  
Submitted on: 3/28/2011

### Comments:

Dear Legislators,

I am opposed to Senate Bill 249 that will use hard-earned taxpayer dollars for the state to purchase a failed and unnecessary slaughterhouse for the following reasons:

We don't have the money. With so many public services being cut, such as schools being closed, workers being furloughed, etc. due to budget short-falls, the last place we should be spending taxpayer dollars is on an unnecessary slaughterhouse.

Taxpayer money shouldn't be used to bail out failing businesses. Taxpayer dollars should not be used to buy and run a slaughterhouse that has been so unsuccessful that nobody in the private sector wants to do it. If the State operates this slaughterhouse through enactment of SB 249 it will likely be a severe ongoing drain on the State budget.

It is bad for the environment. The slaughterhouse is located in an environmentally-sensitive area and poses a serious threat to the environment because it discharges its waste into a "lagoon" located just yards from the ocean. This creates the potential for ground water contamination and pollution of the ocean--contributing to the possible creation of dead zones, coral reef suffocation, and fish depopulation. Additionally, the meat industry is bad for the environment as it is an inefficient use of resources and is the most significant contributor to global warming.

It is bad for people's health. It makes no sense for the state to use taxpayer money to promote a meat-based diet, which has been linked to increased risk of heart disease, diabetes, obesity, cancer, and many other illnesses.

It is bad for the animals. Slaughtering animals for food is unnecessary because nature has provided ample vegetables, fruits, grains, legumes and dairy products for human sustenance. Slaughtering animals for food is an unnecessary "luxury" and is morally wrong.

Please don't schedule a hearing of Senate Bill 249 before the House Finance Committee. If Senate Bill 249 is heard before the Committee, please vote against it.

Sincerely,  
J. Mitchell  
Kailua

## FINTestimony

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Monday, March 28, 2011 5:26 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
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**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Janet Krumpe  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [janet\\_krumpe@yahoo.com](mailto:janet_krumpe@yahoo.com)  
Submitted on: 3/28/2011

**Comments:**

Slaughter houses will be a breeding ground for disease, cruelty and crime. Not wanted on our Hawaii



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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
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**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Laila Spina  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [drlspina@gmail.com](mailto:drlspina@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/28/2011

Comments:

## **FINTestimony**

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
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**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** riki.saks@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Riki Saks  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [riki.saks@yahoo.com](mailto:riki.saks@yahoo.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

Comments:

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**To:** FINTestimony  
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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: F Ideal  
Organization: Individual  
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Submitted on: 3/29/2011

Comments:  
there is no aloha is animal slaughter of any kind

## FINTestimony

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Testimony for FIN 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM SB249

Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
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**Comments:**

I strongly appose my tax dollars going towards the Hawaii Livestock Cooperative's slaughterhouse in Campbell Industrial Park.

## FINTestimony

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Testimony for FIN 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM SB249

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Comments:

## FINTestimony

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Conference room: 308  
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Comments:

## **FINTestimony**

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Testimony for FIN 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM SB249

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Submitted on: 3/28/2011

Comments:

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Testimony for FIN 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM SB249

Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
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Submitted on: 3/30/2011

**Comments:**

I oppose this Bill. In this case, free trade principles should support or kill this business-  
- it shouldn't be forced into operation by the government through tax payers' money.



Frances Young SB249.txt

TO: House Finance Committee

FROM: Frances Young, Kapa'a

RE: Opposing SB 249

I'm asking you to please NOT pass SB249, having to do with the State owning a slaughterhouse. Hawaii is the land of aloha, for all sentient beings, not just humans. Slaughtering innocent animals to feed one's addiction to meat is a huge waste of natural resources. Where is the aloha for the animals? The life of the land is supposedly perpetuated in righteousness here in paradise. Please don't forget that.

Aloha Finance Committee in the House,

Auwe! SB 249 is a piece of garbage. Please don't pass this bill. It's not well thought out, and it doesn't deserve a hearing, much less get passed by the State Legislature. Do we really want to become the laughingstock of the entire country, as the only state who buys and owns a slaughterhouse? Chair Oshiro, please kill this bill. It reeks, it sucks, and is an insult to our collective intelligence. Imua!

Kalani Brown  
Kailua-Kona

Hello and Good day.

**I am writing in opposition of bill SB249.** It is absolutely outrageous! The government does not have the right to take our money in this stealthy manner, and then go on to use it to maintain an establishment that systematically murders animals. To agree to maintain a slaughterhouse is to sign your own death warrant. This sentence is carried out by Mother Nature in the form of environmental disturbances and disease (to name a few). It benefits no one. Aren't there more important issues in our society that need a cut in the scarce government budget? Why does our government make it its business to save a private business like this? Does the government give money towards sustainable agriculture in Hawaii? Perhaps there is more than meets the eye regarding this issue.

No, I refuse to be a part of this bill, SB249. I refuse to let the tax collected off me and my family be used to maintain a slaughterhouse. Please count this as a vote against it.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Nell Tanaka in Honolulu

My dear elected officials:

Please vote NO on SB249!!!! I implore you, I beg you not to pass this bill. It is anti-American to force me, a lifelong vegetarian, to pay for the slaughtering of innocent animals, just to satisfy someone else's taste buds. Look, if you want to eat meat that's your business. But don't force me to subsidize an industry that I find morally offensive.

Very truly yours,

Jack Sasaki  
Waikiki

**Dear members of the House Finance Committee: I'm from Wahiawa and I humbly ask that you vote no on SB249, the infamous slaughterhouse bill. NO, NO, NO.... Our schools are falling apart for lack of funds, our infrastructure is in horrible shape, we can't find money to balance our budget, AND you want to spend my hard-earned tax dollars to buy a slaughterhouse? Get real! I am strongly opposed to this bill, and I hope you will not pass it.**

**Respectfully,  
Mary Whalen**

OpposeBill1249.txt

Dear Legislators,

I am writing to urge you to oppose Senate Bill 249 that will use taxpayer's money to buy a failing slaughterhouse.

Hawaii with it's small land mass should set a precedence to the world that it can preserve it's natural beauty and be environmentally responsible as far as possible.

We all know it takes a tremendous amount of energy, water and land to support animals that are intended for slaughter. Moreover, the waste from raising and slaughtering animals is responsible for more greenhouse gasses than all the motor vehicles in the world according to the UN. The particular slaughterhouse in question is located on an environmentally-sensitive area. The waste water is dumped into an ocean lagoon potentially having a drastic affect on marine life in the lagoon and surrounding areas.

If we are to set an example, we must not use our taxpayer's money to support this slaughterhouse. No other state owns a slaughterhouse.

Please consider this issue and don't schedule a hearing of Senate Bill 249 before the House Finance Committee. If the bill is heard before the Committee, please vote against it. Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truely,

Stephanie DaSilva

March 29, 2011

Hawaii State Senate and House of Representatives:

**TESTIMONY on SB 249 House Draft 1 (HD1)**

**I oppose Senate Bill 249 House Draft 1 (HD1): Appropriates \$1.6 million for Department of Agriculture to acquire a slaughterhouse within the Campbell Industrial Park on the island of Oahu. Effective July 1, 2020. (SB249 HD1)**

I oppose to this legislation for several reasons:

- Negative health effects of eating meat (increased risk of cardiovascular disease, type 2 diabetes, obesity, cancer, and autoimmune diseases).
- Environmental impacts—dead zones, coral reef suffocation, and fish depopulation, livestock grazing is the number one cause of threatened and extinct species.
- Budget crisis—state is currently chasing a \$1 billion deficit, doesn't make sense to subsidize slaughterhouse industry – money should go to schools, roads, affordable housing, health care.
- A slaughterhouse will be a financial drain on the state.
- According to the World Society for the Protection of Animals, there are no other states that own slaughterhouses.

Thank you  
Virginia F. Galang  
92-7116 Elele Street  
Kapolei, HI 96707

**March 29, 2011**

**Dear House Finance Committee members,**

It was with great sadness and anger that I read about the Hawaiian government's plan to buy Hawaii Livestock Cooperative's slaughterhouse in Campbell Industrial Park located at Kapolei.

With 6.3% of the Hawaiian population unemployed, 1/3 of the population being obese, and with the high rate of cardiovascular disease and diabetes, why doesn't the government spend this 1.6 million to help create jobs, and educate Hawaiians to improve their diet by eating less meat and more fruits and vegetables???

Please reconsider .... The Hawaiian people need help. You can help them by investing in their health, and educating them. Do not increase their health problems by giving them more meat, this is what is making them sick!!

Margaret, Waimanalo, HI

oppose



Opposition to Senate Bill 249

3/29/11

To: House Finance Committee members,

From: Carol Lent, Honolulu, HI

I am opposed to Senate Bill 249. I don't want my tax dollars being used for personal gain. Obviously something must be going on. Why would it so easily pass the State Senate and House of Agriculture Committee? Presently the slaughterhouse has been losing money for over 6 years. **Why why why** would Hawaii throw money at this losing investment?

Shouldn't we be spending money for our schools instead?

Every doctor in Hawaii is promoting eating more fruits and vegetables and fewer meat portions daily. Do we want our people to become sicker and sicker and the cost of health care to squander our people's taxes?

Isn't land so valuable in Hawaii that it's use as pasturing for cows a waste of money? Taxes on the land are so high. The only way it will even function is by being subsidized by Hawaii's tax dollars.

Aloha,  
Sincerely,  
Carol Lent

Dear House Finance Committee Members,

I am writing to express my extreme opposition to SB249 that would support the use of taxpayers' dollars to purchase a slaughterhouse. I am shocked to learn that with all the people out of work, cuts to education, and ongoing deficits, that our government would actually support such a bill that would pour millions of dollars – our hard-earned tax dollars – into the purchase of a slaughterhouse. Not only is it a poor use of dollars, it is supporting the slaughter of innocent animals.

Despite my personal belief that slaughterhouses are inhumane and the killing and eating of animals wrong on so many levels; the fact that no one in the private sector is willing to support this business tells me that it is not a wise decision on a business level, and that the financial support of this business would only serve to drain the State budget on a needless investment.

Why would the state consider supporting such a business with tax payers' money, when it is clearly not only bad business, but harmful to our health and to the environment? I understand that the meat industry in general is a profit making business where those in control care little for the health consequences of the nation, but I would hope that my state government would have more ethics and concern for the people they purport to represent.

I implore the committee, please DO NOT support this bill for all of the reasons listed above.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to voice my concern,

Sincerely,

Meg Turner

Dear Sirs,

I am writing this letter to strongly oppose your intent to spend my hard earned tax dollars on a slaughterhouse.

I feel it irresponsible and erroneous that the government would think they can spend a huge amount of tax payer money on a failing slaughterhouse . Dumping taxpayer money into a failing business which is based on death and torture of animals and at the same time taking money away from the living . Our children's education is being pinched and squeezed out of funds , the health of our disabled is being pinched and squeezed-- yet you want to sink all that taxpayer money into a slaughterhouse! So many Americans cannot even get proper health care. I think these priorities would be the first to have your attention and taxpayer monies to help correct problems affecting the quality of life for so many citizens.

A large percentage of the population is against animal slaughter, including myself and my family , yet so much of our money we pay in taxes would be squandered into a business venture that we find inhumane ,and unnecessary. I oppose the spending of a vast amount of taxpayer money on a business that simply adds to and is a known cause of so many problems in society's health and to the environment.

In closing I hope the voice of the people who give you this money through our hard work will be taken serious and you will not be irresponsible and actually use the funds to help people rather that kill animals.

Thank you for your consideration,  
Linda Harvey

Dear Sirs,

It is disheartening to hear that the state is planning to spend \$1,600,000 of our money on a failing business, "*or so much thereof as may be necessary...*" (Huh?) I am a simple person and don't understand the ins and outs of business, but I do remember from school that our market is driven by demand. If the demand for slaughtering cows here is so high, then why did this business fail in the first place? If the outstanding debts are paid off by the state (our taxes), what is to prevent it from failing again?

As a mother to 3 children, I am very concerned about the future. I look at what is healthy for my children, for their environment, for their education and enrichment. How can I prepare them for the future world they will inherit? Some of the challenges our kids face today are, childhood obesity, substance abuse, unhealthy environmental conditions, and lowering test scores. How will the \$1.6 million dollar purchase of this Hawaii Livestock Cooperative's slaughterhouse help solve any of these problems?

I have carefully read the testimonies and letters submitted and I believe that this bill HI SB249 will only cause problems and deplete the state funds further.

