



HB1902 HD2 SD1
RELATING TO HUNTING
Senate Committee on Ways and Means

March 28, 2014

9:20 a.m.

Room 211

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) offers the following **COMMENTS** for HB1902 HD2 SD1, which establishes the Hunting Advisory Commission (Commission) and a hunting pilot program on the island of Hawai‘i.

OHA notes that hunting is an important cultural and subsistence practice for many Native Hawaiians, particularly in rural regions. For example, a report issued by the Governor’s Moloka‘i Subsistence Task Force found that Hawaiian families on Moloka‘i continue to rely heavily upon subsistence harvesting to supplement meager incomes, deriving 38% of their food from these activities. This report also found that subsistence activities, including hunting, were critical to the perpetuation of Hawaiian cultural customs and values. In some cases, hunting for subsistence purposes may be considered a Native Hawaiian traditional and customary practice protected by the Hawai‘i State Constitution, Hawai‘i Revised Statutes and case law.

OHA hopes to ensure that Native Hawaiians continue to have adequate areas to hunt for subsistence and other purposes as a traditional and customary practice, as may be compatible with the long-term interests of both present and future generations, Native Hawaiians included. While OHA takes no position on the establishment of the Commission, should the Committee proceed with this measure, OHA suggests that the Committee re-insert language from HB1902 HD2 to include a member on the Commission to possess a background in Native Hawaiian traditional and customary practices. Having a member on the Commission with such a background will allow the Commission to better advise the BLNR on hunting and resources with respect to Native Hawaiian issues and concerns, including traditional and customary cultural practices, the public land trust and the recognition of Native Hawaiian cultural values that are intrinsically tied to the ‘āina.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this important measure.

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
GOVERNOR OF HAWAII



STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES

POST OFFICE BOX 621
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96809

WILLIAM J. AILA, JR.
CHAIRPERSON
BOARD OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES
COMMISSION ON WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

JESSE K. SOUKI
FIRST DEPUTY

WILLIAM M. TAM
DEPUTY DIRECTOR - WATER

AQUATIC RESOURCES
BOATING AND OCEAN RECREATION
BUREAU OF CONVEYANCES
COMMISSION ON WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT
CONSERVATION AND COASTAL LANDS
CONSERVATION AND RESOURCES ENFORCEMENT
ENGINEERING
FORESTRY AND WILDLIFE
HISTORIC PRESERVATION
KAHOOLAWE ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION
LAND
STATE PARKS

Testimony of
WILLIAM J. AILA, JR.
Chairperson

Before the Senate Committee on
WAYS AND MEANS

Friday, March 28, 2014
9:20 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 211

In consideration of
HOUSE BILL 1902, HOUSE DRAFT 2, SENATE DRAFT 1
RELATING TO HUNTING

House Bill 1902, House Draft 2, Senate Draft 1 proposes to establish the Hunting Advisory Commission (Commission) and a hunting pilot program on the Island of Hawaii, and make an appropriation for the Commission. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports this bill with the following amendments, and provided that its passage does not replace or adversely impact priorities indicated in our Executive Budget request.**

The Department is committed to enhancing public hunting and increasing hunting opportunities. The Commission will advise the Department as it implements the mandate to “preserve, protect, and promote public hunting,” pursuant to Hawaii Revised Statutes §183D-2 (12). This Commission will help to guide the Department as it enhances and expands its public hunting program through the proposed Administration budget request of \$750,000 in general funds for Fiscal Year 15.

The Department looks forward to working with the Commission on game management matters. The amendments listed below clarify that the Department will be responsible for the implementation of this program, as the Commission acts in an advisory capacity.

The following amendments seek to maintain consistency with existing statutes and commission protocols, recommends an odd number of members in the Commission to prevent tie votes, and includes a member who can advise on improving access to public hunting areas.

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the enhancement and maintenance of sustainable public hunting opportunities for subsistence and recreational purposes are of critical importance

to the State and its people. A coordinated resource management effort involving stakeholders is needed to preserve, protect, and promote public hunting. [~~prevent and offset the loss, destruction, or degradation of public hunting areas on any island of the State and expeditiously find replacement land for hunting.~~]

SECTION 2. Chapter 183D, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding a new section to part I to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

"§183D- Hunting advisory commission. (a) There is established within the department a hunting advisory commission, which shall serve in an advisory capacity to the board. The commission shall consist of [~~twelve~~] eleven members to be appointed by the governor in the manner provided in section 26-34. The commission shall meet not less than quarterly. Membership on the advisory commission shall consist of:

- (1) Two members of the department: one having experience in sustainable game management principles and practices, and one having experience in access or acquisition, to be designated by the chairperson of the board;
- (2) One member from the division of conservation and resource enforcement;
- (3) Five members of the hunting community, of which there shall be one member for each of the following geographic areas: Oahu, Kauai, Maui, east Hawaii, and west Hawaii; with at least one of these members possessing experience in game bird hunting and at least one of these members possessing experience in game mammal hunting;
- (4) Executive director of the aha moku advisory council;
- (5) One member who is a scientist with expertise in the field of mammalogy or ornithology; and
- (6) One member representing the endangered species recovery committee[~~;-and~~].
- ~~(7) One member representing the tourism industry.~~

(b) The commission shall select its own chairperson. The members shall receive no compensation for their services on the commission but shall be entitled to reimbursement for necessary

expenses while attending meetings and while in the discharge of their duties.

(c) The commission shall advise the board on proposals to ~~[enhance and maintain the quantity and quality of public hunting areas.]~~ preserve, protect, and promote public hunting.

(d) The commission shall consult with the board on any matter affecting hunting, including proposed rules. The commission may take testimony and acquire information as it desires and shall communicate its findings and recommendations to the board.

(e) Any action taken by the commission shall be by a simple majority of its members. Seven members of the commission shall constitute a quorum.

(f) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, the commission shall be subject to sections 26-34, 26-35, 26-35.5, and 26-36.

(g) The commission may adopt rules pursuant to chapter 91 to carry out its duties."

SECTION 3. (a) There is established a hunting pilot program on the island of Hawaii. The ~~[program shall be an undertaking of the]~~ hunting advisory commission established pursuant to section 2 of this Act shall advise the department on the implementation of this program. The hunting advisory commission shall:

- (1) Recommend to the department of land and natural resources ~~[which public lands on the island of Hawaii shall be designated as public hunting areas]~~ additional areas suitable for inclusion in public hunting areas on the island of Hawaii while preserving designated watershed areas and species that are protected in accordance with law; and
- (2) Advise the department on [Implement] a game management plan or hunting plan for the island of Hawaii after consultation with the hunting community on the island of Hawaii and the appropriate county agency having jurisdiction over hunting and natural resource preservation.

(b) The hunting advisory commission shall report to the legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of

the regular session of 2015 and each session thereafter on its efforts to comply with this section and the results thereof, including a description of its activities in the year preceding the report.

(c) This section shall be repealed on June 30, 2020.

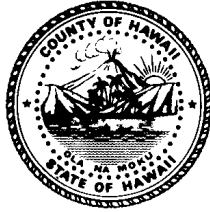
SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$110,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2014-2015 for the administrative expenses of the hunting advisory commission established pursuant to section 2 of this Act; provided that the funds appropriated shall be matched dollar-for-dollar by the county of Hawaii.

The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of land and natural resources for the purposes of this Act.

SECTION 5. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2014.

William P. Kenoi
Mayor



Walter K.M. Lau
Managing Director

Randall M. Kurohara
Deputy Managing Director

County of Hawai'i Office of the Mayor

25 Aupuni Street, Suite 2603 • Hilo, Hawai'i 96720 • (808) 961-8211 • Fax (808) 961-6553
KONA: 74-5044 Ane Keohokalole Hwy., Bldg. C • Kailua-Kona, Hawai'i 96740
(808) 323-4444 • Fax (808) 323-4440

March 28, 2014

The Honorable David Y. Ige, Chair
and Members of the Senate Committee
on Ways and Means
Hawai'i State Capitol, Room, 211
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Re: House Bill 1902, HD 2, SD 1 - RELATING TO HUNTING

Aloha, Chair Ige and Committee Members:

Mahalo for this opportunity to express our support of HB 1902, HD 2, SD 1, which seeks to sustain state lands set aside for the perpetuation of hunting in the State of Hawai'i.

The county's recently established Game Management Advisory Commission (GMAC) has identified this bill as key to the survival of hunting in Hawai'i. The nine members of this commission, all long-time outdoorspersons who represent the interests of Hawai'i's hunters, fishers and others who enjoy Hawai'i's natural resources, have advised me that game management areas on the Island of Hawai'i are disappearing at alarming rates. Sustainable hunting will protect the interests of Hawai'i's hunters, and give the state the flexibility to move suitable lands into game management status and unsuitable lands into conservation.

