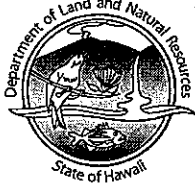


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**Before the House Committee on
WARER, LAND, AND OCEAN RESOURCES**

**Friday, March 16, 2012
9:00 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 325**

**In consideration of
SENATE BILL 3001, SENATE DRAFT 2
RELATING TO WILDLIFE**

Senate Bill 3001, Senate Draft 2 proposes to prohibit the transport the interisland transport of game mammals and wild mammals and establishes penalties for violations. The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) strongly supports this measure.

Introduced species negatively affect Hawai'i's environment and indigenous species in a variety of ways, including but not limited to direct predation on indigenous species, spread of pathogens and diseases, competition with native species for limited food resources, destruction of native vegetation and habitat utilized by native species, erosion, alteration of hydrologic processes, and increases in standing water that may promote mosquitoes and other disease vectors. With no natural predators, the population sizes and densities of introduced species in Hawai'i may vastly exceed those found within a given species' native range, often outcompeting Hawai'i's indigenous species populations. While many introductions occur as a result of accidents, others may be purposeful and prohibitions are urgently needed to deter activities that may result in introductions that harm indigenous wildlife and their habitats. The proposed measure will provide a needed deterrent to the purposeful spread of animals within the State.

The Department also supports the amendments to the original bill that are reflected in the Senate Draft 2, to ensure against prohibiting the legitimate transport of domestic livestock or pets.

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Testimony in Support of SB 3001 SD2

Aloha Chair Chang, and Members of the Committee,

The Coordinating Group on Alien Pest Species (CGAPS) **supports SB 3001 SD2, *Game mammals; wild mammals; interisland transportation***, which would prohibit the interisland transport or release of wild or feral mammals, with exceptions, and establishes additional mandatory fines.

The smuggling of axis deer to Hawai'i island highlighted a number of issues for agencies. The lack of clear language, stiff penalties, and the existence of loopholes for introduction of wild or feral mammals to private property in the existing statutes are some of those issues. SB 3001 SD2 would address these three issues, while providing for beneficial re-homing efforts such as with the Kona nightingales.

We respectfully ask for your support of this measure. Mahalo for your consideration.

Aloha,

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