**It should not be passed.**

Oppose

Sincerely

Tracy Burmester

Honolulu, HI

Dear House Finance Committee Members,

I oppose the use of taxpayers' money to prop up a failed business such as this slaughterhouse because

1. The state is already cost cutting across so many areas with my own kids school closed one day a week, teachers hours cut and others being forced to take furlough. Hawaii doesn't have the money for this.
2. This slaughterhouse is bad for the environment with waste water sure to make its way into the ocean. Use my money to promote beautiful Hawaii tourism not create industries like this.
3. The government should be supporting industry that helps people live healthier lives not promoting ones that so much medical evidence shows causes heart disease, high blood pressure and cancers etc.
4. Unnecessary killing of animals is wrong. A country that can't peacefully look after its most peaceful inhabitants will never know peace itself. Violence begets violence.

Yours respectfully

Neil Stone

Honolulu

My name is Christine Bond and I am testifying in opposition of SB249. I am a co-founder of Moms Going Green. We are a non-profit organization that encourages and educates moms on being environmentally responsible. The people of Hawaii are proud of their land. Preserving our land is one of the most valuable things to us. Hawaii is one of the rare places in the country, and even the world, with clean air, land, and water.

Raising cattle is one of the most damaging forms of agriculture. In addition to the gaseous emissions and manure products, it causes the most environmental damage of any non-human species through over-grazing, soil erosion, and tropical deforestation. The statistics are all there.

Let's preserve our environment and as our Representatives, I hope that you will show the care and responsibility necessary to protect the land, air, and water of our Hawaiian Islands, and not proceed with SB249.

sb249.txt

Dear reresentatives,

I am very much opposed to sb249. It is surprising to hear that the state is considering using the tax payers money to bail out a failing business of a slaughter house when there are so many other failing areas like the schools, the landfill problems, transportation issues, high utility fees, and of course, health care. Please don't pass sb249. I strongly feel that funding a slaughter house should be the least of our priorities.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Sarns

Dear Legislators,

I am opposed to Senate Bill 249 that will use hard earned taxpayer dollars for the state to purchase a failed and unnecessary slaughterhouse for the following reasons:

**We don't have the money.** With so many public services being cut, such as schools being closed, workers being furloughed, etc. due to budget short-falls, the last place we should be spending taxpayer dollars is on an unnecessary slaughterhouse.

**Taxpayer money shouldn't be used to bail out failing businesses.** Taxpayer dollars should not be used to buy and run a slaughterhouse that has been so unsuccessful that nobody in the private sector wants to do it. If the State operates this slaughterhouse through enactment of SB 249 it will likely be a severe ongoing drain on the State budget.

**It is bad for people's health.** It makes no sense for the state to use taxpayer money to promote a meat-based diet, which has been linked to increased risk of heart disease, diabetes, obesity, cancer, and many other illnesses.

**It is bad for the environment.** The slaughterhouse is located in an environmentally-sensitive area and poses a serious threat to the environment because it discharges its waste into a "lagoon" located just yards from the ocean. This creates the potential for ground water contamination and pollution of the ocean—contributing to the possible creation of dead zones, coral reef suffocation, and fish depopulation. Additionally, the meat industry is bad for the environment as it is an inefficient use of resources and is the most significant contributor to global warming.

**It is bad for the animals.** Slaughtering animals for food is unnecessary because nature has provided ample vegetables, fruits, grains, legumes and dairy products for human sustenance. Slaughtering animals for food is an unnecessary "luxury" and is morally wrong.

Please don't pass this bill out of committee.

Yours truly,

Tracy Sierra



Dear House Finance Committee members,

Re: Senate Bill 249

I am deeply opposed to this BILL.

Why should tax payer's money support the purchase of a heartless business?

Hawaii's environment is suffering enough as it is without the added disposal of waste from such a ruthless business.

Sincerely

Leela May Alexander  
Honolulu

To the house finance committee members

Dear Sir

Please vote against Senate Bill 249.

I don't want my tax dollars being wasted to fund Senate bill 249 to buy a \$\$\$\$losing slaughterhouse that no one in the private sector will buy!!!!

Why don't you spend the money on schools or some other public service instead

Yours Sincerely  
Chris Stokes  
Oahu ,Hawaii.

oppose

Dear Legislator,

I DO NOT want Senate Bill 249 to pass. Taxpayers' money could be put to better use in other ways such as in schools. I am opposed to Senate Bill 249 because there is clearly a shortage of money. A slaughterhouse is absolutely not necessary. Also, as a diligent taxpayer, I don't want my money to be used to bail out failing businesses. I do not want my hard earned money to be used to buy and run a slaughterhouse that has been so unsuccessful that nobody in the private sector wants to run. If the State operates this slaughterhouse through enactment of SB 249 it will likely be a severe drain on the State budget, and let's face it this has been going on for some time now. The slaughterhouse is located in an environmentally-sensitive area and poses a serious threat to the environment because it discharges its waste into a "lagoon" located just yards from the ocean. This creates the potential for ground water contamination and pollution of the ocean—contributing to the possible creation of dead zones, coral reef suffocation, and fish depopulation. This is obviously a detriment to human kind and animals too. Additionally, the meat industry is bad for the environment as it is an inefficient use of resources and is the most significant contributor to global warming. Another reason is that it's bad for people's health. As a vegetarian, I really do not want the state to use my money to promote eating meat. A carnivorous diet has been linked to an increased risk of heart disease, diabetes, obesity, and cancer just to name a few. Slaughtering animals for food is unnecessary because God has provided plenty of vegetables, fruits, grains, legumes and dairy products for human consumption. Slaughtering animals for food is an unnecessary "luxury" and is morally wrong.

Please DON'T pass this bill out of committee. YOU have the power to change things for the better.

Sincerely,  
Amy Villa  
Honolulu, HI

why waste money.txt

To whom this may concern,

I don't have much to say but I hope you can email me back with information how and where I can complain about this bill will pass thorough.

I don't understand why it will be even consider to purchase such a bad business which is loosing so much money.

I hope that people who make this kind of serious decision do answer to someone and can not throw moeny away into hopless business like that, without any responsibility.

Sincirly yours,  
Dariusz Radzik.  
Honolulu Hi.

oppose

Dear Representatives and fellow Hawaiians,

At a time when there are so many sad economic stories going around, I now hear that the State of Hawaii is going to bail out a proven losing business with State funds, i.e. taxpayer's money. The Hawai'i Livestock Cooperative's slaughterhouse in Campbell Industrial Park has already been given more than \$6.5 million to shore up its business losses, and now the State is proposing to buy what remains of the losing business for \$1.6 million.

With so many public services being cut due to budget short-falls, such as schools being closed, workers being furloughed, etc., the last place we should be spending taxpayer dollars is on an unnecessary slaughterhouse. Furthermore, taxpayer dollars should not be used to buy and run a slaughterhouse that has been so unsuccessful that nobody in the private sector wants it i.e. sees business potential in it.

If the business is not making money then its product is not in high enough demand. This is Business 101. When will the State of Hawaii start to learn simple arithmetic and combine it with honesty and integrity by spending where the money will benefit more Hawaiians?

Please do not pass SB 249 and prove to the rest of the world our lack intelligence.

Yours sincerely

Barry Lay

SB249

Dear House Finance Committee Members

I am opposed to Senate Bill 249 which will involve the use of taxpayer dollars to purchase a failed slaughterhouse.

Considering the already overstretched state budget, there are many more pressing needs for the \$1.6 million being set aside to purchase this failed business. The money would be better spent on education and the retention of public service jobs.

The \$1.6 million will just be the beginning of the financial drain on the state's finances. With \$6.5 million already wasted on propping up the Hawaii Livestock Cooperative's slaughterhouse and still it is not a viable financial business. Enough is enough. Time to use the states limited resources in more rewarding ventures. Besides the state really has no business owning and running a slaughterhouse, even if it were a viable venture.

Why go to such extreme lengths to prop up one unprofitable business? What is the motivation behind this? Or is there a plan to assist all businesses in financial difficulty? I think not.

Many members of our society are opposed to the unnecessary slaughter of animals on moral, ethical, religious and environmental grounds. Still others recognise the detrimental effect meat eating has on our health and wellbeing. Taxpayer dollars should be used to benefit all members of society, not just one section.

Sincerely

Rosemary Stokes  
Pearl Harbour

Finance Committee.txt

Dear House Finance members:

Are you guys kidding me? I'm strongly opposed to SB249, and can't believe you're even considering buying a slaughterhouse. I don't care if it's \$1.6 million or one penny. The audacity of the State using my tax dollars to buy a slaughterhouse is not only unconscionable; it is utterly outrageous and ridiculously absurd. I urge you to vote NO on SB 249.

Mahalo for your consideration.

Tammy Nelson

Manoa

my testimony.txt  
Honorable Representatives in the House,

SB249, the bill to approve the state of Hawaii buying and owning a slaughterhouse, is beyond belief. It is ethically wrong, illogical, and pathetic that you are deliberating about this abomination of a bill. I oppose SB 249, my family opposes it, my church opposes it and I sincerely hope it dies a quick death in the House Finance Committee. Come on, politicians you can do better than this.

Sincerely,

Thomas Woolworth  
Big Island



*Dear Legislators,*

I am opposed to Senate Bill 249 that will use hard earned taxpayer dollars for the state to purchase a failed and unnecessary slaughterhouse for the following reasons:

1. **We don't have the money.** With so many public services being cut, such as schools being closed, workers being furloughed, etc. due to budget short-falls, the last place we should be spending taxpayer dollars is on an unnecessary slaughterhouse.
2. **Taxpayer money shouldn't be used to bail out failing businesses.** Taxpayer dollars should not be used to buy and run a slaughterhouse that has been so unsuccessful that nobody in the private sector wants to do it. If the State operates this slaughterhouse through enactment of SB 249 it will likely be a severe ongoing drain on the State budget.
3. **It is bad for people's health.** It makes no sense for the state to use taxpayer money to promote a meat-based diet, which has been linked to increased risk of heart disease, diabetes, obesity, cancer, and many other illnesses.
4. **It is bad for the environment.** The slaughterhouse is located in an environmentally-sensitive area and poses a serious threat to the environment because it discharges its waste into a "lagoon" located just yards from the ocean. This creates the potential for ground water contamination and pollution of the ocean—contributing to the possible creation of dead zones, coral reef suffocation, and fish depopulation. Additionally, the meat industry is bad for the environment as it is an inefficient use of resources and is the most significant contributor to global warming.
5. **It is bad for the animals.** Slaughtering animals for food is unnecessary because nature has provided ample vegetables, fruits, grains, legumes and dairy products for human sustenance. Slaughtering animals for food is an unnecessary “luxury” and is morally wrong.

*Please don't pass this bill out of committee.*

Yours truly,

David Moore

PO Box 1753

Kailua, HI 96734

Committee on Finance Hearing  
Rep. Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair  
Rep. Marilyn B. Lee, Vice Chair

Wednesday, March 30, 2011  
11:00am, Conference Room 308

**Testimony in Opposition to SB 249 HD1**

Aloha Chair Oshiro and Committee members,

I'm testifying in strong opposition to SB 249 HD1. Our economy has been in bad shape for several years and will continue to be on a downward spiral because of the recent tsunami in Japan. We constantly hear that the Legislature is looking at every conceivable tax to help balance the budget and that we don't have the money to give our keiki a quality education, provide decent healthcare, or fix our roads.

This is why many of us in the community are very upset that the state is looking at wasting \$1.6 million to purchase the Hawai'i Livestock Cooperative's (HLC) slaughterhouse in Campbell Industrial Park. This would give Hawai'i the dubious distinction of being the only state in the nation to own a slaughterhouse.

We should be investing in sustainable "green" businesses and initiatives such as the production of organic fruits and vegetables, instead of factory farming. Slaughterhouses are notoriously bad for the environment and engage in the cruel, inhumane practice of unnecessarily butchering animals. Has anyone ever stopped to consider what would happen if a tsunami hit the coastal area where HLC is located and all the waste from their lagoons flowed into the ocean? It would be a disaster!

The HLC has already received millions in state and federal dollars to prop up its operations and it's still unable to pay the bills. According to the Hawai'i Cattleman's Council Inc.'s recent testimony, the HLC is having "financial difficulty" and owes the federal government \$1.4 million.

I urge you to kill this bill and instead direct this precious funding to something that will improve the quality of life for the all the people of our state. It's time for the HLC to stand on its own two feet or close down its operations for good. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify and please consider these points.