Mahalo for your consideration.

Aloha,

William P. Kenoi
MAYOR



Kaua`i Watershed Alliance

Ben A. Dyre Limited Family Partnership, Department of Hawaiian Homelands, Department of Water County of Kaua`i, DLNR – Division of Forestry and Wildlife & Land Management Division, Grove Farm Company, Inc., Jurassic Kahili Ranch, Kamehameha Schools, Kaua`i Ranch LLC, Lihu`e Land Company, McBryde Sugar Company, Ltd., National Tropical Botanical Garden, Princeville Development, LLC

"The Mission of the Kaua`i Watershed Alliance is to PROTECT, PRESERVE and MANAGE our valuable watershed resources for the benefit of our residents, communities and all future generations through the concerted efforts of its members."

Testimony of Kaua`i Watershed Alliance Opposing H.B. 1902 HD2, SD 1 Relating to Hunting Senate Committee on Ways and Means Monday, March 28, 2014, 9:20 a.m., Room 211

The Kauai Watershed Alliance (KWA) opposes HB 1902, HD2, SD1 as it does improve upon the best way to manage state lands. The KWA supports the DLNR's programs to improve hunting access and opportunities which increase access, hunting acres and funding.

The KWA membership makes up a diverse group of public and private entities who own land within the mountainous watershed and understand the importance of protecting and preserving the forests that capture the water - our most precious resource.

At this time there are approx. 1million acres that the DLNR manages for the benefit of the people of Hawai'i. Of this, about 900,000 acres are committed to public hunting under varying management rules. Yet these lands have considerable value to all of our people and not just to hunters.

There are approximately 11,500 licensed hunters out of over a million people with diverse interests in our natural resources in Hawai'i today that have put their trust in our elected representatives and those appointed officials who manage our public lands. The State constitution, State statutes and administrative rules currently provide sufficient directive, authority, and process—including resource user and stakeholder participation—for managing forests, wildlife, hunting and hunting areas in Hawai'i.

Also, it is well documented in scientific literature that the existence of feral ungulates are a source of destruction to resources on public and private lands in Hawai'i and across the country.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

Chipper Wichman, Chair



Hawaii Rifle Association

State Affiliate of the National Rifle Association

Founded in 1857

March 27, 2014

Testimony on HB 1902, HD2

Before WAM, Monday, March 28, 2014, Rm 211, 9:20am

IN SUPPORT

Hon. Chair and Members,

HRA supports preservation and expansion of public hunting areas and the efforts of the Hawaii County Game management Advisory Commission.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on behalf of Hawaii Rifle Association.

Dr. Maxwell Cooper,

HRA Legislative Liaison

macooper.1941@gmail.com

225-6944

HAWAII SPORTSMEN ALLIANCE

Supporting H.B. 1902 SD1

Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Honorable Chair David Ige & Vice Chair Michelle N. Kidani
Committee members

Relating to Hunting

Friday, March 28, 2014, 9:20 am, room 225

The Hawaii Sportsmen Alliance strives for balanced conservation and wise use of all our natural resources.

In support of HB1902 SD1

Proper management of all our natural resources should include all stakeholders to insure that all are embraced in its use and protection.

The objectives of HB1902 should focus on this principle as it moves through the committee on Ways and Means and into conference.

Mahalo,

Hawaii Sportsmen Alliance

614 Haihai St
Hilo, Hawaii 96720

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Cc: jktaxidermyhawaii@gmail.com
Subject: *Submitted testimony for HB1902 on Mar 28, 2014 09:20AM*
Date: Tuesday, March 25, 2014 8:22:44 PM

HB1902

Submitted on: 3/25/2014

Testimony for WAM on Mar 28, 2014 09:20AM in Conference Room 211

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jon Katada	Jk Taxidermy	Support	No

Comments:

Please note that testimony submitted less than 24 hours prior to the hearing, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

Do not reply to this email. This inbox is not monitored. For assistance please email webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov

Testimony of The Nature Conservancy of Hawai'i
Commenting on H.B. 1902 SD1 Relating to Hunting
Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Monday, March 17, 2014, 1:15 PM, Room 225

We agree with the Senate Water and Land Committee's decision to remove the no-net-loss provisions from the House draft of this bill, and we urge the Senate not to allow these provisions to return to this measure in any conference committee negotiations. We agree that both native and introduced wildlife resources need to be wisely managed both for their benefits and, in some cases, for the risks they pose. We don't believe that a statutory policy seeking to establish a minimum acreage for public hunting areas is necessary, appropriate or even numerically workable, particularly when there are already about 900,000 acres of public hunting areas across the state.

We urge support for DLNR programs to improve hunting access and opportunities including:

- \$750,000 in DLNR's budget to match federal funds for programs and staff that:
 - enhance opportunities on land already open to hunting;
 - improve roads, trails and other access; and
 - create access to other appropriate non-state lands while protecting private landowners from liability.
- General obligation bond funds to help purchase Central O'ahu land that, amongst other things, includes expanded hunting opportunities.
- Hunting rules that ease restrictions on bag limits, hunting days and seasons.
- True science-based game management to improve hunting yields and experience.
- DLNR annual reporting on progress toward improving hunting opportunities statewide.

While the DLNR has a responsibility to provide recreational and subsistence hunting opportunities for the approximately 11,500 licensed hunters, it also has a responsibility to promote other uses and activities on public lands. The Department also has a State Constitutional duty to conserve and protect all natural and cultural resources for the benefit of all of the state's 1,400,000 residents. And, there is no documented evidence by any land management entity in Hawai'i that shows that public hunting alone is effective at managing ungulates in native watershed forests.

Lastly, if the Committee is inclined toward the proposed hunting advisory commission and the Hawai'i island pilot project in Sections 2 and 3 of the bill, we recommend that Section 3 be amended as follows:

SECTION 3. (a) There is established a hunting pilot program on the island of Hawaii. The [~~program shall be an undertaking of the~~] hunting advisory commission established pursuant to section 2 of this Act shall advise the department on the implementation of this program. The hunting advisory commission shall:

(1) Recommend to the department of land and natural resources [~~which public lands on the island of Hawaii shall be designated as public hunting areas~~] areas suitable for inclusion as public hunting areas while preserving designated watershed areas that are protected in accordance with law; and

(2) [~~Implement~~] Advise the department on a game management plan or hunting plan for the island of Hawaii after consultation with the hunting community on the island of Hawaii and the appropriate county agency having jurisdiction over hunting and natural resource preservation.

Attachments:

- Photos before and after fencing and animal control in priority watershed areas.
- Article on the cultural history of pigs in Hawai'i.

