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Dear Honorable Chiar Rep. Marcus Oshiro, Members of House Finance Committee:

Position: Oppose SB249

There are several major big pictures issues that must be studied first, before considering the purchase of of slaughter house for Oahu. No other state has purchased a slaughter house.

1. How Global Warming is affecting how we live today, and impact on future generations.
2. Hawaii is faced with a dilemma, with the tourism being the lifeblood of the islands.
Long term effects: How will rising tides affect this industry? How much money will need to be spent in the future to accommodate a tourist based industry and rising tides? Will tourism become obsolete in the future? What will replace tourism? Will 1.6 million investment turn out to lose millions more in transitioning island industries, damage control, more use of electricity, water etc.

1.6 million in funds would be more critically used now, which would effect future generations, by investing in education of global warming and lifestyle changes necessary to cope with the inevitable pressures from population increases and exacerbated global warming heat and threats coupled with fruit/vegetable agriculture.

We are already seeing promotions for going meat free one day a week, translating to less dependence on farm animals to help curb global warming, since livestock agriculture is one of the main contributors to this global problem.

[Have one meat-free day a week to tackle climate change, says UN | Mail Online](#)

Please take a moment to read how agriculture affects global warming.
[Greater efforts needed to curb global warming – UN report](#)



23 February 2010 – Nations must make more aggressive pledges to slash greenhouse gas emissions to avoid global temperatures rising by 2 degrees Celsius and prevent the worst possible effects of climate change, warned the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) in a [report](#) released today.

[Global Warming Facts and Our Future - Impacts of Change - Global Impacts](#)

[Sea Level Rise](#)

[Impacts of Sea Level Rise on Humans](#)

[Impacts of Sea Level Rise on Nature](#)

[Flooding in Eastern Maryland](#)

[Water Resources](#)

[Traditional Cultures](#)

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Agriculture Ecosystems

<http://www.humanesociety.org/assets/pdfs/farm/hsus-the-impact-of-animal-agriculture-on-global-warming-and-climate-change.pdf> (Conclusion: Excerpt follows)

Conclusion

Mitigating the animal agriculture sector's significant yet underappreciated role in climate change is vital for the health and sustainability of the planet, the environment, and its human and nonhuman inhabitants. As experts at the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, and numerous other leading global entities have identified, reducing GHG emissions is both urgent and critical. As the largest anthropogenic user of land and responsible for 18% of human-induced GHG emissions, the farm animal production sector must be held accountable for its many deleterious impacts, and changes in animal agricultural practices must be achieved. Individually, reducing food miles and choosing less harmful transportation and energy use options are effective strategies; however, incorporating environmentally sound and animal welfare-friendly practices into daily life, including adopting consumptive habits less reliant on meat, eggs, and dairy products, are necessary to slow the effects of climate change.

6 Ways Agriculture Impacts Global Warming : TreeHugger

5 Deadliest Effects of Global Warming

It is very stressful to live in in a hot world. In areas of mainland America, the heat is so strong, people have likened it to living in an oven. More air conditioning burns more electricity. For future generations, the stresses will be greater with population increase.

Please take time to review long term consequences, for future generations and the planet. Taxpayer's monies need to be used for healthy choices, and consideration for humane and compassionate alternatives, not only kind to animals, but to the planet, and of urgency now, to be compassionate to humans who must live on this planet, especially in the future. **The youth of the planet really do want to live long, and not live in heat stress and fear of global warming catastrophes. If you talk to them, they will tell you.**

Of immediate impact is that a slaughterhouse will bring down real estate values around those who live in nearby areas, as well as affect the pollution of surrounding areas, and no, we do not need more unhealthy meat on our plate, we need less.

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