Sincerely,

Todd Whitney  
Honolulu

SB249

Dear Members of the Finance Committee:

Please accept my testimony in strong opposition to the use of \$1.6M of taxpayer money to subsidize the inherently unsustainable and non-profitable meat industry. Even with all the monetary government assistance it has received since 1995, the local meat industry has never been able to turn a profit. There must be a reason for that. And since when was it government's role to own and operate a slaughterhouse anyway? Do any other states run slaughterhouses? Is there a plan in place to make it profitable? What would be done to make it profitable? What makes you think you can make it profitable? Or will taxpayers forever have to subsidize?

It is terribly unfair to citizens who prefer a cleaner, healthier, more ecologically sound and sustainable plant based diet to be forced to subsidize an industry that by its nature is dirty, bloody and unkind. The results of medical research and literature encourage more plant based diets and less meat. One of the arguments that supporters of this bill use is that if the government doesn't step in, meat prices will skyrocket. If that is the case, it's a blessing in disguise and people will eat tend to eat less meat and more plant based foods. It is not as if without meat, people will die. That is obviously not the case, as there are millions of healthy vegetarians in this world.

I object to government subsidies that will have the end result of promoting a polluting industry that makes inefficient use of our natural resources, and a meat based diet that is linked to greater risk of cancer, heart disease, etc.

If the state uses \$1.6M to "save" the meat industry, it will be that much less available to support increased home grown diversified agriculture. Please consider what is in the best interests of the people, not the financial interests of a privileged few.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Donna Lay

Dear Legislators,

I am opposed to Senate Bill 249 . Why should our hard earned taxpayer dollars be used by the state to purchase a failed and unnecessary slaughterhouse?

Please consider the following:

Economy is so bad that even schools are being closed. Why then should we be spending taxpayer dollars on an unnecessary slaughterhouse?

Taxpayer money shouldn't be used to bail out failing businesses. Why should taxpayer dollars be used to buy and run a slaughterhouse that has been so unsuccessful that nobody in the private sector wants to do it? If the State operates this slaughterhouse through enactment of SB 249 it will likely be a severe ongoing drain on the State budget.

Why use taxpayer money to promote a meat-based diet, which has been linked to increased risk of heart disease, diabetes, obesity, cancer, and many other illnesses? These diseases in the long run also affect our economy due to the big amount of money needed to be able to provide much needed health service when people are affected by these diseases.

The slaughterhouse is located in an environmentally-sensitive area and poses a serious threat to the environment because it discharges its waste into an area" located just yards from the ocean. This would lead to ground water contamination and pollution of the ocean—contributing to the possible creation of dead zones, coral reef suffocation, and fish depopulation. Also, the meat industry is not good for the environment as it is the most significant contributor to global warming.

Slaughtering animals for food is actually unnecessary because nature has provided ample vegetables, fruits, grains, legumes and dairy products for human sustenance. Slaughtering animals for food is an unnecessary "luxury" and is morally wrong.

Please don't schedule a hearing of Senate Bill 249

House Finance Committee

Wednesday, March 30, 2011 at 11:00 am

**RE: OPPOSE SB 249; Slaughterhouse Bill**

TO: Honorable Chair Oshiro, Vice-Chair Lee and Committee Members

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State ownership of the Hawaii Livestock Cooperative's slaughterhouse is a risky and outlandish plan. The slaughterhouse has already received millions of state and federal dollars, yet continues to struggle financially. The lack of private investors is a clear signal to the Legislature that this is a bad investment for the State of Hawaii, especially at a time when public expenditures are so limited. With the budget constraints we face today, there just isn't room for bailing out businesses.

If enacted, SB 249 would suggest a false image of sustainability. The local slaughterhouse leads consumers to believe the locally butchered meats they are purchasing are locally grown products with a low environmental impact. When, in reality, locally butchered meat offers no environmental benefit when you calculate the carbon footprint of shipping livestock. Furthermore, increasing concerns over the food supply on island have generated sustainability movements that the State reportedly supports. An estimated 85% Hawaii's food supply is imported, including the majority of animals (predominantly pigs) slaughtered at the Hawaii Livestock Cooperative.

Hawaii should be the leader in innovation, not slaughterhouse ownership.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Respectfully,  
Rachel Huff-Wagenborg  
MPA Graduate Student  
University of Hawaii at Manoa

I would like to express my opposition to bill SB249

This bill would set a concerning precedent of government funded animal slaughter here in Hawaii, which causes harm to society both individually and on a global level. There is no actual need for human consumption of meat, there is more than enough foodstuffs available to easily sustain our bodies without the killing of innocent animals. Eating meat is well known to be linked to many diseases, such as cancer and heart disease. It is also uneconomical and exploitative, the amount of resources used in the production of meat is excessive, unnecessarily depleting and polluting our precious environment. Slaughterhouses are cruel and debasing, they are certainly not a type of institution any religious, moral government should condone, let alone fund. Surely our taxpayer's money can be better spent on services that will actually help the people of Hawaii in this time.

Yours faithfully,

Charmaine Atkinson  
Honolulu  
HI

Dear House Finance Committee members.

I am against Senate Bill 249. Spending taxpayer dollars on supporting a Slaughterhouse is completely ridiculous.

The environment could stand to benefit from less meat eating and so could human health and rising cancer incidences. eat is not healthy and not necessary to consume. There are plenty grains, milk, legumes, vegetables, nuts and fruits which supply the body with it's daily nutritional requirements. For every 10 acres of grain and legumes that feed animals, one acre of equivalent grain and lentils can provide humans with the same amount of protein. We don't need to support the slaughter of cows to be able to live comfortably.

Please do not spend taxpayer dollars on Senate Bill 249.

Gwen Anderson  
Oahu

Dear House Finance Committee members:

I am strongly opposed to Senate Bill 249, which would squander taxpayer's money to purchase the Hawai'i Livestock Cooperative slaughterhouse, and urge you to reject this measure.

Why should we taxpayers support an unnecessary, destructive, and *unwanted* business? A business fails because its goods and services are not wanted by the public at large. This enterprise of butchery is failing so badly that no private company is willing to take it over.

Why should taxpayers' money be wasted to prop up a venture which has been losing money for *eight years*? Is the systematic, horrific slaughter of innocent animals so important to you that you will steal taxpayers' money to subsidize it?

With the possible exception of the nuclear industry, the meat industry is the most destructive and inhumane. It's destructive to human health, to the environment and it's wasteful. Nature has provided us with more than ample food; there is no need to murder innocent animals for our sustenance.

The economy is still in a precarious condition; too many schools have been closed thanks to budget shortfalls. There are too many basic, important human needs being overlooked. We simply cannot afford to subsidize some people's taste for blood. Those who must have it should buy the company themselves instead of expecting taxpayers like myself (who have been vegetarian and healthy for over twenty years) to foot the bill.

No other state in the USA owns a slaughterhouse. There is simply no need. Hawai'i emphatically should not undertake such a murderous, environmentally harmful venture. The business has failed; nobody wants it; let it die.

Please do the right thing today. Thank you for your attention.

Yours sincerely,

Greg Moorcroft  
Honolulu



SB249

To Whom It May Concern,

I am concerned about this proposition. It is posing a threat to the economy and well being to the people in general. We the people clearly have no amount of funds, let alone \$1.6 million to pay for a slaughter house, as we continue to lose jobs and go deeper into dept. This, I believe would be a step in the wrong direction. Besides all this, no other state owns slaughter houses. Why make Hawaii the first? Please reconsider and allow Hawaii's true beauty to shine through. If people want to slaughter animals, let them do it with their own money and not mine, or anyone else's.

Thank you for your time,  
Malissa Doyle  
Honolulu, HI

SB 249

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To whom this concerns; I highly object to having my hard earned tax paying dollars put towards supporting the slaughter of animals. I am a vegetarian and it upsets me greatly that people eat animals and I want nothing to do with the support of it...

Shalie Kibler

Honolulu, HI

SB249

To:  
Committee on Finance  
Chairman Rep. Marcus Oshiro

Re: Testifying on SB 249

Dear Mr. Oshiro,

I am appalled to hear that the State of Hawaii is planning to use taxpayer's money to buy and operate a slaughterhouse that has been unable to sustain itself in the private sector. Clearly there are more important and less controversial things that the State of Hawaii should be using taxpayer's money on.

Thank you and best wishes,

Thomas Wolski  
322 Aoloa St, #201  
Kailua HI 96734

**I am opposed to this legislation for several reasons:**

- Negative health effects of eating meat (increased risk of cardiovascular disease, type 2 diabetes, obesity, cancer, and autoimmune diseases).
- Environmental impacts—dead zones, coral reef suffocation, and fish depopulation, livestock grazing is the number one cause of threatened and extinct species.
- Budget crisis—state is currently chasing a \$1 billion deficit, doesn't make sense to subsidize slaughterhouse industry – money should go to schools, roads, affordable housing, health care.
- A slaughterhouse will be a financial drain on the state.

Eliasar Simon

## **FINTestimony**

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Radha Dasa  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [Radhadivine1@gmail.com](mailto:Radhadivine1@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/30/2011

Comments:  
PLEASE STOP THE CRUELTY TO ANIMALS!

## **Opposed to Senate Bill 249**

I feel that Senate Bill 249 is not correct and should not be passed. Our beautiful Hawaii does not need to be spending money unnecessarily, especially when so many are struggling in this economy. This slaughterhouse business has been failing for some number of years and losing money. Why should the state use a tremendous amount of tax payer's money to fund a business that has already proven a failure.

This money could be used to fund so many other beneficial projects in Hawaii, a slaughterhouse not being amongst one of them.

Best wishes,

Kris Fitzgerald

Honorable Legislator,

I strongly oppose Senate Bill 249 as it will use taxpayer dollars to buy a bankrupt unnecessary slaughterhouse. Please read my rationale:

As a taxpayer I think it is not right to use the money of the people to invest on a bankrupt slaughterhouse. Slaughterhouses are threats to the environment and to people. It can bring diseases to people living nearby as well as to our environment. Hawaii is one of the most beautiful places in the world and is known for its beaches. We have a lot of tourists who come and visit. If we set up a slaughter house it will pollute the waters and the air of Hawaii and therefore ruin our state. Therefore I strongly oppose the Senate Bill 249.

Thank you!

Krista Balagtas



*To whom it may concern,*

*I am opposed to Senate Bill 249. Taxpayer dollars shouldn't be used to purchase an unnecessary slaughterhouse. Slaughtering animals for food is unnecessary because nature has provided us vegetables, grains, fruits etc. The meat industry is bad for the animals, our health and the environment.*

*Sincerely,*

*Jaya Ladyong*

To: House Finance Committee Members

I oppose Senate Bill 249 on the grounds that it is not in the interest of the people of Hawaii to bail out a failing business that contributes to environmental degradation to produce a food that has been shown to be unhealthy. Simply a very bad idea. No state owned slaughterhouse!

John Moore

Dear Sirs,

As a teacher for the past 11 years I was very upset to hear about Senate Bill 249. We are currently having difficulty in this nation to find the funding to educate our children and the fact that State of Hawaii's legislature is even considering spending \$1.6 million on Hawaii Livestock Cooperative's slaughterhouse is an outrage. Following are the reasons why this bill **should not be passed**:

1. Is this slaughterhouse necessary? The question is why save this business and not others. How about putting the taxpayers money back into its future by investing not in a failed business, but by investing in its children to educate them properly.
2. As acknowledged by the Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation and Russell Kokubun (Board of Agriculture), the Hawaii Livestock Cooperative has been failing for years and is currently in debt to the U.S. government for \$1.4 million dollars. What reassurances do we have that if the State of Hawaii pays off the slaughterhouse's debt and retools it, the facility will be better managed?
3. The simple economic idea of a demand driven market. The Department of Agriculture has suggested that the demand for fresh meat is so high that this is a good economic investment for the state. However, I question this based on the following: If the demand was so high, why is the slaughterhouse having financial problems?
4. Section 2 of the bill states,  
 "There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$1,600,000 **or so much thereof as may be necessary** for the fiscal year 2011-2012 for the department of agriculture..."  
 I'm very troubled by this statement. How much are we truly going to spend? If the U.S. government is requesting \$1.4 million, this only leaves \$200,000 dollars to retool the slaughterhouse. I believe this bill will cost the taxpayers two to three times as much before it is over.
5. Environmental threat: The devastation in Japan from the recent tsunami has hopefully taught us that we must be very careful of what industries we place on our coast. I believe that location has the potential to cause serious environmental problems for the local community in the future.