Before and After Fencing and Animal Control in Selected Priority Watershed Areas

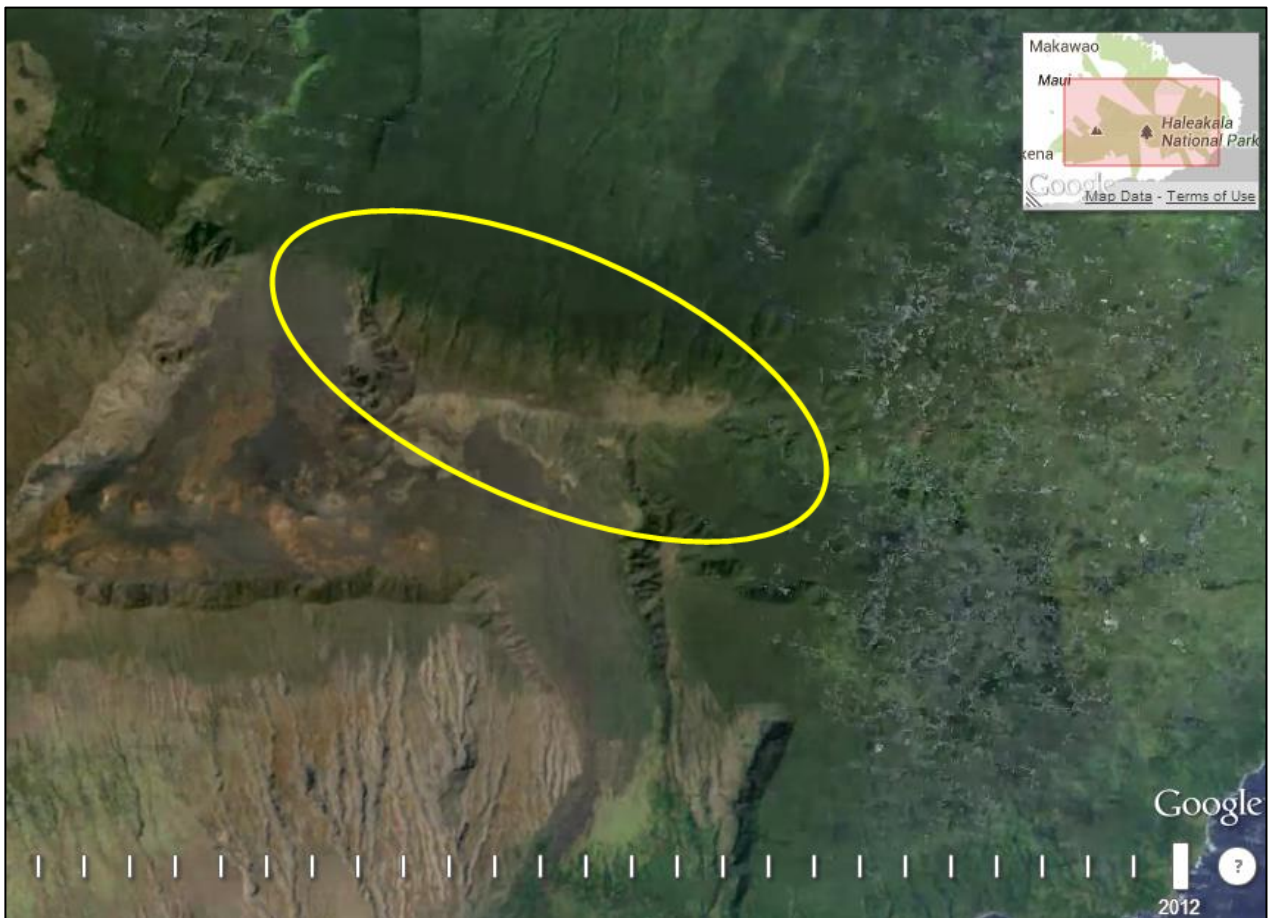
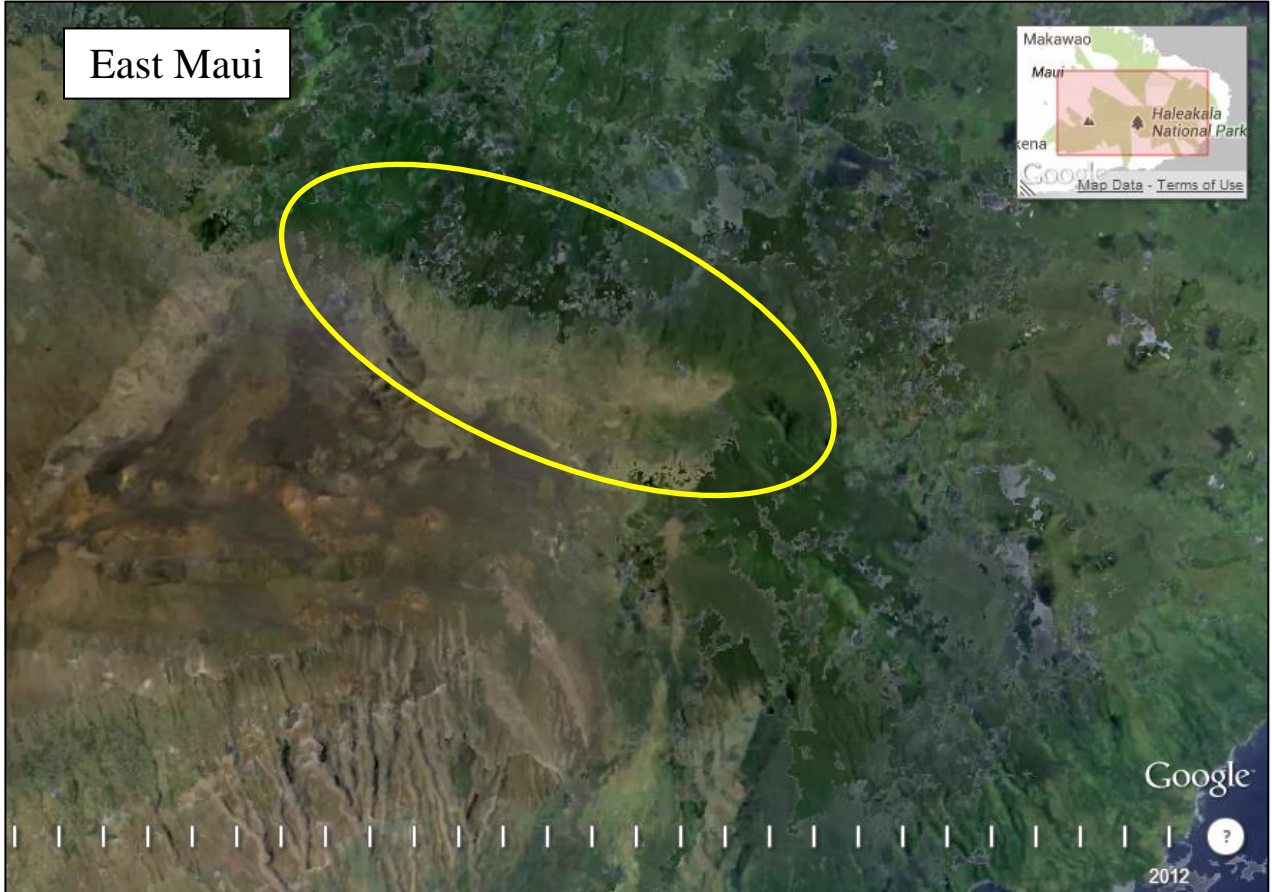






East Maui





Pua‘a: Hawaiian Animal?

Sam ‘Ohukani‘ohi‘a Gon III

Senior Scientist / Cultural Advisor

The Nature Conservancy, Hawai‘i Program

It is certainly well known that feral ungulates -- browsing mammals such as cattle, goats, and pigs -- pose one of the most serious threats to the survival of native plants and animals in Hawai‘i. Yet, isn't the *pua‘a* (pig) a Hawaiian animal? Weren't pigs important in Hawaiian culture, and shouldn't they be allowed to roam free in the islands as a hunting resource? It turns out that these questions are more complex than they seem, and the story of pigs in Hawai‘i is one worth telling.

To begin with, pigs of any sort are not native to Hawai‘i. Imagining a pig (or any large land mammal) swimming 2,000 miles across the Pacific to get here makes it clear why our two native mammals are a seal, and a bat. Indeed, our native vegetation evolved for millions of years without the need to defend against grazing, rooting, or trampling, and had lost defenses such as thorns or poisons.

It remains a popular misconception that pigs are native to Hawaiian forests and that ancient Hawaiians hunted them as a way to get meat. The first pigs were brought to the Hawaiian Islands by Polynesians as early as the fourth century AD.¹ These *pua‘a*, or Polynesian pigs, were much smaller than the feral European swine found today in Hawaiian forests. They were the product of a long and close domesticated relationship with people, and rarely strayed far from the *kauhale* (family compound) where they enjoyed familial status. Taro and sweet potato agriculture in Hawai‘i is incompatible with free-roaming pigs, and the common presence of *pā pua‘a* (pig pens) in a typical house site reflects the controlled nature of pig management in traditional Hawai‘i.

Ungulate introductions to Hawai‘i (Tomich 1986)

- Polynesian pig – ca 400 AD
- European swine – 1778
- Goat – 1778
- Sheep – 1791
- Cattle – 1793
- Horse – 1803
- Donkey – 1825
- Axis deer – 1868
- Mouflon sheep – 1954
- Pronghorn – 1959*
- Mule deer – 1961

* Now extirpated

One key factor during pre-contact times was that native forest then lacked large edible fruit such as guavas and mangos, both introduced after Western contact. Without such fodder, pre-contact pigs stayed close to their human source of shelter and food and did not stray far into surrounding forest. Clearly, *pua‘a* carried strong cultural significance in traditional Hawai‘i. Even the name of the traditional land division, *ahupua‘a*, hearkens to the importance of *pua‘a* as one of the resources offered during the annual Makahiki tributes. *Pua‘a*, however, were but one land resource, produced by *kanaka* (people) and belonging to the *wao kanaka* (realm of people). But there were also the thousands of native plants and animals who represented the *kinolau* (physical forms) of the *‘aumakua* (ancestral deities). These resided in the upland forests, the *wao akua* (realm of the gods) and were held sacred as the *kini akua* (myriad gods). In the traditional Hawaiian experience, *pua‘a*, as human-reared, were denizens of the *wao kanaka* and alien to these sacred forests. There are no pre-contact traditions of hunting pigs for meat (though rat-hunting with arrows was celebrated), and even the exploits of *Kamapua‘a*

describe pursuit of the demigod – not for sport or sustenance – but so that he might be punished for his wrong-doings.

This entire context changed following Cook. Following contact, European swine were introduced and, over time, the Hawaiian pua‘a interbred with and were displaced by these larger foreign animals. In quick succession, goats, sheep, cattle, and other ungulates followed. Introduction of this working stock, the spread of western agriculture, a decline in the native Hawaiian population, and a growing westernization of concepts of private land property contributed to the collapse of traditional Hawaiian land management systems, and with it, the careful control of animals such as pigs.

