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TESTIMONY OF SCOTT E. ENRIGHT
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BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE
MONDAY FEBRUARY 10, 2014

Room 312

10:01 A.M.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 11
REQUESTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A TASK FORCE TO EXAMINE THE
OPPORTUNITIES FOR MOBILE SLAUGHTERHOUSES IN THE STATE OF HAWAII

Chairperson Wooley and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on House Concurrent Resolution 11, requesting the establishment of a task force to examine the opportunities for mobile slaughterhouses in the State of Hawaii.

The Hawaii Department of Agriculture recognizes the challenges of small livestock producers with the lack of available slaughter facilities or the lack of slaughter capabilities within a practical distance from the production area.

The Department supports the intent of this resolution; however, the resolution does not include participation from other livestock industries, such as, hog, poultry, sheep and goats. In addition, the resolution limits the discussions on the potential funding, management and operation, rural development and financial sustainability of a mobile slaughterhouse, which is restricted to only the slaughter of animals. There are other critical issues, such as cold storage and further processing facilities, which is needed to market the slaughtered carcasses.



The Department is requested to organize the task force with participation from other county planning and research and development personnel. This is a major undertaking and no funds have been appropriated to conduct the task force.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



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HEARING BEFORE THE
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

TESTIMONY ON HCR 11
ESTABLISHMENT OF A TASK FORCE TO EXAMINE THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR
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Chair Wooley, Vice Chair Onishi, and Members of the Committee:

I am Christopher Manfredi, President of the Hawaii Farm Bureau (HFB). Organized since 1948, the HFB is comprised of 1,832 farm family members statewide, and serves as Hawaii's voice of agriculture to protect, advocate and advance the social, economic and educational interests of our diverse agricultural community.

HFB supports HCR 11

There has been considerable, albeit fragmented, research performed by individuals, Government agencies and NGO's on different islands on the topic of mobile slaughterhouses over several years. All of this work needs to be assessed, consolidated and analyzed to make recommendations that would lead to a path forward. There are many challenges and opportunities surrounding mobile slaughterhouses and many are operating successfully around the world. The high cost of infrastructure in Hawaii poses its own set of challenges. Convening a Task Force that includes the appropriate stakeholders would presumably lead to a practical and meaningful outcome.

We ask you to support HCR 11.

Thank you.



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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE
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HCR 11

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SLAUGHTERHOUSES IN THE STATE OF HAWAII.

Chair Wooley, Vice Chair Onishi and Members of the Committee:

My name is Alan Gottlieb, and I am a rancher and the Government Affairs Chairperson of the Hawaii Cattlemen's Council. The Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Inc. (HCC) is the Statewide umbrella organization comprised of the five county level Cattlemen's Associations. Our 130+ member ranchers represent over 60,000 head of beef cows; more than 75% of all the beef cows in the State. Ranchers are the stewards of approximately 25% of the State's total land mass.

The Hawaii Cattlemen's Council supports the intent of HCR 11, but we want to point out that several years ago, the Agribusiness Development Corporation did an extensive study of the feasibility of a mobile slaughterhouse and had funds appropriated to purchase one as a pilot project for use in several counties, including Kauai and Honolulu, but the funds were never released by then Governor Lingle. We humbly suggest that if a task force is formed, they use that prior information as a starting point.

We appreciate this opportunity to provide testimony on this matter.

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William Harris, M.D.	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Current scientific literature indicts the use of most animal source food as a health risk at the same time overwhelmingly advocating the consumption of more fruits and vegetables. Therefore, animal agriculture if it should continue at all, should be left to free market economics with no bailouts by the government.

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Kerri Marks	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support local food production

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Brad Parsons	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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