Sincerely,

Gregory Schauburger

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Kathryn Metcalf  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [alockofsilvermane@yahoo.com](mailto:alockofsilvermane@yahoo.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

**Comments:**

I feel that the environment can not handle the pollution this will cause, and that The State can not afford to purchase this slaughterhouse when they already are having to drastically cut the educational budget.

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Jule Metcalf  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [mariemariequitecontrarie@yahoo.com](mailto:mariemariequitecontrarie@yahoo.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

**Comments:**

I strongly oppose this considering the financial condition of the state and the environmental impact it will cause.

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
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**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** alex.romba@yahoo.com  
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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Alex Romba  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [alex.romba@yahoo.com](mailto:alex.romba@yahoo.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

### Comments:

Please stop killing the cows because it's bad for the people of Hawaii, and the general population. We need to have schools for our children to learn about our planet and environment, and we want our children to be healthy and not suffer from diabetes, obesity, heart disease and cancer.

Use our tax payer money to open more schools and create jobs, not to kill innocent animals and make us and our children sick.

Alex, Aina Haina, HI

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: John Stewart  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [jsoares108@yahoo.com](mailto:jsoares108@yahoo.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

### Comments:

Dear House Finance Committee members,

I could not believe the news that the Hawaiian government is planning to spend \$1.6 million dollars of our tax money on buying a failing slaughterhouse business in Cameron Park.

Why would the Hawaiian government choose to invest in a business which has been struggling for the last number of years?

Why would the Hawaiian government spend money on promoting an industry which is one of the major causes of cardiovascular disease, stroke, diabetes and cancer??

I hope the government rethinks its decision, I am one of the Hawaiian people who is struggling with my health and could sure use some help and teaching how to eat better and not eat so much meat in my diet.

John, Kaimuki, HI

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
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**To:** FINTestimony  
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**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Nimai Baran  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [nimaibaran@gmail.com](mailto:nimaibaran@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

**Comments:**

I can't believe that a purchase of a slaughterhouse is being considered by the government. This is not an acceptable way to spend hard earned tax dollars. It is undesirable and unwanted by many people. It is something that I strongly oppose.



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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Jimmy Kealoha  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [jivabella@yahoo.com](mailto:jivabella@yahoo.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

### Comments:

Health is our main necessity for achieving our goals in life. Hawaii has a large obese population which can lead to heart disease, diabetes, and high blood pressure. The slaughterhouse in Cameron Park will further increase the number of people who suffer from these diseases.

And what about the suffering of the innocent animals who are brutally slaughtered in order to put the so called 'food' on the table of our beautiful people of our Aloha state.

Please stop this immediately. It's criminal! It's unconstitutional. It's inhumane. It's unjust.

Jimmy, Pearl City, HI

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Jose Resurreccion  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [matleyrex@gmail.com](mailto:matleyrex@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

**Comments:**

Dear Government Officials,

I am opposed to Senate Bill 249. Please think hard about the effects of keeping a slaughterhouse business.

Spending hard-earned money on something unnecessary just isn't right. We are suffering from financial crises, and if tax money is used for the slaughterhouse, it's going to be one other thing you'll have to maintain. It will cost you more dollars in the long run.

Another effect of the slaughterhouse is a meat-based diet, which is the cause of many human illnesses among which are cancer, diabetes and heart disease. Plus, it's not just the people that are affected adversely by slaughterhouses. The environment is also affected—slaughterhouse wastes can contaminate the surroundings. If both ground water and the ocean become contaminated and polluted, even the reefs and fishes will be endangered. Eventually, it will still be us, humans, who will suffer.

Please consider my petition. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,  
Jose Resurreccion of Hilo

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Riana  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [Miles2007@gmail.com](mailto:Miles2007@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

**Comments:**

Fantastic! It's about time we have a local slaughterhouse! This will greatly reduce our dependence on mainland groceries. We are truly taking a step forward! Thanks for all you've done!

## **FINTestimony**

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
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**To:** FINTestimony  
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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Tulası Baran  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [tulasibaran@gmail.com](mailto:tulasibaran@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

**Comments:**

I believe that peoples tax money should not be used to kill innocent animals. This could be bad for the environment and the animals.Please consider this.

## **FINTestimony**

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Dawn Baran  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [dawnbaran@gmail.com](mailto:dawnbaran@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

**Comments:**

I strongly oppose this measure. Tax money should not be spent in this manner. It is not good for the economy, the environment or the animals. This would have a very negative effect in many ways. Please do not support this measure.

## **FINTestimony**

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
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**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** shalieanna@hotmail.com  
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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
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Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [shalieanna@hotmail.com](mailto:shalieanna@hotmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/30/2011

**Comments:**

To whom this concerns, I highly object to having my hard earned tax paying dollars put towards supporting the slaughter of animals. I am a vegetarian and it upsets me greatly that people eat animals and I want nothing to do with the support of it..

Shalie Kibler  
Honolulu, HI

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
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Organization: Individual  
Address:  
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E-mail: [peeweeamy@holani.com](mailto:peeweeamy@holani.com)  
Submitted on: 3/30/2011

Comments:

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Paula Urbach  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [yoorilawson@hotmail.com](mailto:yoorilawson@hotmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/30/2011

**Comments:**

We should not support businesses promoting unhealthy habits of meat eating. Consuming red meat is linked to serious health problems such as cardiovascular disease and cancer. Production of meat is also implicated as environmentally hazardous due to unnecessarily high energy consumption among other issues. Thank you, Paula Urbach, NP, Waianae, HI



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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Fiona Forrest  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [f.e.forrest@gmail.com](mailto:f.e.forrest@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/30/2011

**Comments:**

To whom it may concern,

I was very disturbed and upset to hear about bill SB249 that is trying to be passed. Why should our hard earned tax payers dollars go towards purchasing a slaughterhouse that has been a failing business for so many years? Why don't we put the money where it is actually needed to help citizens. Apparently there is not enough money in our budget so hard workers are being furloughed, schools are closing and tons of cuts are being made in these difficult economic times. But we have an extra 1.6 million dollars to throw away on a failing business????? Who will benefit from this purchase anyways? Obviously not the people that are having their essential services cut due to apparent money shortages. We trust that you spend our money wisely, purchasing this slaughterhouse is not the way to do that!

Sincerely,

Fiona Forrest  
Honolulu

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Allan Lobel  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [allan\\_j\\_lobel@yahoo.com](mailto:allan_j_lobel@yahoo.com)  
Submitted on: 3/30/2011

**Comments:**

It is my opinion that governments should not compete with private enterprise unless there is a sound public policy reason. The acquisition of a slaughterhouse is an inappropriate use of taxpayer funds and an affront to those taxpayers who are morally opposed to the slaughter of animals for food. Particularly where it has been proven that the environmental cost of producing meat far exceeds the cost of supplying products for a grain and vegetable based diet. Allan Lobel

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
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**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** steve@toocrazy.com  
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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Stephen Leckie  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [steve@toocrazy.com](mailto:steve@toocrazy.com)  
Submitted on: 3/30/2011

**Comments:**

I am opposed to Senate Bill 249 that will use taxpayer dollars for the state to purchase a failed slaughterhouse. Surely taxpayer dollars should not be used to buy and run a slaughterhouse that has been so unsuccessful that nobody in the private sector wants to do it.

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
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**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** Rickdiaz11@gmail.com  
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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Jackie Diaz  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [Rickdiaz11@gmail.com](mailto:Rickdiaz11@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/30/2011

**Comments:**

Sadly Hawaii has the distinction of being ranked as one of the worst states for not protecting their animals. Peacock killers, puppy factories, millions of stray animals, pig hunting, dog fights, cock fights (somewhere to bring the whole family to including your kids, place some illegal bets, buy a hotdog and settle in for a night of cruelty, and blood and gore) and a slaughterhouse to boot. Hawaii should be so proud!  
Please don't allow this to happen.

Sincerely,

## FINTestimony

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
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**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** ankhong51@yahoo.com  
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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: An Khong  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [ankhong51@yahoo.com](mailto:ankhong51@yahoo.com)  
Submitted on: 3/30/2011

**Comments:**

Respects to the committee. Im writing to ask you pls vote no on bill to buy slaughterhouse. I am Buddhist, do not harm or eat animals. This is cruel business, cause unneed harm to animals, make people sick, make environment sick. The Buddha teach ahimsa, no violence. You put our money into such bizness, promote animal slaughter, this not do any good to anybody, only result in suffering. Ask you pls not do this, drop the bill. Mahalo.

## FINTestimony

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**To:** FINTestimony  
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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Juliet Craig  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [jacwomble@gmail.com](mailto:jacwomble@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/30/2011

### Comments:

Dear House Finance Committee Members

I just want to state that I would be most unhappy about the idea of tax dollars being used to support a slaughter house.

I personally do not eat dead animals, but even if I did, I do not see why taxpayers should support a business that is failing.

If tax payer dollars are to be used in supporting food production it should be food that will be nutritionally sound.. there are big question marks over whether any meat at all is required in a healthy diet, and research certainly shows that the way it is eaten in our country has detrimental effects.

If tax payer dollars are to be used in any project it should also be shown to be an enviromentally sound project. Discharges from the slaughterhouse endanger the groundwater and potentially pollute the ocean. In addition the meat industry has been shown to be a major contributor to global warming.

If tax payer dollars are to be used they should be used in the most effective and efficient manner... food production via animal flesh is the least efficient method of feeding our population, requiring many time the amount of resources to those required for the production of a diet based on legumes, grains, vegetables etc.

Sincerely,

Juliet Craig  
Hilo

## **FINTestimony**

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**ent:** Wednesday, March 30, 2011 1:07 AM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** lulu.cey@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: LuLu  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [lulu.cey@gmail.com](mailto:lulu.cey@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/30/2011

**Comments:**

NO to purchase of slaughterhouse. State of Hawaii should take that \$\$ to promote a better alternative - Go Vegan!

## FINTestimony

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Rob Uechi  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [alexei@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:alexei@hawaii.rr.com)  
Submitted on: 3/30/2011

**Comments:**

Dear Legislators,

I am opposed to Senate Bill 249 that will use hard earned taxpayer dollars for the state to purchase a failed and unnecessary slaughterhouse for the following reasons:

1. We don't have the money. With so many public services being cut, such as schools being closed, workers being furloughed, etc. due to budget short-falls, the last place we should be spending taxpayer dollars is on an unnecessary slaughterhouse.
  2. Taxpayer money shouldn't be used to bail out failing businesses. Taxpayer dollars should not be used to buy and run a slaughterhouse that has been so unsuccessful that nobody in the private sector wants to do it. If the State operates this slaughterhouse through enactment of SB 249 it will likely be a severe ongoing drain on the State budget.
  3. It is bad for people's health. It makes no sense for the state to use taxpayer money to promote a meat-based diet, which has been linked to increased risk of heart disease, diabetes, obesity, cancer, and many other illnesses.
  4. It is bad for the environment. The slaughterhouse is located in an environmentally-sensitive area and poses a serious threat to the environment because it discharges its waste into a "lagoon" located just yards from the ocean. This creates the potential for ground water contamination and pollution of the ocean—contributing to the possible creation of dead zones, coral reef suffocation, and fish depopulation. Additionally, the meat industry is bad for the environment as it is an inefficient use of resources and is the most significant contributor to global warming.
  5. It is bad for the animals. Slaughtering animals for food is unnecessary because nature has provided ample vegetables, fruits, grains, legumes and dairy products for human sustenance. Slaughtering animals for food is an unnecessary "luxury" and is morally wrong.
- Please don't pass this bill out of committee.

Yours truly,  
Rob Uechi



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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
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**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: Yes  
Submitted by: William Harris, M.D.  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [HARRISMDW001@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:HARRISMDW001@hawaii.rr.com)  
Submitted on: 3/30/2011

### Comments:

I thank the House Finance committee for hearing my testimony. I am Dr. William Harris and I spent 35 years in a local emergency clinic treating sick meat eaters. After retirement I collected 120 MB of peer reviewed scientific references linking animal food consumption to cardiovascular disease, obesity, types I and II diabetes, 6 types of cancer, renal disease, and a number of autoimmune diseases such as rheumatoid arthritis and lupus erythematosus.

At present there are no scientifically trained nutritionists recommending the consumption of more animal food and any such advertisements come from the meat and dairy lobbies, which are linked together like Siamese twins.

The USDA and the American Dietetic Association are both backing the 5-A-Day program advising five servings a day of pigmented fruits and vegetables. This is because the nutrients essential for humans are photosynthesized only by green plants and microorganisms. Eating animals may acquire those nutrients but only 2nd hand and with a generous portion of cholesterol, saturated fat, and autoimmunogenic protein, all having adverse health effects.