Over the 1800s, uncontrolled spread of introduced ungulates led to the watershed crisis of the late 19th century, and widespread fencing, feral animal control, and forest restoration were undertaken to try to reverse the damage. King Kalākaua himself led a party into the head of Nu‘uanu Valley in the late 1870s to plant trees. The custom of recreational hunting evolved over the last 200 years as Hawaiians assimilated western traditions dealing with these introduced feral animals.

Today we face the continued destruction of native forest, and risk losing a huge and irreplaceable natural and cultural resource to uncontrolled feral animals. Pua‘a were valuable cultural resources, but in ancient times were kept away from the wao akua, which held much more of value to Hawaiians than a single species. As we strive to strike a balance between protecting native Hawaiian plants and animals and our dwindling native forests and the more recent practice of game hunting, we need to reassert the value that the wao akua represents, and protect it and the kini akua for the descendants of the future.

¹ Tomich, P. Quentin. 1986. *Mammals in Hawai‘i*. Bishop Museum Press. Honolulu, Hawai‘i.



***To Protect & Promote
Sustainable Public
Hunting in Hawaii***

Testimony from The Hawaii Hunting Association
03/26/2014

Senate Ways and Means

DATE: Friday March 28, 2014

TIME: 9:20 am

PLACE: Rm 211

We support HB1902 SD1 with the following reservations and comment.

The makeup of the Hawaii Hunting Commission, or whatever name is adopted, is stacked against hunters and thus, is likely weighted against meaningful transformation of DLNR's approach to forest management.

The idea of no net loss is to replace areas removed of sustainable hunting with land and habitat of like quality and carrying capacity. A meaningful management strategy of all of forest lands would eliminate the need of taking areas out of hunting, and thus remove the necessity of finding State land that is simply not available.

Proper forest management means that all forest areas are managed to levels of game resources that accommodate an acceptable interaction of animal and habitat. We fear that proposed make-up of the Commission won't allow for robust and innovative discourse and investigation to this end.

We are also interested in and by what precedent provides for having the County of Hawaii, a sovereign subdivision of the state, being responsible for equally matching funds to be dispensed by the DLNR for a **statewide** commission.

Sincerely,
Tom Lodge
Hawaii Hunting Association

County of Hawai'i
Game Management Advisory Commission

Testimony of the Game Management Advisory Commission
Supporting H.B. 1902 SD1
Relating to Hunting

Committee on Ways and Means
Senator David Ige, Chair
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair
Committee Members

Friday, March 28, 2014, 9:20 a.m. room 211

The Hawaii Game Management Advisory Commission (GMAC) was instituted in 2012 to advise County, State, and Federal agencies on matters relating to the preservation of subsistence hunting and fishing, as well as the protection of traditional and cultural gathering rights.

“We are tied to our lands. It is as much a part of us as we are of it.”

In Support of HB1902 SD1

A fundamental part in managing our natural resources and in the spirit of sustainable hunting for current and future generations we must move forward and work together towards developing, approving and implementing a Game Management Plan for Hawaii.

Our State public lands belong to all of us and it must be managed for all to enjoy while maintaining its function.

It is our hope that HB1902 will work to insure that traditional and cultural as well as subsistence and recreational gathering and hunting opportunities are protected long into the future.

That is why a coordinated resource management effort involving stakeholders is needed to prevent and offset the loss, destruction, or degradation of public hunting areas on any island of the State.

Respectfully submitted

Tony Sylvester, Chairperson
Hawaii County Game Management Advisory Commission

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Cc: abrahamsylvester@gmail.com
Subject: *Submitted testimony for HB1902 on Mar 28, 2014 09:20AM*
Date: Wednesday, March 26, 2014 9:08:09 PM

HB1902

Submitted on: 3/26/2014

Testimony for WAM on Mar 28, 2014 09:20AM in Conference Room 211

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Abraham Sylvester	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please note that testimony submitted less than 24 hours prior to the hearing, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

Do not reply to this email. This inbox is not monitored. For assistance please email webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Cc: bulldog.revelations@gmail.com
Subject: *Submitted testimony for HB1902 on Mar 28, 2014 09:20AM*
Date: Thursday, March 27, 2014 7:18:14 AM

HB1902

Submitted on: 3/27/2014

Testimony for WAM on Mar 28, 2014 09:20AM in Conference Room 211

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ben Manuel	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please note that testimony submitted less than 24 hours prior to the hearing, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

Do not reply to this email. This inbox is not monitored. For assistance please email webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Cc: hogdog44@hotmail.com
Subject: Submitted testimony for HB1902 on Mar 28, 2014 09:20AM
Date: Wednesday, March 26, 2014 9:18:40 PM

HB1902

Submitted on: 3/26/2014

Testimony for WAM on Mar 28, 2014 09:20AM in Conference Room 211

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
BJ	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support this bill

Please note that testimony submitted less than 24 hours prior to the hearing, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

Do not reply to this email. This inbox is not monitored. For assistance please email webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov



Testimony in Opposition to HB 1902, HD2, SD1

Aloha,

I am writing to oppose HB1902 which will undermine the strong progress being made on Hawai'i Island to balance the needs of people and nature. On the surface, this looks like a concession to a concerned constituency, but it does nothing to address that constituency's concerns and politicizes game management on Hawai'i Island specifically – this bill offers no solutions, only more problems. The divisive nature of this bill seems designed to increase conflict, reduce meaningful engagement of Hawai'i Island stakeholders, and divide constituencies despite the hard fought work of community members to work together for the benefit of all.

An advisory panel of political appointees, 1/12 of whom will be represent all of Hawai'i Island is in a poor position to develop or advise on management for my community. We already have a Game Management Advisory Committee at the County level – it does not make any sense for our County to bear the full matching funds burden for a statewide advisory committee on which Hawai'i County residents are a slim minority.

DLNR has authority over 900,000 acres statewide where hunting is open to the public - less than 10% of those lands are managed by ungulate removal. I can hunt pigs, sheep, goats, and birds on public land within 10 miles of my house, and feral cows, which provide more meat than all of those put together, are a 1 hour drive away. Although there would be more ungulates in my backyard if forest habitat had not been lost over the last 200 years, there are plenty of pigs, goats, and sheep in Kohala and Hāmākua. We share in our community and there is no shortage. Things are in balance here, and while one group or another might always want more, we understand that we should make those decisions together, not separately so that we all understand the consequences.

There is a better way to go about planning - a good example of a successful process is the Ka'ū Forest Management Plan, which ensures access to hunting areas and designates lands where native forests will be managed to ensure health watersheds that provide the water we all drink. Never will everyone agree, but at least we should be able to participate when plans affect the places where we live, work, hunt, and fish.

Playing the hunting and conservation community against one another is an old trick and, though it may be politically or financially expedient, both constituencies do not suffer nearly as much as the resources upon which we mutually depend. We can do better than locking ourselves in a cycle of loss and conflict that benefits only outsiders. Although we may disagree, we have a lot to learn from one another. We have to work together locally and a bill that will divide us further is of no benefit to either side.

Thank you for the opportunity to share my opposition to this bill. We can do better if we work together.

Mālama pono,

Chad Wiggins

Resident Kamuela, South Kohala, Hawai'i Island

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Cc: cburner1@gmail.com
Subject: Submitted testimony for HB1902 on Mar 28, 2014 09:20AM
Date: Tuesday, March 25, 2014 7:33:25 PM

HB1902

Submitted on: 3/25/2014

Testimony for WAM on Mar 28, 2014 09:20AM in Conference Room 211

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
chris burner	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I Christopher burner support this bill but would like the wording state that grounds must be replaced with comparable or better hunting area. We as hunters are willing to work with dlhr to help in anyway possible to obtain a median ground on this bill. We hunters are the first conservationist, we needto be able to hunt but also understand that letting something go extinct isn't the way. Please I ask the state to come together with the hunters , have better outreach and don't treat us like we have no say because at the end of the day we are the ones that will be using the mountain to sustain our families. Thank you Chris burner

Please note that testimony submitted less than 24 hours prior to the hearing, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

Do not reply to this email. This inbox is not monitored. For assistance please email webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Cc: colin_miura@ktasuperstores.com
Subject: Submitted testimony for HB1902 on Mar 28, 2014 09:20AM
Date: Wednesday, March 26, 2014 4:32:03 PM

HB1902

Submitted on: 3/26/2014

Testimony for WAM on Mar 28, 2014 09:20AM in Conference Room 211

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Colin Miura	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I recently was able to take my daughter camping and was able to really bond with her. Too much of our land is being taken away. I spend a lot of time with her but found the out doors was the best way for us to get closer. This measure will help preserve land for future generations.

