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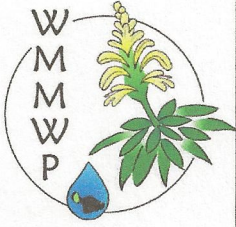
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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Chris Brosius	West Maui Mountains Watershed Partnership	Oppose	No

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West Maui Mountains Watershed Partnership

January 23, 2013

H.B. 104
PROPOSING A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT RELATING TO THE
CONSERVATION, CONTROL AND DEVELOPMENT OF RESOURCES.

&

H.B. 105
RELATING TO WILDLIFE RESOURCES.

COMMITTEE ON WATER & LAND

Friday, January 25

Aloha Legislators,

The West Maui Mountains Watershed Partnership opposes H.B. 104 & H.B. 105 and we urge the legislature to carefully consider the broader implications of the language found in these two bills. Although the conservation of the state's wild game resources is important to the enjoyment of Hawaii's people, it is also critical that game be managed in ways which do not upset the ability of the land to support them, only be conducted in appropriate areas and kept out of many state and private lands which serve a higher purpose as watersheds. Great and often permanent harm can result from the proliferation of wild game in Hawaii's fragile native ecosystems and vital water recharge areas. Examples of this exist on the barren goat impacted slopes and the pig denuded wet forests prevalent across hundreds of thousands of acres of our islands. Perhaps Kaho'olawe's naked and eroded lands typifies what historically unmanaged landscapes can become and the extreme and costly efforts that are required to restore event the smallest forest patches once degraded by browsing animals.

Since their introduction to Hawaii, in the 1790's we have lost over half of our native forests to these and other invasive species. King Kalakaua ordered the protection of forests in 1879 and Hawaii has been trying to get ahead of the invasive game animal problem ever since and is still underfunded to fully accomplish the task. The Governor's "Rain Follows the Forest" seeks to increase the capacity of resource management to protect Hawaii's watersheds and water resources against the threat of invasive species including unchecked wild game animals.

Here in West Maui, as in 10 other watershed partnerships throughout the state, we have been working hard with limited resources to reverse the degradation caused by wild game on state and private lands. These lands are far more important to our people as pristine watersheds and we rely on them for water resources which quench the thirst of all our people through residential, agricultural, and business uses.

Clearly wild game management is needed, but implementation must safeguard watershed areas and only permit wild game in areas which can handle the stress. Game

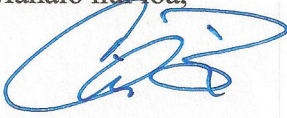
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management areas must also consider appropriate herd sizes which do not exceed the capacity of the land to carry the related stress. This is both important to the preservation of the herd and lands on which the game relies. This will be a considerable challenge which is currently being addressed under the Powers and programs present within the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Mahalo nui loa,



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Donn Yanagisawa	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am in support of having the department of land and natural resources devise a suitable plan to manage wild game animals. Hawaii is one of the only states that does not have any official game management. There has to be a balance between managing and harvesting of all wild life in order to sustain the delicate balance of our ecosystem.

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Lisa Yanagisawa	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am in support of HB 105 as I feel it is important to work cooperatively to use effective resource management strategies to manage and sustain the wildlife resources of our state. Game management is important to our islands and should be a high priority in maintaining the balance of our ecosystem. If effective measures are not put in place immediately, the balance of the plants and animals on our islands may be at stake. If we do not act now, no one knows what the future will hold for our islands and its many plants and animals that we currently enjoy.

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Matt Hoeflinger	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please support a sustainable food source for the people of Hawaii.

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sam hansford	Individual	Support	No

Comments: with out management of these animals (resorces) will not survive and flourish for hunters to feed there familys, teach there children, with out management they will not survive. sam hansford

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