In addition, only plant foods contain the phytonutrients and antioxidants that suppress the diseases mentioned above. The USDA lists no animal foods at all in its Oxygen Radical Absorbance Capacity tables (ORAC).

Animal agriculture never holds its own on the free market for immutable principles of biochemistry, physics, and thermodynamics. The percent Protein:Calorie loss ratios: Eggs 78:82, Milk 75:85, Chicken 77:88, Pork 86:86, Beef 96:97 (which means that if you feed plant food to a steer it will waste 96% of the protein and 97% of the Calories that could have been processed into food for humans). Lamb comes in at 97:98 Ref: Scientific American Human Nutrition (monograph) ISBN 0-7167-0183-9 p 35.

This probably explains why the Hawaii legislature is bombarded on a yearly basis with pleas from the animal agriculturists in the most inflated language. For instance HB 2547 of 1997 stated that a new Ewa slaughterhouse was needed because "continuation of the livestock industry is critical to the State's economy." I checked the figures from DBEDT and the Hawaii Department of Agriculture and found that only .15 % of the 1996 Hawaii GSP was from animal agriculture sales and that in the years back to 1975 it had never even risen as high as .35%.

This year's SB249 wishes the taxpayers to shell out another \$1.6 million on a moribund slaughterhouse that started out in 1999 with a \$10 million Special Purpose Revenue Bond. It was built and subsequently mismanaged to the point of default and decrepitude.

For the health of Hawaii's citizens, I request that SB249 be defeated and that the Hawaii Livestock Cooperative be subjected to the same market forces that regulate the bountiful and healthy Hawaii plant foods that make it on their own on the free market. Thank you.

## FINTestimony

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 30, 2011 12:24 AM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** farney50@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: June Farndon  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [farney50@yahoo.com](mailto:farney50@yahoo.com)  
Submitted on: 3/30/2011

**Comments:**

Aloha Mr. Chairman & Committee Members. I feel extremely outraged that you are allowing this Senate Bill 249 to quietly and wholeheartedly pass through your hearings without even a boo. You've spent over \$6 million of our tax dollars on this failing business, and now you want to spend another \$1.6 million to buy it and fix it up? If your goal is to increase Hawaii's food self-sufficiency and overall sustainability, then why not invest in more economical options, like using the land to increase our food production? Why not invest more into Hawaii's abundant natural energy resources to reduce our dependency on outside energy sources? The only people a slaughterhouse benefits are those who eat meat, but with Hawaii being so multi-cultural and Asian influenced, a large portion of its population eats very little to no meat at all. Why should they pay for something they don't need and which they abhor? There are far more economical, healthier, environmentally-friendly, safer, and compassionate ways to increase Hawaii's food self-sufficiency. I would be grateful to know why you are so eager to push this bill through and waste our money on such an expensive venture when you have already limited so many other vital services from the state budget which are of far greater importance. Please oppose this bill SB 249. We cannot afford it. Sincerely, June Farndon, Kaimuki

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2011 11:59 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** sandra.jennings448@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Sandra Jennings  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [sandra.jennings448@gmail.com](mailto:sandra.jennings448@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

### Comments:

Dear Members,

I wish to express my concern regarding Senate Bill 249 and the proposal to purchase a slaughterhouse. Many of my colleagues and friends consider this move to be unnecessary and counterproductive. It would certainly be the case that a slaughterhouse would not be in the best interests of our economy, health or environment. In the current economic climate, there are many services that are begging for funding. To fund a slaughterhouse is not an essential service for our health or well-being. Promoting a meat-based diet is certainly not leading the way to a healthy nation. Evidence supports the premise that health conditions such as increased bowel and stomach cancers, heart disease and other illnesses are related to over consumption of meat. Additionally, the location of a slaughterhouse is a serious threat due to the run-off and discharge threatening water contamination and ocean pollution.

Furthermore, animal slaughter is inhumane and cruel.

We request that serious consideration be given to the views of people in our area regarding this proposal.

Yours sincerely  
Sandra Jennings

## FINTestimony

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
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**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** radhadg@hotmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Radha das Gibons  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [radhadg@hotmail.com](mailto:radhadg@hotmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

**Comments:**

Aloha Chairman Oshiro and Members of the Committee,

Namaste. I have learned of your bill SB 249 to buy into a local slaughterhouse. Though I am not fully aware of the reasons behind it, I am assuming the proposed purchase is for business interests only. I am writing to hopefully give some insight into the spiritual repercussions of such an endeavor, as I'm sure you've already received lots of testimony regarding the physical health repercussions of such a bill.

In various scriptures throughout the world, including the Holy Bible, God has ordained that the killing of animals, especially cows, is very displeasing to Him and therefore forbidden, and that He has already given us every type of food we need for our complete sustenance and survival. Failure to follow God's laws causes undesirable consequences upon mankind and the planet as a whole. The law of "karma" states that for every action there is a reaction, either good or bad. As Lord Jesus said, "As you sow, so shall you reap." The scriptures confirm that the killing of animals, especially cows, creates unimaginable bad karma not only for those who kill the animals (slaughterhouses), but also for those who promote the killing of the animals (the meat industry and those who fund it), for those who sell the meat, and finally for those who buy and eat the meat. The more a country, or a state (for example) engages in the killing of animals, the more bad karma is reaped by that country or state, and the more suffering its people will have to endure in the form of natural disasters, extreme weather, diseases, and so on. You only need look at all the earthquakes, tsunamis, floods, droughts, diseases, extreme weather changes, etc. going on in the world today to see how material nature will not tolerate our destructive behavior and cruelty to other living beings. The ever increasing occurrence of such natural disasters is not by coincidence. The more we break God's laws, the more suffering we incur upon ourselves. Even from a more scientific or ecological point of view, this is not very hard to understand. Mother Earth has very clearly defined ecosystems that are in fact completely perfect. Every time we introduce something "unnatural" into our ecosystems (e.g., GMOs, mass killing of animals, mass destruction of trees, nuclear power—the list is endless), the fine balance existing in our oceans, waterways, land, air, and atmosphere is disturbed, and the ecosystems either severely crippled or completely destroyed.

The key spiritual factor behind all that I've said is that all living beings (be they human, animal or plant) are children of God and belong to God. He is the owner or proprietor of everything and everyone. The Sri Ishopanishad says: "Everything animate or inanimate that is

within the universe is controlled and owned by the Lord." In other words, we do not have the right to kill God's animals. And if we do, we are automatically displeasing to Him; and through His laws of material nature, we will have to pay the price in one way or another. This is also the real purport of the Lord's commandment "Thou shalt not kill", not that "Thou shalt not kill only human beings."

Whether you appreciate or believe what I have submitted or not will not change the truth. These truths have been handed down since time immemorial from God Himself. I humbly share them with you in the hope that it may cause you to go into your heart and ask God yourself what is pleasing, and to find the strength and courage then reject this bill. This will be a step in the right direction of protecting the spiritual well-being of the people you serve, and in turn their physical, mental and emotional well-being as well.

Namaste,

Radha das Gibons  
Honolulu, HI

## FINTestimony

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2011 11:04 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** thegoodlife108@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Mark and Alexandra  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [thegoodlife108@gmail.com](mailto:thegoodlife108@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

**Comments:**

To the House Finance Committee members,

My wife and I are writing you to lodge our objections to Senate Bill 249 on the grounds that we don't want taxpayer dollars wasted by the government purchasing the Hawaii Livestock Cooperative's slaughterhouse.

We object to this bill because it is immoral for the government to spend this large amount of money bailing out a failing business, which is based on animal cruelty, when the money could be better spent directly supporting those who have been affected by these hard economic times as the result of budget cuts.

Mark and Alexandra  
Waianae

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
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**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** tfw108@yahoo.com  
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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Thomas Wolski  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [tfw108@yahoo.com](mailto:tfw108@yahoo.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

**Comments:**

I am appalled to hear that the State of Hawaii is planning to use taxpayer's money to buy and operate a slaughterhouse that has been unable to sustain itself in the private sector. Clearly there are more important and less controversial things that the State of Hawaii should be using taxpayer's money on.



## **FINTestimony**

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
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**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** dsm\_tdesper@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Tamae T. Desper  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [dsm\\_tdesper@yahoo.com](mailto:dsm_tdesper@yahoo.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

Comments:

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2011 10:14 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** aloha1950@hotmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Ellen Abrams  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [aloha1950@hotmail.com](mailto:aloha1950@hotmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

**Comments:**

Fellow Humans, please i beg you not to use my nad others taxes to support the slaughtering of cows in beautiful Hawaii. Please do not tarnish our state with such a reputation. I do not want to pay for the killing of these creatures that the Big Island gives my sister tax benefits for every cow she keeps on her land. It makes no economical, ecological, or humanitarian sense to fund a slaughterhouse with tax monies we do not want to use for this awful purpose please. Begging your mercy & understanding, Mahalo

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2011 9:35 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** farrah@hawaii.edu  
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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Farrah Truong  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [farrah@hawaii.edu](mailto:farrah@hawaii.edu)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

Comments:

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2011 9:33 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** robyn488@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: robyn hansen  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [robyn488@gmail.com](mailto:robyn488@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

**Comments:**

To the House Finance Committee members;

I am lodging my disagreement to the senate bill 249 that will enable the government to buy a failed slaughterhouse business.

It is wrong for the government to

1. Fund private businesses with tax payers dollars
2. It is an unnecessary and wasteful use of tax payers money which should be used for schools, hospitals, and other public necessities, especially in the falling economy at present.
3. Slaughtering animals increases bad health for those who eat the meat and for the environment.

Please prevent this bill from being passed Faithfully Robyn Hansen Honolulu

## FINTestimony

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
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**Cc:** forfrodo2004@yahoo.com  
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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Patricia Bentley  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [forfrodo2004@yahoo.com](mailto:forfrodo2004@yahoo.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

**Comments:**

I oppose the establishment of a slaughter house in Kapolei. I understand that taxpayer money will be used to finance the building, and we are far too stretched financially now. Use the money to enrich education.

## FINTestimony

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2011 9:30 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** jeevis@hotmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Jim Hayes  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [jeevis@hotmail.com](mailto:jeevis@hotmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

**Comments:**

I am strongly opposed to Senate Bill 249. With so many cut backs already being forced upon the government in these hard times why should it be investing in a failing enterprise such as this. It is wrong on so many fronts, among which are the environmental implications, the huge over-weight issue faced by so many of our fellow citizens. There is also the fact that the Government is meant to represent the people, and as such should not be involved in activities that are not supported by ALL of it's people. I urge you all to vote to oppose this terrible bill.

Jim Hayes  
Honolulu

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2011 8:55 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** soph\_arsenault@hotmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: sophie rezendes  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [soph\\_arsenault@hotmail.com](mailto:soph_arsenault@hotmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

**Comments:**

We need to keep kapolei a beautiful and cruelty free place!

## **FINTestimony**

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2011 8:46 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** jeevis@hotmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Jim Hayes  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [jeevis@hotmail.com](mailto:jeevis@hotmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

**Comments:**

I am strongly opposed to Senate Bill 249. With so many cut backs already being forced upon the government in these hard times why should it be investing in a failing enterprise such as this. It is wrong on so many fronts, among which are the enviromental implications, the huge over-weight issue faced by so many of our fellow citizens. There is also the fact that the Government is meant to represent the people, and as such should not be involved in activities that are not supported by ALL of it's people. I urge you all to vote to oppose this terrible bill.

Jim Hayes  
Honolulu



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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Michelle Yoshioka  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [mcyosh@hawaiiantel.net](mailto:mcyosh@hawaiiantel.net)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

Comments:

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2011 8:29 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Courtney Thorn  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [thorn.courtney@yahoo.com](mailto:thorn.courtney@yahoo.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

Comments:

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2011 8:27 PM  
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**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Nancy Roemer  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [nlromer@aol.com](mailto:nlromer@aol.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

### Comments:

Please don't waste the dollars we don't have on a business that makes no money. Let it fold. Tonight's news was all about how are we going to find the money to run our Hawaii government. Purchasing a failing business is not a solution but just adds to the problem. I live in Makakilo which has many problems thanks to Campbell estates. Don't throw away my hard earned tax dollars.

