

# **SB 727**

**Report Title:**

RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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Expressly prohibits the enactment of county ordinances relating to the protection of property and the order and security of inhabitants, if the ordinances conflict with the intent of state or federal statutes, rules, or regulations

**SB727**

Submitted on: 2/1/2013

Testimony for PSM on Feb 5, 2013 14:45PM in Conference Room 224

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Alan Gottlieb	Hawaii Catlemen's Council	Support	Yes



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### **SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL & MILITARY AFFAIRS**

FEBRUARY 5, 2013 2:45 p.m. Room 224

#### **SB 727 RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Expressly prohibits the enactment of county ordinances relating to the protection of property and the order and security of inhabitants, if the ordinances conflict with the intent of state or federal statutes, rules, or regulations.

Chair Espero, Vice Chair Baker and Members of the Committee:

My name is Alan Gottlieb, and I am a rancher and the Government Affairs Chair for 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 **strongly supports SB 727.**

While we agree that counties should have strong "home rule", we also believe that when Counties adopt ordinances that conflict with accepted Federal and State laws, rules or regulations, this adds an additional level of bureaucracy which is redundant and burdensome. Imagine businesses which operate in more than one county in our State having to follow separate rules for their business. In this era of activism and misinformation rampant in social media and on the internet, generally accepted farming practices are especially susceptible to folks who simply don't like what you do, even though those practices are regulated and perhaps even endorsed by Federal Agencies and/or State Departments.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to testify in favor of this very important issue.

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Jason & Jeri Ann Moniz, KK Ranch	Individual	Support	No

Comments: We support SB727

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**SENATE HEARING**  
**COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND MILITARY AFFAIRS**  
**Senator Will Espero, Chair**  
**Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Vice Chair**

**Tuesday, February 5, 2013**  
**2:45 p.m.**  
**Conference Room 224**  
**State Capitol**  
**415 South Beretania Street**

**Testimony in SUPPORT of SB727**  
**RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Aloha Chair Espero, Vice Chair Baker and Respected Committee Members,

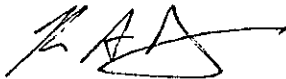
My name is Robert Stephenson, I reside on the island of Molokai and I respectfully ask that you support SB 727.

This measure is important in that it would help to reduce the multiple redundancies in legislative measures passed by the counties, avoid contradictory legislation and would provide that consistent regulations are applied throughout the state.

Far too much time is spent on frivolous legislative measures by the counties that they quite frankly do not have the resources or expertise to implement or enforce. Our respective county legislative processes and financial resources would be better spent bringing into consonance the implementation and enforcement of existing and newly enacted Statewide and Federal measures.

I humbly ask for your support of SB 727.

Sincerely,



Robert Stephenson