

SB 2782

I'm Mary Ikagawa. I've been studying the impacts and management of hoofed animals and invasive weeds in Hawaii for about 20 years. I'll try to keep this short. I know sometimes I talk too much because I care too much. You see serious problems going unaddressed and you get a little panicky. This is the Finance Committee so I assume we're here to focus on the money and not the hunting issue. But if you're worried about the hunters, don't be. There are more animals out there than you can shake a stick at, and the remote areas to be protected under this bill don't have enough roads to make them attractive to hunters.

So, the money. The state's business can't get done if we don't support those managers who are willing to take on really tough problems. There's no escaping that forest protection has been underfunded. A lot of places are just becoming wasteland, rocks and dirt where there used to be forest, all over the state. And except for part 3 of the proposed version of the bill, it looks like the legislature is really trying to support DLNR and do something about it. It's so great that the DLNR leadership didn't waste any time once they were given the job. The staff analyzed this huge challenge and identified key steps that can be accomplished with a reasonable amount of additional general funds. Funds that provide 150 new jobs, and not just for 6 months, it's a win-win. The first version of 2782 was simple and helpful to public land managers. The governor supported the original bill, and the use of \$11M a year in general funds for this purpose, as did the people when the bill was heard. So here today, we have a chance to reach that moment that actually gets things done. People, administration, legislature, all pulling in the same direction. That's the dream, right?

So when I saw part 3 of this new version of the bill it made me pretty discouraged. It disregards both the difficult process of improving land quality and also all the work done on the written plan by the people we hired to do the job. When you run your own business, you proceed according to a serious business plan. The investment of time and money, the hiring you do to support your business plan had better be based on reality and support your goals.

I hope this committee will set aside part 3 as well intentioned but not meeting the goals, and take the position that ~~management of the public's land should be adequately funded.~~ You can provide new jobs through DLNR's plan and support part 1 of 2782 as written in the first and best version of this bill.

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Hawaii Nearshore Fishermen support part 2 The fishermen are adamant in their conviction that The Department of Aquatic Resources remain as a stand alone Division with an administrator - Without DAR as a division - our fisheries and Marine Resource would have no voice. The Biology, Science, data, and resource assessments leading to a clear understanding of our Marine resource condition would atrophy for certain - without a dedicated Division of Aquatic Resources.

The Fishermen support the Full Division of Aquatic Resources as proposed In part 2 proposed version of sb2782 Thank you for allowing this testimony Respectfully