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2011 8:26 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** mkeliiliki@hawaii.rr.com  
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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Michael Keliiliki  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [mkeliiliki@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:mkeliiliki@hawaii.rr.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

Comments:

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2011 8:24 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
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**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Hira Ohana  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [hiramomie@yahoo.com](mailto:hiramomie@yahoo.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

**Comments:**

Aloha Committee Members,

It is with great disappointment that we write this testimony. Our family are vegetarian and does not approve of our very hard-earned taxpayer dollars being used to fund or purchase a slaughterhouse or any other business interest for the killing of poor innocent animals. All animals have a God-given right to live. They are not ours to kill, and there is no need for us to kill them (our family is proof of that). Animals are our friends. They are completely helpless and dependent upon human beings for protection. Over half the world's population is vegetarian for one reason or another, be it health, socio-economic, religious, compassion or another reason. More and more in the US (including Hawaii), people are turning to a plant-based diet because their health is so poor and they are sick and tired of feeling sick and tired. Sadly Hawaii keiki have one of the highest rates of obesity and diabetes in the nation. We wholeheartedly approve of our hard-earned taxpayer dollars being used to support and promote local programs that teach health and diet options based on a vegetarian-based diet. So we ask that you therefore oppose Senate Bill 249, and support these local programs instead.

God bless the animals!

Mahalo & aloha,

Momie Hira (for the Hira Ohana)

-Big Island

## FINTestimony

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2011 8:23 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** margiek@hawaii.rr.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Margaret Keliiliki  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [margiek@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:margiek@hawaii.rr.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

Comments:

## **FINTestimony**

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**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** dvrsi@ymail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Debbie Mayer  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [dvrsi@ymail.com](mailto:dvrsi@ymail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

**Comments:**

On behalf of not only Hawai'i but our entire planet, I am opposed to the cruel, wasteful, morally wrong and completely unnecessary slaughterhouse business. I am outraged that Hawai'i state government is planning to purchase a slaughterhouse, with taxpayer dollars, of course!  
-Debbie Mayer

## FINTestimony

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
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To: FINTestimony  
Cc: eliasarsimon@netscape.net  
Subject: Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Eliasar Simon  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [eliasarsimon@netscape.net](mailto:eliasarsimon@netscape.net)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

### Comments:

I am opposed to this legislation for several reasons:

1. Negative health effects of eating meat (increased risk of cardiovascular disease, type 2 diabetes, obesity, cancer, and autoimmune diseases).
2. Environmental impacts—dead zones, coral reef suffocation, and fish depopulation, livestock grazing is the number one cause of threatened and extinct species.
3. Budget crisis—state is currently chasing a \$1 billion deficit, doesn't make sense to subsidize slaughterhouse industry - money should go to schools, roads, affordable housing, health care.
4. A slaughterhouse will be a financial drain on the state.



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**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** alikona647@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Alison Cannon  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [alikona647@yahoo.com](mailto:alikona647@yahoo.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

Comments:

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
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**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** mallika\_dd@hotmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

Testimony for FIN 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM SB249

Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: mallika pedersen  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [mallika\\_dd@hotmail.com](mailto:mallika_dd@hotmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

**Comments:**

I strongly oppose this bill. Not only are slaughterhouses appalling but for us to have no say if our money goes towards this business is equally appalling.  
Thankyou.

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2011 7:26 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** dianeblastic@hotmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Diane Blastic  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [dianeblastic@hotmail.com](mailto:dianeblastic@hotmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

**Comments:**

A state run slaughterhouse is not what our state needs. This also opens the door to animal abuse. Please do not pass this bill.

## FINTestimony

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
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**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** lucile@hawaii.edu  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: comments only  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Lucile M. Roberts  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [lucile@hawaii.edu](mailto:lucile@hawaii.edu)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

Comments:

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
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**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** emakani@mail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Sal Makani  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [emakani@mail.com](mailto:emakani@mail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

### Comments:

Aloha House Representatives,

In the interests of the health of the Hawaiian people, I ask that you please reject Senate Bill 249 to purchase a slaughterhouse. We have no need for such a thing. Our people are already so sick from a diet that contains primarily meat. Our people used to be strong, sturdy, healthy and able to endure great fatigue. Their diet was simple: high starch/fiber, low saturated fat, low sodium and low cholesterol. Their main sources of protein were fish and other seafood, and birds. The rest of their diet was plant-based with all varieties of fruits and vegetables. Even though they sometimes ate meat, they didn't need it and weren't dependent on it. They were living proof of what worked. Today, our people are obese, unhealthy and dying young. They are uneducated. They need your help and support. Our local farmers are struggling also, and some of them having to fight with the unethical GMO industry because their crops are being polluted. They need your help and support to protect local agriculture against the big corporations. Hawaii is in need, not for a slaughterhouse, but for protection of what she already has. Please take heed.

I ask again, please reject SB 249 and open your hearts to Hawaii's true needs.

Mahalo,  
Sal Makani  
(Maui)

## FINTestimony

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**It:** Tuesday, March 29, 2011 6:03 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** drumrgeek@hotmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Peter Swift  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [drumrgeek@hotmail.com](mailto:drumrgeek@hotmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

### Comments:

To start with, being a resident in Kalihi I would hate to see the islands' resources which are lessening by the day go to something so wasteful such as a slaughter house. It would use so much of the islands' precious water that we should protect. The waste from the facility that would be put into a lagoon near the ocean could potentially cause damage to our coral reefs and kill off many of our native marine life.

Secondly, as we all can see today that diseases like diabetes, cancer, heart disease and obesity are all on the rise in society today. Eating a meat-based diet has been linked to causing if not majorly adding to the problem on numerous studies. So using this money for a slaughterhouse should be the last place the government should put it if it wants to do something about this problem.

For the health of our Island and our People, please don't schedule a hearing of SB249 before the Hawaii Finance Committee. If Senate Bill 249 is heard before the Committee, Please vote against it..

Aloha,  
Peter Swift

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m: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
nt: Tuesday, March 29, 2011 6:02 PM  
To: FINTestimony  
Cc: bfcoons@aol.com  
Subject: Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Barbara Coons  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [bfcoons@aol.com](mailto:bfcoons@aol.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

### Comments:

Please do not pass this bill, SB249, in which we will pay out \$1.6 million to the Hawaii Livestock Cooperative. This would be an environmental disaster, leading to waste being dumped into the ocean nearby, among other things. Also, why would the State purchase this slaughterhouse when we are so short of money?

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
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To: FINTestimony  
Cc: tapsells@hotmail.com  
Subject: Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Tapsell Family  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [tapsells@hotmail.com](mailto:tapsells@hotmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

### Comments:

Dear Legislators,

We are writing concerning the matter of Senate Bill 249 which would allow the State's purchase of the slaughterhouse in Campbell Industrial Park. In introducing this bill, we wonder if the due diligence has been done in terms of the damaging effects the slaughterhouse will have on our very sensitive and already threatened Hawaii environment. There are numerous slaughterhouses throughout the nation that have caused severe damage to local environments, airways, agriculture, and the ozone layer. This slaughterhouse poses a similar threat to Hawaii. Its location threatens our oceans and ground water with contamination. Our coral reefs and sea life—Hawaii's greatest natural treasure—will be faced with great harm. Our biggest source of income, Tourism, will gradually be affected due to our wrong decisions. And greenhouse gasses coming from slaughterhouses is known to be the #1 cause of global warming. Who of you will take responsibility for protecting Hawaii?

Please oppose SB 249 which is nothing but a dangerous and unnecessary threat to our environment and people. Let's protect Hawaii, not further destroy it, so that our future generations may be able to enjoy it as well as learn from our example.

Mahalo nui loa,  
Tapsell Family (Kapolei)



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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Leilani Clark  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [hawaiiqh@gmail.com](mailto:hawaiiqh@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

### Comments:

Negative health effects of eating meat (increased risk of cardiovascular disease, type 2 diabetes, obesity, cancer, and autoimmune diseases).  
Environmental impacts—dead zones, coral reef suffocation, and fish depopulation, livestock grazing is the number one cause of threatened and extinct species.  
Budget crisis—state is currently chasing a \$1 billion deficit, doesn't make sense to subsidize slaughterhouse industry - money should go to schools, roads, affordable housing, health care.  
A slaughterhouse will be a financial drain on the state.

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
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**To:** FINTestimony  
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**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Mo Ramos and Family  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [Mobish94@gmail.com](mailto:Mobish94@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

**Comments:**

Mahalo Legislators,  
Our whole family will not support the SB 249. A slaughterhouse will benefit few and harm everyone. Why use our money to salvage a failing business? Use the money to benefit the majority of the community. Use it for hospitals, retirement homes, schools, social security. Not a slaughter house. Our money should go where it is most needed. Let us protect our ohana.  
Mo Ramos and Family, Kauia

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
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Cc: one4shana@gmail.com  
Subject: Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Shana Okuda  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [one4shana@gmail.com](mailto:one4shana@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

Comments:

I graduated from Wai'anae High School in 1990.

I am a registered voter in the state of Hawai'i.

I pay my taxes.

Oppose the passing of the Slaughterhouse Bill SB249 because:

1) the documentary Food, Inc. (<http://www.takepart.com/foodinc>)

2) support sustainability like Community Gardens instead  
(<http://hawaiigardening.blogspot.com/2009/01/community-gardens-of-oahu.html>).

3) How well a society treats its elders, disabled population, and livestock determines the way, in spite the stratification, we have to look forward to being treating--hidden from view and left hanging.

Thank you for your attention,  
Shana Okuda  
P.O. Box 1451  
Aiea, HI 96701  
808-699-1096

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
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**To:** FINTestimony  
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**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Lisa Brown  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [lilsis@hotmail.com](mailto:lilsis@hotmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

**Comments:**

Dear Legislators,

I strictly go against the Senate Bill 249.

We don't have enough money to support this. Not only is it completely unnecessary, but with how bad the economy is, it is pathetic. We have people walking around jobless and kids not going to school. The government just doesn't have enough money, so how could they even make a house to live in? They can't make homes so what to speak of slaughterhouses? It's just useless. It's just money wasted on a big facility for nothing. Money is just being wasted when it could be used for something else. If the government really does say yes to this bill, it will be just a waste. The economy is bad enough, money does not have to be wasted and thrown around.

Lisa Brown from Lihue

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2011 5:38 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Laurie Hanan  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [lauriehanan@somewhereinparadise.biz](mailto:lauriehanan@somewhereinparadise.biz)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

Comments:

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m: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
t: Tuesday, March 29, 2011 5:37 PM  
To: FINTestimony  
Cc: bobnjean1@hotmail.com  
Subject: Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Bob and Jeanne Muir  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [bobnjean1@hotmail.com](mailto:bobnjean1@hotmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

### Comments:

To: House Finance Committee

Aloha Committee Members. We are puzzled as to why the State is getting into the business of private business. To our knowledge, we do not elect our legislators to use our taxpayer dollars to buy into local private businesses, or to fork out failing private businesses. With all due respect, we'd like to remind you of the promises you made to us on all the issues we told you we cared about when we elected you? We know for a fact that a slaughterhouse was not on your list of issues.

Please just let private business take care of itself and focus on the issues that we (the people) really care about. This is why we elected you, not for outside corporate interests. Please do not waste our money in this way. Please reject Senate Bill 249.

Mahalo,  
Bob and Jeanne Muir  
(Hawaii Kai)

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**At:** Tuesday, March 29, 2011 5:19 PM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** iceynite@hotmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Karen Almeida  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [iceynite@hotmail.com](mailto:iceynite@hotmail.com)  
Submitted on: 3/29/2011

**Comments:**

I am against Senate Bill 249. We as a community pay taxes, knowing it will be used for positive things like education, libraries, and parks. But if we knew that our money is going towards killing animals and destroying the environment, we become filled with compassion and sorrow. Schools are closing because there is not enough funds. So why buy a business which is already failing?

our money wisely pls legislators.

Karen Almeida, Molokai

I am writing to express my *vehement* opposition to Senate Bill 249, to purchase Hawai'i Livestock Cooperative's slaughterhouse in Campbell Industrial Park at Kapolei on Oahu. First of all, we are in a recession. Many people have lost their jobs and many people, my family included, are struggling to make ends meet. Budgets are being cut, public services are being cut, and schools are being closed. This purchase would be a terrible and wasteful expenditure of my tax dollars. Furthermore, this particular slaughterhouse is an economic loser. It has been losing money for years and no one in the private sector will spend a dime on it. Exactly how is throwing scarce tax dollars at a losing business good for Hawaii?

Secondly, as a vegetarian, I am very strongly opposed to killing animals, especially cows. You represent me and my interests, and using my tax money to kill cows in a slaughterhouse is the exact opposite of my interests. Eating meat is completely unnecessary for human health and nutrition, and results in so many detriments, especially to the poor cows who are mercilessly tortured and slaughtered. I am not alone in this position.