Please note that testimony submitted less than 24 hours prior to the hearing, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

Do not reply to this email. This inbox is not monitored. For assistance please email webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Cc: cburner1@gmail.com
Subject: Submitted testimony for HB1902 on Mar 28, 2014 09:20AM
Date: Tuesday, March 25, 2014 7:34:52 PM

HB1902

Submitted on: 3/25/2014

Testimony for WAM on Mar 28, 2014 09:20AM in Conference Room 211

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Connor burner	Individual	Support	No

Comments: My name is Connor burner and I support this bill

Please note that testimony submitted less than 24 hours prior to the hearing, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

Do not reply to this email. This inbox is not monitored. For assistance please email webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Cc: hogdog44@hotmail.com
Subject: Submitted testimony for HB1902 on Mar 28, 2014 09:20AM
Date: Wednesday, March 26, 2014 9:08:44 PM

HB1902

Submitted on: 3/26/2014

Testimony for WAM on Mar 28, 2014 09:20AM in Conference Room 211

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Cynthia Souza	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support this bill

Please note that testimony submitted less than 24 hours prior to the hearing, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

Do not reply to this email. This inbox is not monitored. For assistance please email webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Cc: hogdog44@hotmail.com
Subject: Submitted testimony for HB1902 on Mar 28, 2014 09:20AM
Date: Wednesday, March 26, 2014 9:08:04 PM

HB1902

Submitted on: 3/26/2014

Testimony for WAM on Mar 28, 2014 09:20AM in Conference Room 211

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Danae Souza	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support this bill

Please note that testimony submitted less than 24 hours prior to the hearing, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

Do not reply to this email. This inbox is not monitored. For assistance please email webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Cc: hogdog44@hotmail.com
Subject: Submitted testimony for HB1902 on Mar 28, 2014 09:20AM
Date: Wednesday, March 26, 2014 9:04:47 PM

HB1902

Submitted on: 3/26/2014

Testimony for WAM on Mar 28, 2014 09:20AM in Conference Room 211

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Davenette Souza	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I strongly support this bill

Please note that testimony submitted less than 24 hours prior to the hearing, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

Do not reply to this email. This inbox is not monitored. For assistance please email webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Cc: hogdog44@hotmail.com
Subject: Submitted testimony for HB1902 on Mar 28, 2014 09:20AM
Date: Wednesday, March 26, 2014 9:05:46 PM

HB1902

Submitted on: 3/26/2014

Testimony for WAM on Mar 28, 2014 09:20AM in Conference Room 211

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
David Souza III	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support this bill

Please note that testimony submitted less than 24 hours prior to the hearing, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

Do not reply to this email. This inbox is not monitored. For assistance please email webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Cc: hogdog44@hotmail.com
Subject: Submitted testimony for HB1902 on Mar 28, 2014 09:20AM
Date: Wednesday, March 26, 2014 9:02:43 PM

HB1902

Submitted on: 3/26/2014

Testimony for WAM on Mar 28, 2014 09:20AM in Conference Room 211

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
David Souza Jr	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I strongly support this bill

Please note that testimony submitted less than 24 hours prior to the hearing, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

Do not reply to this email. This inbox is not monitored. For assistance please email webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Cc: hogdog44@hotmail.com
Subject: Submitted testimony for HB1902 on Mar 28, 2014 09:20AM
Date: Wednesday, March 26, 2014 9:01:58 PM

HB1902

Submitted on: 3/26/2014

Testimony for WAM on Mar 28, 2014 09:20AM in Conference Room 211

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Denton Souza	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support this bill

Please note that testimony submitted less than 24 hours prior to the hearing, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

Do not reply to this email. This inbox is not monitored. For assistance please email webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Cc: hogdog44@hotmail.com
Subject: Submitted testimony for HB1902 on Mar 28, 2014 09:20AM
Date: Wednesday, March 26, 2014 8:56:28 PM

HB1902

Submitted on: 3/26/2014

Testimony for WAM on Mar 28, 2014 09:20AM in Conference Room 211

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dominic Souza	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support this bill. Hunting areas need to be protected for future generations

Please note that testimony submitted less than 24 hours prior to the hearing, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

Do not reply to this email. This inbox is not monitored. For assistance please email webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Cc: hogdog44@hotmail.com
Subject: Submitted testimony for HB1902 on Mar 28, 2014 09:20AM
Date: Wednesday, March 26, 2014 9:03:55 PM

HB1902

Submitted on: 3/26/2014

Testimony for WAM on Mar 28, 2014 09:20AM in Conference Room 211

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Donald Souza	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support this bill

Please note that testimony submitted less than 24 hours prior to the hearing, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

Do not reply to this email. This inbox is not monitored. For assistance please email webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Cc: hogdog44@hotmail.com
Subject: Submitted testimony for HB1902 on Mar 28, 2014 09:20AM
Date: Wednesday, March 26, 2014 9:16:57 PM

HB1902

Submitted on: 3/26/2014

Testimony for WAM on Mar 28, 2014 09:20AM in Conference Room 211

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Earl Perez	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support this bill

Please note that testimony submitted less than 24 hours prior to the hearing, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

Do not reply to this email. This inbox is not monitored. For assistance please email webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov

Subject: HB 1902 SD1; WAM Decision Making Hearing , Friday, March 28, 2014, 9:20 a.m.

Chairman Ige and Vice Chair Kidani, WAM Committee members:

I am writing to request that you hold HB 1902 SD1, or at least make substantive changes. I speak as a licensed Hawaii hunter for over fifty years. This bill creates a hunting advisory commission (HAC), which, as written, will be in effect a separate action and policy entity, parallel in function to the DLNR. Its role in the bill is to provide a single-minded, separate pathway to effect policy of the DLNR above all other interests that advise the Department and the Board of Land and Natural Resources. HAC is to advise the Board directly, report to the Legislature directly, and carries the weight of “shall” over that of “may”. The bill directs the HAC to address anything that might affect hunting on 90% of DLNR lands (the 90% are now public hunting areas). The bill also empowers the HAC to focus on the island of Hawaii, to implement a game management plan with input only from the “hunting community” and from Hawaii County’s Game Management Advisory Commission (also hunters). The overpopulation of hunted animals negatively affects many facets of our lives and economy throughout the Islands, but facets affecting this overpopulation will be addressed by the “hunting community” alone for their own aims of more animals in more places by law through this bill. The bill directs the HAC to recommend which portion of DLNR’s lands are to be public hunting areas “while preserving designated watershed areas that are protected in accordance with law”. Most important watershed areas are not now given such legal protection. Most of the rare and endangered native plants and animals fall outside of the legally designated watershed areas, as do the interests of many other user groups of DLNR lands.

The Legislature recently created the Aha Moku Advisory Committee to advise the DLNR on natural resources management from a cultural perspective, to advise with “may” versus HB 1902 SD1’s “shall”. The proposed HAC of HB 1902 SD1 is redundant, unbalanced in its perspectives, and way over-powered.

Like others, I have provided testimony against HB 1902 in all its very different forms. None of its content, as it has morphed through the legislative process, has had enough merit to justify passage. This bill will cripple the DLNR’s abilities to balance its conflicting mandates on state lands, favoring a small element of the “hunting community” over all other stakeholder groups and bypassing established pathways of input and opinion. Both houses have added problematic amendments, have not addressed valid content of concerned testifiers, and have enabled the ever-increasing demands of this select group claiming to speak for the “hunting community”. Given that, should this bill be advanced and be subject to the compromises of a conference committee, the result will still be skewed toward the specific requests of a minority at the expense of the majority.

There is no doubt that the DLNR, over the decades, has failed to effectively navigate the complexities of their oft-conflicting statutory mandates and legislative directions. This bill, in any of its forms, will only make the conflicts and consequences much more difficult for all involved. For the first time in my memory, DLNR-DOFAW has within its ranks enough committed, skilled and experienced members in a range of positions across the islands to make a real difference in doing justice to the broad range of mandates that they have. This bill will cripple that potential, sidetrack their efforts, and highlight the whims of a subset of the 0.8% of the state’s population that are licensed hunters. They do not speak for me; they do not represent you.

There is no shortage of game—such animals have been spilling out of hunting areas into agriculture lands, suburbs, roadsides, golf courses and the like in ever-increasing numbers in recent years. There is no shortage of areas to hunt--- we hunters have access to more state land than any other single user. There is no increasing cadre of hunters to serve—our proportion of the Hawaii population has been in steady decline for decades. The issue is simply one of self interest and power to control policy. The collateral damage in all this continues to be the quantity and quality of water produced by our watersheds, the fate of our rapidly declining native plants and animals, and any other state land user groups.

If you feel that you can do nothing else to change the content of this bill and must pass it on, please remove all funding allotments and change “public hunting areas” to “Game Management Areas”, a subset of the former.