Thirdly, eating meat, especially beef, has been shown time and time again by reputable scientific studies to result in a plethora of diseases, including heart disease, obesity, cancer, diabetes, etc. The state of Hawaii should govern so as to promote health, not to create illness. Purchasing and operating a slaughterhouse will promote sickness in our society. You have no business doing such a thing.

Finally, slaughterhouses in general, and this one in the Campbell Industrial Park in particular, are terrible polluters, and this slaughterhouse is in an environmentally sensitive area. It stores its waste in a pond right next to the ocean, creating the potential to contaminate ground water and pollute the ocean, resulting in fish kills and coral reef kills. Aside from that, the beef industry is a leading producer of greenhouse gases, which cause global warming.

There is no good reason to use my tax money to purchase a slaughterhouse and I *very strongly* urge you to vote against this bill. I will remember your actions, and those of the other legislators, the next time you need my support.

Very truly yours,  
Daci Jett, Maui



March 29, 2011

Dear Committee members,

I strongly oppose the use of our tax dollars to support an industry that has brought devastating results for health, the environment and the humane treatment of animals.

Statistics have shown, industrialized factory farming contributes to increased risk of heart disease, type 2 diabetes, obesity, cancer and autoimmune diseases for human health, contributes to dead zones, coral reef suffocation, fish depopulation, etc. for the environment and it is inherently cruel to the animals. I don't wish to raise my children in a neighborhood that breeds insanitation, diseases, environmental pollution, violence and extreme cruelty.

Our state is in a serious financial crisis, a \$1 Billion deficit! Why are we throwing away tax dollars on a failing business that shouldn't have been there in the first place? Our money should go to schools, roads, affordable housing and health care. A slaughterhouse will be a financial drain on the state, which it can't afford to sustain.

I urge you to consider these reasons for opposing SB 249 and help provide a safer, cleaner, kinder and more peaceful environment for us to raise our families in Kapolei and nearby districts.

Mahalo!

Ori Ann Li

Resident of Kapolei

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 30, 2011 9:59 AM  
**To:** FINTestimony  
**Cc:** hilleryhanby@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Hillery Hanby  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [hilleryhanby@yahoo.com](mailto:hilleryhanby@yahoo.com)  
Submitted on: 3/30/2011

**Comments:**

I strongly oppose SB 249 - tax payer moneys should NOT be used to support a constantly failing business.

## **FINTestimony**

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**t:** Wednesday, March 30, 2011 10:12 AM  
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**Cc:** lts@lj.net  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB249 on 3/30/2011 11:00:00 AM

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Conference room: 308  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: Yes  
Submitted by: Lorraine Sakaguchi  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [lts@lj.net](mailto:lts@lj.net)  
Submitted on: 3/30/2011

### Comments:

My testimony today is in opposition to SB 249, which seeks to appropriate \$1.6 million to acquire and renovate a slaughterhouse in Campbell Industrial Park.

The State of Hawaii should not be spending money, especially such a significant sum of money, to acquire a facility that is primarily for the use of private industry. The bill is silent on further expenditures by the State that might be needed to actually maintain and run the slaughterhouse. This is an especially egregious waste of taxpayer money in light of Governor Abercrombie's State of the State Address on January 24, 2011, in which he stated that the State of Hawaii not only has "an \$844 million fiscal deficit through the next biennium", but "that there is also a severe operational deficit in government". He further stated, "The truth is that the canoe, which is our beloved Hawaii, could capsize." Since that grave warning, the recent earthquakes, tsunami and nuclear power plant crises have devastated the people of Japan. That catastrophe, combined with other factors, have further darkened the financial picture for Hawaii. Yesterday, March 29, 2011, the state Council on Revenue increased the previously projected fiscal deficit from \$844 million to \$1.3 billion for the next two years starting in July, and also projected a deficit of \$232 million for the current fiscal period which runs through June of this year. During such a crisis, it is appalling to think that the State, which is in such a perilous crisis, and may not be able to find enough funds for many of its own critical functions, should be asked to take on yet another burden, particularly one which properly belongs with the private sector.

The above reasons alone should be more than enough to have this bill rejected.

If any other reasons are required, please consider that the State of Hawaii should not be subsidizing either the slaughter of animals, or the businesses that depend on this slaughter. I object to my taxes being spent on contributing to systematic suffering caused to both animals and people. If private industry were to pass on the true cost of raising, transporting and slaughtering meat to its customers, then people would be more likely to reduce their consumption of unhealthy levels of cholesterol-laden meat, and increase their consumption of plant-based foods, instead. This, in turn, would help to reduce rates of heart disease, strokes, type 2 diabetes and cancer. The people of Hawaii would be healthier and less in need of expensive medical intervention if meat consumption could be cut, so how could it be in their best interest for the State to subsidize any part of the meat industry?

Please vote to reject SB 249.

Thank you,  
Lorraine Sakaguchi  
Honolulu, Hawaii

SB249

March 29, 2011

Dear Committee members,

I strongly oppose the use of our tax dollars to support an industry that has brought devastating results for health, the environment and the humane treatment of animals.

Statistics have shown, industrialized factory farming contributes to increased risk of heart disease, type 2 diabetes, obesity, cancer and autoimmune diseases for human health, contributes to dead zones, coral reef suffocation, fish depopulation, etc. for the environment and it is inherently cruel to the animals. I don't wish to raise my children in a neighborhood that breeds insanitation, diseases, environmental pollution, violence and extreme cruelty.

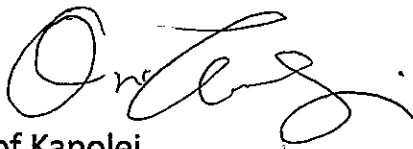
Our state is in a serious financial crisis, a \$1 Billion deficit! Why are we throwing away tax dollars on a failing business that shouldn't have been there in the first place? Our money should go to schools, roads, affordable housing and health care. A slaughterhouse will be a financial drain on the state, which it can't afford to sustain.

I urge you to consider these reasons for opposing SB 249 and help provide a safer, cleaner, kinder and more peaceful environment for us to raise our families in Kapolei and nearby districts.

Mahalo!

Ori Ann Li

Resident of Kapolei

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ori Ann Li", written over the printed name.

My testimony today is in opposition to SB 249, which seeks to appropriate \$1.6 million to acquire and renovate a slaughterhouse in Campbell Industrial Park.

The State of Hawaii should not be spending money, especially such a significant sum of money, to acquire a facility that is primarily for the use of private industry. The bill is silent on further expenditures by the State that might be needed to actually maintain and run the slaughterhouse. This is an especially egregious waste of taxpayer money in light of Governor Neil Abercrombie's State of the State Address on January 24, 2011, in which he stated that the State of Hawaii not only has "an \$844 million fiscal deficit through the next biennium", but "that there is also a severe operational deficit in government". He further stated, "The truth is that the canoe, which is our beloved Hawaii, could capsize." Since that grave warning, the recent earthquakes, tsunami and nuclear power plant crises have devastated the people of Japan. That catastrophe, combined with other factors, have further darkened the financial picture for Hawaii. Yesterday, March 29, 2011, the state Council on Revenue increased the previously projected fiscal deficit from \$844 million to \$1.3 billion for the next two years starting in July, and also projected a deficit of \$232 million for the current fiscal period which runs through June of this year. During such a <sup>time</sup> crisis, it is appalling to think that the State, which is in such a perilous <sup>financial</sup> crisis, and may not be able to find enough funds for many of its own critical functions, should be asked to take on yet another burden, particularly one which properly belongs with the private sector.

The above reasons alone should be more than enough to have this bill rejected.

If any other reasons are required, please consider that the State of Hawaii should not be subsidizing either the slaughter of animals, or the businesses that depend on this slaughter. I object to my taxes being spent on contributing to systematic suffering caused to both animals and people. If private industry were to pass on the true cost of raising, transporting and slaughtering meat to its customers, then people would be more likely to reduce their consumption of unhealthy levels of cholesterol-laden meat, and increase their consumption of plant-based foods, instead. This, in turn, would help to reduce rates of heart disease, strokes, type 2 diabetes and cancer. The people of Hawaii would be healthier and less in need of expensive medical intervention if meat consumption could be cut, so how would it be in their best interest for the State to subsidize any part of the meat industry?

Please vote to reject SB 249.

Thank you,  
Lorraine Sakaguchi  
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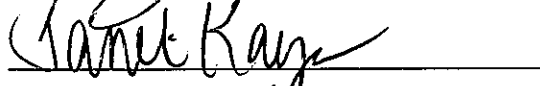
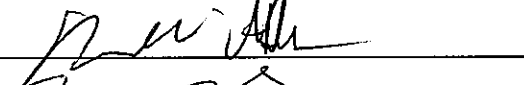

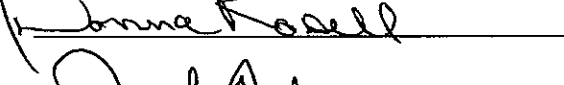
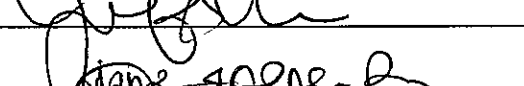

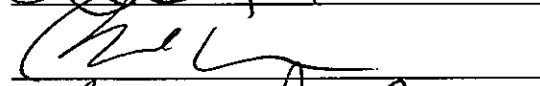
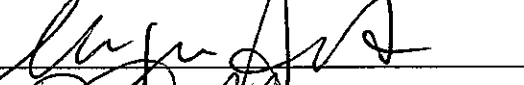

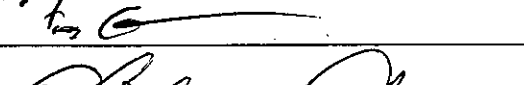



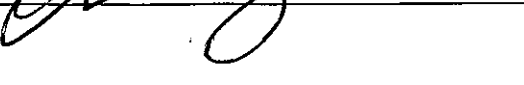
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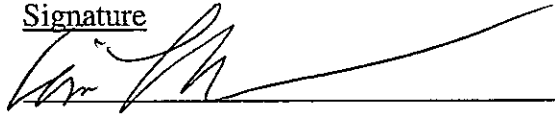
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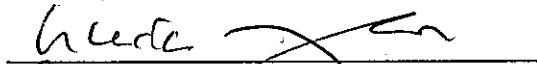
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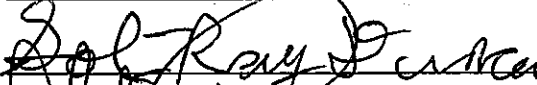
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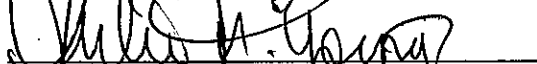
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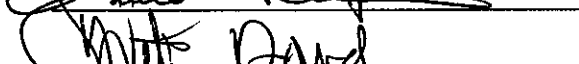
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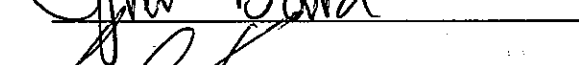
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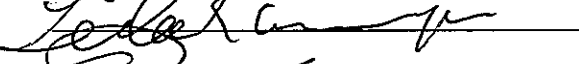
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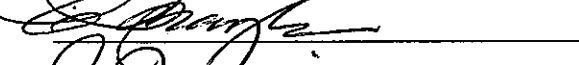
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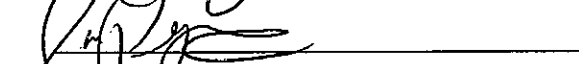
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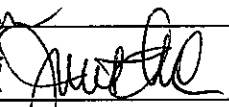
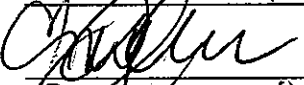
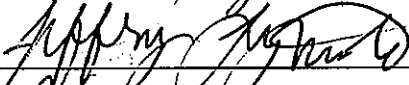
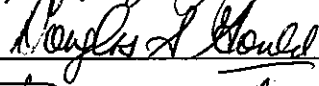
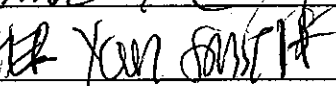

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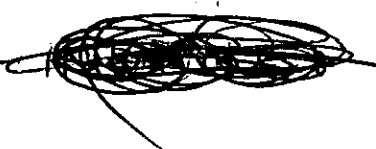
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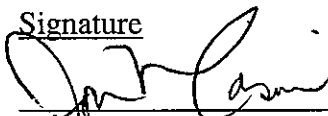


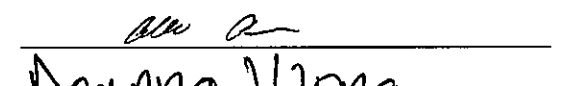
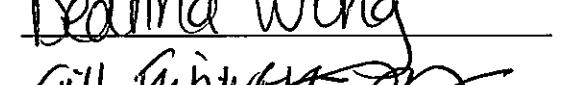
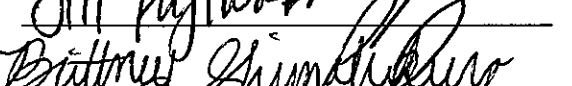
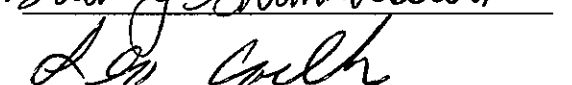
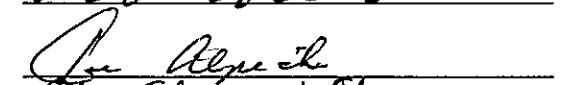


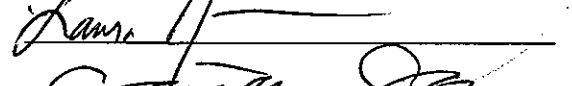
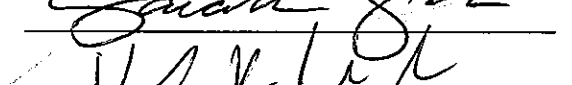




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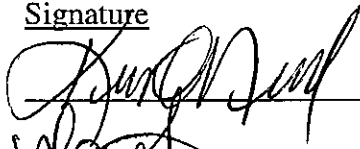

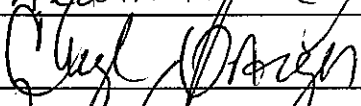

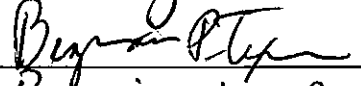
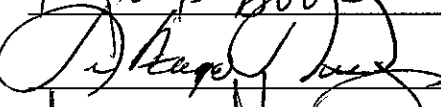
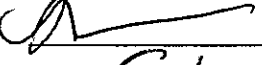
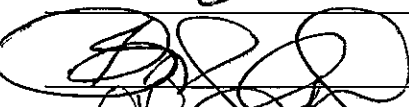


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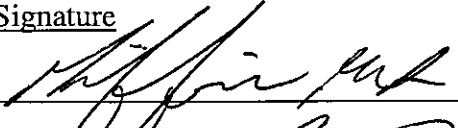

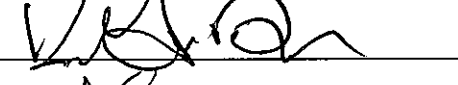
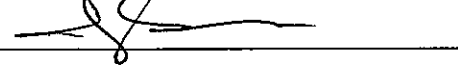
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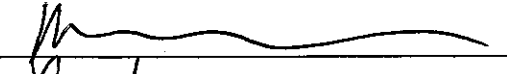

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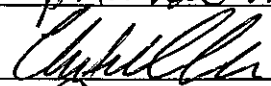
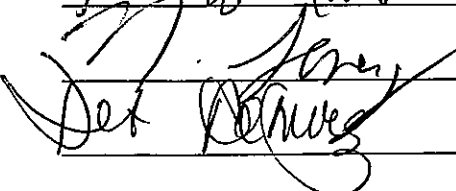
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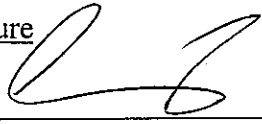
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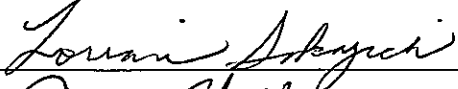
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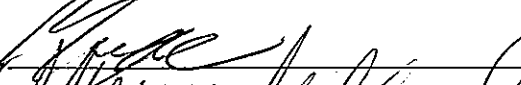
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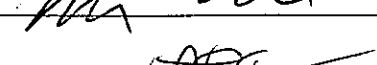
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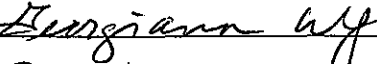
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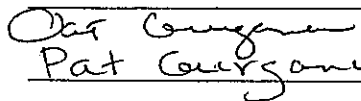
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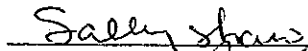
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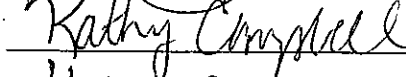
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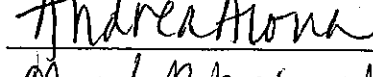
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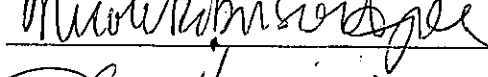
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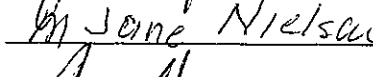
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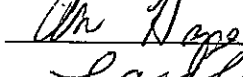
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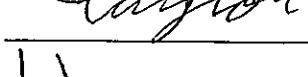
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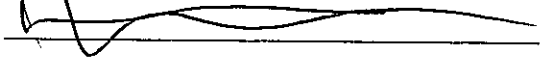
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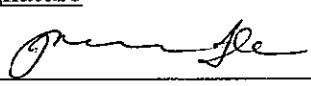

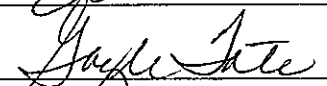

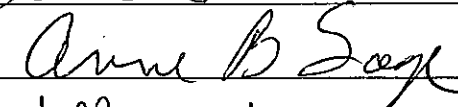
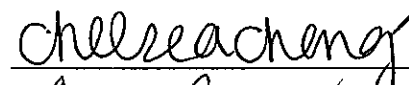
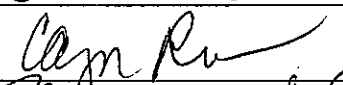
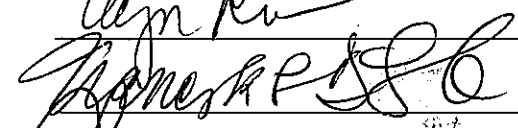
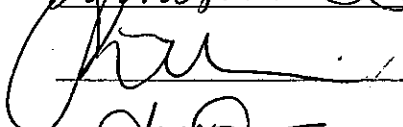
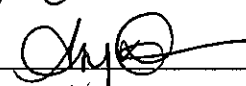
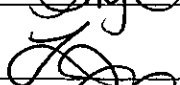

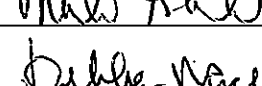

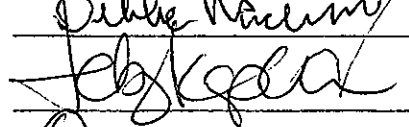
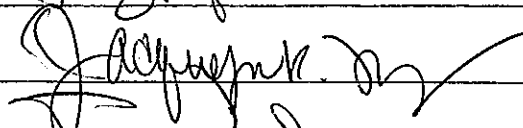
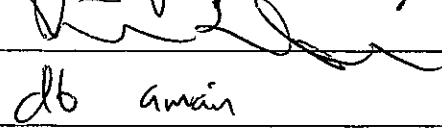
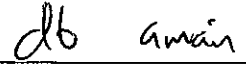
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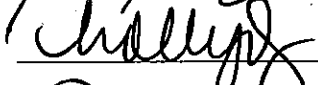

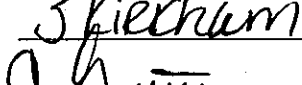
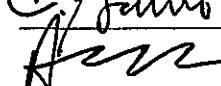
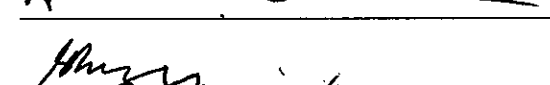

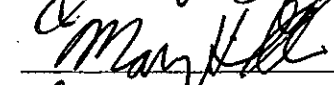

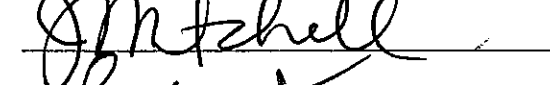

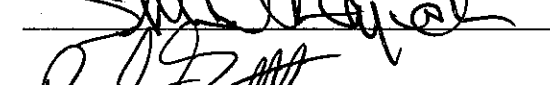



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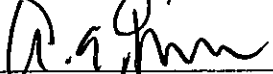
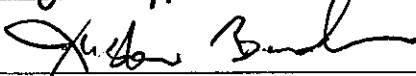
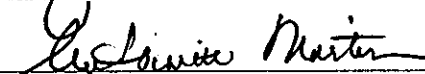
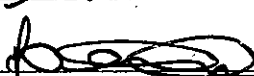



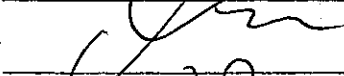


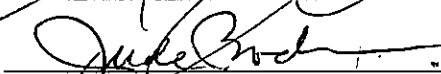
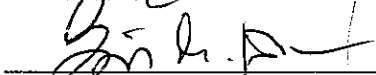
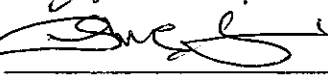
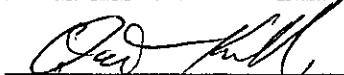


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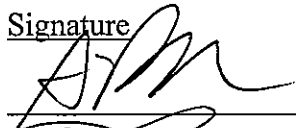
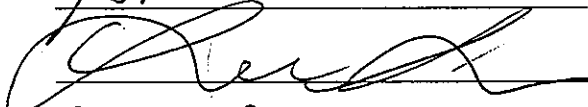
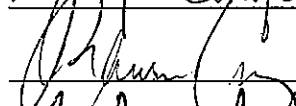
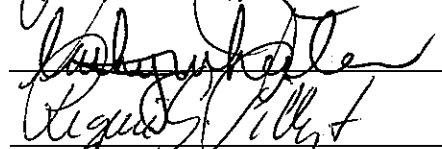


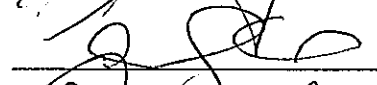
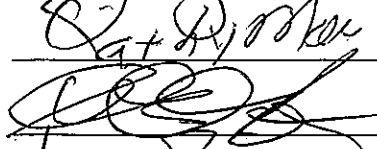
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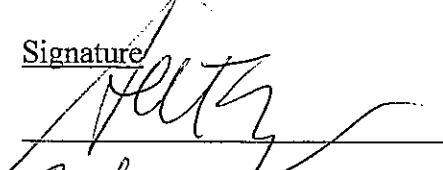
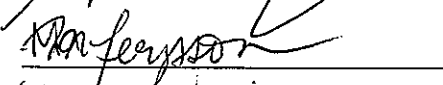
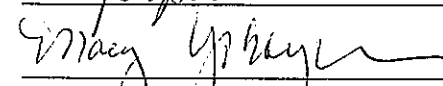
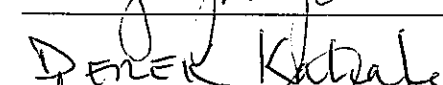
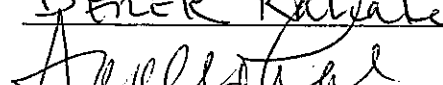
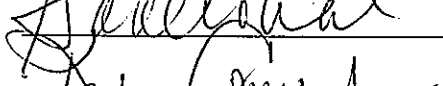

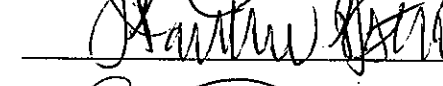
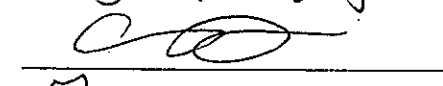
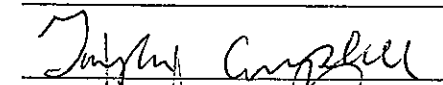



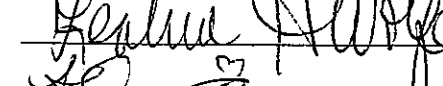
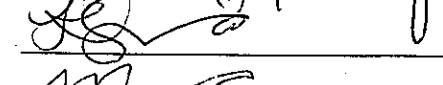
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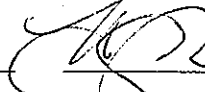
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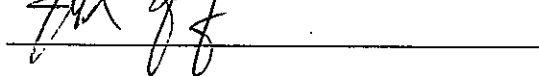
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