Thank you for listening to my concerns,

Rick Warshauer

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Cc: hogdog44@hotmail.com
Subject: Submitted testimony for HB1902 on Mar 28, 2014 09:20AM
Date: Wednesday, March 26, 2014 9:14:41 PM

HB1902

Submitted on: 3/26/2014

Testimony for WAM on Mar 28, 2014 09:20AM in Conference Room 211

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Gary Fernandez	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support this bill

Please note that testimony submitted less than 24 hours prior to the hearing, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

Do not reply to this email. This inbox is not monitored. For assistance please email webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Cc: freediving@earthlink.net
Subject: Submitted testimony for HB1902 on Mar 28, 2014 09:20AM
Date: Tuesday, March 25, 2014 6:05:37 PM

HB1902

Submitted on: 3/25/2014

Testimony for WAM on Mar 28, 2014 09:20AM in Conference Room 211

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Glennon T. Gingo	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support HB1902 and urge the Legislature to suport it as well. Hunters are natural "Conservationist". The land and the community are one when it comes to hunting and access to public lands. If a Game Management Plan is adopted it can begin a process whereby the hunting community can engage with DLNR and continue to develop a sustainable and effective hunting activity. It would also be a great step toward seeing to it that in DLNR staff positions that oversee hunting opportunities, to actually have hunting experience. Mahalo from the Big Island.

Please note that testimony submitted less than 24 hours prior to the hearing, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

Do not reply to this email. This inbox is not monitored. For assistance please email webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Cc: hogdog44@hotmail.com
Subject: Submitted testimony for HB1902 on Mar 28, 2014 09:20AM
Date: Wednesday, March 26, 2014 8:59:46 PM

HB1902

Submitted on: 3/26/2014

Testimony for WAM on Mar 28, 2014 09:20AM in Conference Room 211

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Harley Souza	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please pass this bill I strongly support this bill

Please note that testimony submitted less than 24 hours prior to the hearing, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

Do not reply to this email. This inbox is not monitored. For assistance please email webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Cc: hogdog44@hotmail.com
Subject: Submitted testimony for HB1902 on Mar 28, 2014 09:20AM
Date: Wednesday, March 26, 2014 9:00:39 PM

HB1902

Submitted on: 3/26/2014

Testimony for WAM on Mar 28, 2014 09:20AM in Conference Room 211

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Harmony Souza	Individual	Support	No

Comments: strongly support this bill

Please note that testimony submitted less than 24 hours prior to the hearing, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

Do not reply to this email. This inbox is not monitored. For assistance please email webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Cc: hogdog44@hotmail.com
Subject: Submitted testimony for HB1902 on Mar 28, 2014 09:20AM
Date: Wednesday, March 26, 2014 8:58:43 PM

HB1902

Submitted on: 3/26/2014

Testimony for WAM on Mar 28, 2014 09:20AM in Conference Room 211

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Hunter Souza	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support this bill

Please note that testimony submitted less than 24 hours prior to the hearing, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

Do not reply to this email. This inbox is not monitored. For assistance please email webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov

From: [John Culliney](#)
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: HB 1902 SD1; WAM Decision Making Hearing , Friday, March 28, 2014, 9:20 a.m.
Date: Wednesday, March 26, 2014 11:00:10 PM

Chairman Ige and Vice Chair Kidani, WAM Committee members:

This is to respectfully ask the Committee to place HB 1902 SD1 on hold or to recommend zero funding for this bill.

I have studied and written about Hawai`i's environment and natural heritage for more than 35 years. I have witnessed the forests, streams, and other undeveloped and wild landscapes of our Islands progressively degraded and the ancient Hawaiian life of those lands and watersheds disappearing at an accelerating rate.

HB 1902 as it has evolved through committee action further jeopardizes those heritage lands of our state by an increase in focus on hunting, such that up to 90 percent of state lands under the stewardship of DLNR/DOFAW stand to be managed in favor of hunting with that use placed in priority to other values. It has long been established that certain game animals, especially pigs, goats, and mouflon sheep have been immensely destructive to our native flora and fauna and their lands and watersheds for many decades. Their impact has grown as the quality of wildlands has gone down.

While hunting has its place for the fewer than 1 percent of state residents that are registered hunters, its footprint on our landscapes should be reasonable, not coming down across nearly all of the state's forest reserves. Many of them were once beautiful Hawaiian mountainsides that have become tattered, torn, and bitten to the quick by scrawny goats and European wild sheep. Our lush island rainforests, once alive with songs of some of the world's most striking and unusual birds, are overrun by pigs that chew down many of the plants and churn the soil into mudholes. People once thought of those mountains now made barren and rainforests made silent by the destruction caused by "game animals" as landscapes of "Paradise in the Pacific".

To those who claim pig hunting as a cultural tradition in Old Hawai`i, it is past time to stop perpetuating this myth. Ancient Hawaiians lovingly raised a breed of small pig, which never grew larger than about 60 pounds. There were no reports of wild pigs in the forests until around the 1830s, decades after Western explorers and traders introduced the big Eurasian breed.

I hope the committee will make a decision to help protect the kama`aina quality of what is left of our native habitats, help keep real Hawaiian plants and animals in our wild landscapes, help stem the onslaught of alien game animals, and affirm the true cultural and spiritual, as well as scientific and aesthetic values of Hawai`i. Please hold or defund HB 1902 SD1.

Thanks for your consideration.

John Culliney, Ph.D.
Retired biologist, Big Island resident

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Cc: jgriffiths62@yahoo.com
Subject: Submitted testimony for HB1902 on Mar 28, 2014 09:20AM
Date: Wednesday, March 26, 2014 9:42:40 PM

HB1902

Submitted on: 3/26/2014

Testimony for WAM on Mar 28, 2014 09:20AM in Conference Room 211

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
John Griffiths jr	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support HB 1902 sd1 . I oppose any testimony as coming from the corporation TNC nature conservancy . TNC puts the public at a disadvantage being a huge corporation Whether they say their nonprofit or profit TNC has way to much Influence n money to get there way . Can the public put TNC on the stand and ask TNC questions ? No ,TNC is a corporation n not a live human being . Our government should be protecting us public from a huge corporation TNC from having say at our public lands . Does the public have say in corporate TNC land use ? No and neither should TNC have any say or interest in our lands. Stand up Hawaii and save Hawaii from corporate TNC and other special interest groups for our future Hawaii kids . Thank u

Please note that testimony submitted less than 24 hours prior to the hearing, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

Do not reply to this email. This inbox is not monitored. For assistance please email webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Cc: jparish@hawaii.edu
Subject: Submitted testimony for HB1902 on Mar 28, 2014 09:20AM
Date: Wednesday, March 26, 2014 12:23:55 PM

HB1902

Submitted on: 3/26/2014

Testimony for WAM on Mar 28, 2014 09:20AM in Conference Room 211

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Julia Parish	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: If a hunting bill was going to be passed it should provide DLNR funding to increase hunting right of ways and access to current inaccessible hunting areas. The legislator should approve and increase DLNR's supplemental budget request of \$750,000 in general funds which would match federal funds that would improve access to State lands already open to hunting. Currently 27% of the island of Hawaii is already a public hunting area, and the number of hunters is expected to decrease by 39% over the next generation. Only 0.8% of the population of the state legally hunts in public hunting areas (has a hunting license). Is there really a need for a pilot program on Hawaii Island with all of the other challenges DLNR faces at this moment?

Please note that testimony submitted less than 24 hours prior to the hearing, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

Do not reply to this email. This inbox is not monitored. For assistance please email webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Cc: hogdog44@hotmail.com
Subject: Submitted testimony for HB1902 on Mar 28, 2014 09:20AM
Date: Wednesday, March 26, 2014 9:10:37 PM

HB1902

Submitted on: 3/26/2014

Testimony for WAM on Mar 28, 2014 09:20AM in Conference Room 211

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kalanikoa Ahquin	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support this bill

Please note that testimony submitted less than 24 hours prior to the hearing, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

Do not reply to this email. This inbox is not monitored. For assistance please email webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Cc: hogdog44@hotmail.com
Subject: Submitted testimony for HB1902 on Mar 28, 2014 09:20AM
Date: Wednesday, March 26, 2014 9:06:42 PM

HB1902

Submitted on: 3/26/2014

Testimony for WAM on Mar 28, 2014 09:20AM in Conference Room 211

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kawai Souza	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support this bill

Please note that testimony submitted less than 24 hours prior to the hearing, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

Do not reply to this email. This inbox is not monitored. For assistance please email webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Cc: hogdog44@hotmail.com
Subject: Submitted testimony for HB1902 on Mar 28, 2014 09:20AM
Date: Wednesday, March 26, 2014 9:09:43 PM

HB1902

Submitted on: 3/26/2014

Testimony for WAM on Mar 28, 2014 09:20AM in Conference Room 211

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kawika Souza	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support this bill

Please note that testimony submitted less than 24 hours prior to the hearing, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

Do not reply to this email. This inbox is not monitored. For assistance please email webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov



From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Cc: ktokeshi@yahoo.com
Subject: *Submitted testimony for HB1902 on Mar 28, 2014 09:20AM*
Date: Thursday, March 27, 2014 12:30:48 PM

HB1902

Submitted on: 3/27/2014

Testimony for WAM on Mar 28, 2014 09:20AM in Conference Room 211

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kerwyn Tokeshi	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please note that testimony submitted less than 24 hours prior to the hearing, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

Do not reply to this email. This inbox is not monitored. For assistance please email webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Cc: cburner1@gmail.com
Subject: Submitted testimony for HB1902 on Mar 28, 2014 09:20AM
Date: Tuesday, March 25, 2014 7:37:34 PM

HB1902

Submitted on: 3/25/2014

Testimony for WAM on Mar 28, 2014 09:20AM in Conference Room 211

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kilika Burner	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I Kilika burner support this bill

Please note that testimony submitted less than 24 hours prior to the hearing, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

Do not reply to this email. This inbox is not monitored. For assistance please email webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Cc: hogdog44@hotmail.com
Subject: Submitted testimony for HB1902 on Mar 28, 2014 09:20AM
Date: Wednesday, March 26, 2014 9:11:19 PM

HB1902

Submitted on: 3/26/2014

Testimony for WAM on Mar 28, 2014 09:20AM in Conference Room 211

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kuuleihiwa Ahquin	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support this bill

Please note that testimony submitted less than 24 hours prior to the hearing, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

Do not reply to this email. This inbox is not monitored. For assistance please email webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Cc: hogdog44@hotmail.com
Subject: Submitted testimony for HB1902 on Mar 28, 2014 09:20AM
Date: Wednesday, March 26, 2014 9:28:06 PM

HB1902

Submitted on: 3/26/2014

Testimony for WAM on Mar 28, 2014 09:20AM in Conference Room 211

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Larry Kodama	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support this bill

Please note that testimony submitted less than 24 hours prior to the hearing, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

Do not reply to this email. This inbox is not monitored. For assistance please email webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Cc: wjc3030@hawaiiantel.net
Subject: *Submitted testimony for HB1902 on Mar 28, 2014 09:20AM*
Date: Thursday, March 27, 2014 8:33:57 AM

HB1902

Submitted on: 3/27/2014

Testimony for WAM on Mar 28, 2014 09:20AM in Conference Room 211

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Laura A. Camara	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please note that testimony submitted less than 24 hours prior to the hearing, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

Do not reply to this email. This inbox is not monitored. For assistance please email webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Cc: hogdog44@hotmail.com
Subject: Submitted testimony for HB1902 on Mar 28, 2014 09:20AM
Date: Wednesday, March 26, 2014 9:15:17 PM

HB1902

Submitted on: 3/26/2014

Testimony for WAM on Mar 28, 2014 09:20AM in Conference Room 211

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Leslie Perez	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support this bill

Please note that testimony submitted less than 24 hours prior to the hearing, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

Do not reply to this email. This inbox is not monitored. For assistance please email webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Cc: hogdog44@hotmail.com
Subject: Submitted testimony for HB1902 on Mar 28, 2014 09:20AM
Date: Wednesday, March 26, 2014 9:11:59 PM

HB1902

Submitted on: 3/26/2014

Testimony for WAM on Mar 28, 2014 09:20AM in Conference Room 211

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Makamae Ahquin	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support this bill

Please note that testimony submitted less than 24 hours prior to the hearing, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

Do not reply to this email. This inbox is not monitored. For assistance please email webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Cc: makani.christensen@gmail.com
Subject: Submitted testimony for HB1902 on Mar 28, 2014 09:20AM
Date: Wednesday, March 26, 2014 11:36:37 PM

HB1902

Submitted on: 3/26/2014

Testimony for WAM on Mar 28, 2014 09:20AM in Conference Room 211

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
makani	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I support HB1902. This bill help protect our people and resources. I oppose alteration that were created in the Senate that changed the original content of the bill (no net loss of public lands). How can a corporation such as the Nature Conservancy have such a huge influence on our resources? They seem to be doing more harm then good. I urge law makers to stick to the facts and remember to individuals that depend on the lands for survival.

Please note that testimony submitted less than 24 hours prior to the hearing, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

Do not reply to this email. This inbox is not monitored. For assistance please email webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov



From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Cc: manueliv1990@gmail.com
Subject: Submitted testimony for HB1902 on Mar 28, 2014 09:20AM
Date: Thursday, March 27, 2014 11:44:34 AM

HB1902

Submitted on: 3/27/2014

Testimony for WAM on Mar 28, 2014 09:20AM in Conference Room 211

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
manuel soares iv	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Strongly support having a hunting committee to plan for future hunting land and hunting heritage. Hunting is more than just going out and harvesting game. It's about being in the outdoors and having the connection with nature in a way that only hunting can let you experience it. So having a committee to ensure we have a future with hunting is a strong need in our diverse culture here in Hawaii.

Please note that testimony submitted less than 24 hours prior to the hearing, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

Do not reply to this email. This inbox is not monitored. For assistance please email webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Cc: hogdog44@hotmail.com
Subject: Submitted testimony for HB1902 on Mar 28, 2014 09:20AM
Date: Wednesday, March 26, 2014 9:13:54 PM

HB1902

Submitted on: 3/26/2014

Testimony for WAM on Mar 28, 2014 09:20AM in Conference Room 211

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mary Ann James	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support this bill

Please note that testimony submitted less than 24 hours prior to the hearing, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

Do not reply to this email. This inbox is not monitored. For assistance please email webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov

March 25, 2014

Testimony to the Senate Committee on Ways and Means
From Mary Ikagawa, Kailua

In opposition to HB1902 HD2 SD1, to be heard Friday, March 28, 2014, 9:20 a.m., Room 211

HB 1902 works directly against the financial interests of the state and against state mandates, and therefore should be held. The state of Hawai'i has a series of statutory and administrative mandates to protect agriculture, watersheds, and native plants and animals. These mandates cannot be fulfilled without serious efforts to reduce the range and impacts of invasive introduced game animals: goats, deer, sheep, and pigs.

The longstanding problems with the state's hunting program are not from lack of acreage, but rather the lack of scientific game management that integrates hunting and conservation. HB 1902 does not address the real problem. Instead, **it would give legal support to interests that promote the proliferation of invasive animals, which works directly against the economic well-being of the state and its people. The bill requests \$110,000/year for this purpose.**

Among the 12 members of the proposed advisory commission, there are 5 hunters, 0 farmers/ranchers, and 1 conservation organization (not counting DOCARE, which wears a lot of hats). Though the hunting community is valued in Hawai'i, non-hunters are 98% or more of the population. The public is already overburdened with high costs associated with poorly controlled, state-regulated game animals. Farms, ranches, suburban residents, forest preserves, golf courses, etc. are forced to fence out pigs, deer and other game species, or suffer the consequences. For farmers, that often means abandoning crops favored by pigs and deer. For Hawai'i's national parks and watershed forests to serve their purpose, it has meant building expensive 4-foot pig and goat fences, then replacing them with even more expensive 6-foot deer and mouflon fences as those animals spread across the Big Island and Maui. For Hawaiian plants and animals, the cost may be extinction. There is no danger of Hawai'i's game animals becoming extinct. In fact, the deforestation they have caused to the Islands can be seen from Google Earth, and will only get worse with climate change.

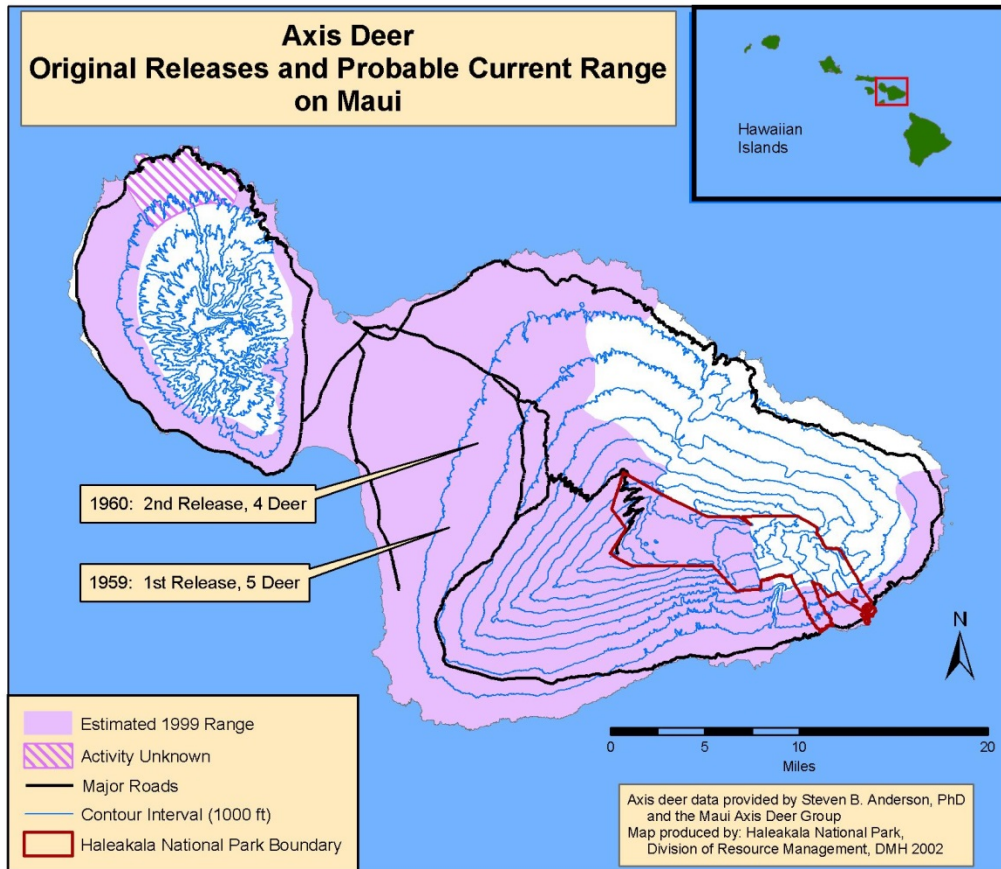
The proposed Hunting Advisory Commission would not be responsible for preventing game animals from encroaching on private lands, damaging crops, or competing with livestock for forage; or for procuring funds for fencing and other animal control on public lands. However, DLNR and HDOA will continue to be mandated to protect forests and agriculture for future sustainability.

It is important to note that the "public hunting areas" the bill's Hunting Advisory Commission would advise on are not limited to Game Management Areas, which are the subset of public hunting areas where hunting is a primary use. Public hunting areas include restricted watersheds, Natural Area Reserves, and other lands where preservation of biodiversity and watershed forests is the primary state mandate.

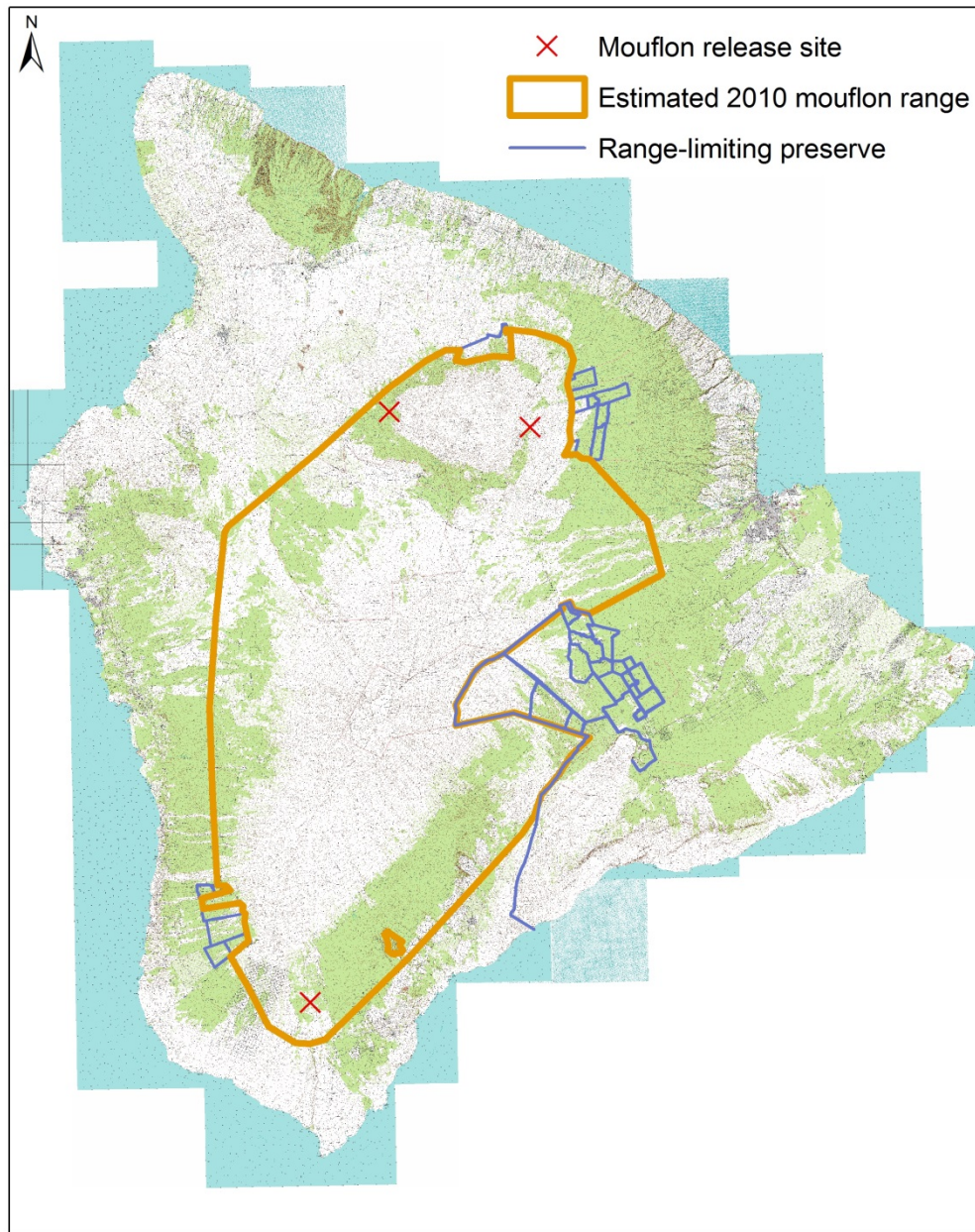
The new DOFAW administrator has expressed the intent to improve game management. Specifically, efforts should be made to improve the active management of Game Management Areas for the benefit of hunters, and to limit the range and impacts of game animals on agriculture, residential areas, and vulnerable forest lands. There may need to be a task force or advisory group dedicated to fixing Hawai'i's conflicting model of animal management, to make hunting work with state conservation mandates and not against them.

HB 1902 HD2 SD1 does not serve the best interests of all residents, but instead would continue the state's previous history of prioritizing introduced game species over the needs of local farmers, ranchers, suburban residents, and more than 400 rare and endangered Hawaiian plants and animals that cannot coexist with hooved animals. The attached maps show some results of supporting the proliferation, instead of control, of game animals.

Thank you Chairman Ige and WAM Committee members for the opportunity to testify against this proposed law.



In 2012, a Maui County agricultural specialist estimated costs of agricultural damage by axis deer in the previous two years to be at least \$1,000,000 per year, and to be “grossly understated” at that because many farms and ranches were not included in his survey (Tanji, M. 2012. Damage to farms, ranches, resorts in last two years at least \$1 million. *The Maui News* online, May 11, 2012. Available online at <http://www.mauinews.com/page/content.detail/id/561027.html>.) Figure from: Maui Axis Deer Group, 2002. Initial findings and recommendations for a Maui deer management plan. Available online at http://www.hear.org/species/axis_axis/pdfs/axisdeeronmaui_madg20020806.pdf



Ikagawa, M. Mouflon sheep and rare plants on the island of Hawai'i, with an analysis of state ungulate management. Master's thesis, University of Hawaii Dept. Botany, 2013

Mouflon sheep were released for hunting at three locations on Hawai'i island in the 1960s and 1970s. Mouflon are able to jump 4-foot pig and goat fences and have imposed millions of dollars in control costs on public resource managers. The animals are still protected by state game program take limits.

Testimony to the Senate Committee on Ways and Means

From: Mashuri Waite, Honolulu

In opposition to HB1902 HD2 SD1, hearing on Friday, March 28, 2014, 9:20am, Room 2011

HB 1902 seeks to create a new Hunting Advisory Commission and requests \$110,000 to fund its operation. However, many regulations, policies, state employees and lands are already in place to promote public hunting such that this bill will merely result in wasted time and money. For this reason I encourage you not to pass this bill.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify against this proposed law.

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Cc: sewsew@hawaii.rr.com
Subject: *Submitted testimony for HB1902 on Mar 28, 2014 09:20AM*
Date: Wednesday, March 26, 2014 9:06:59 PM

HB1902

Submitted on: 3/26/2014

Testimony for WAM on Mar 28, 2014 09:20AM in Conference Room 211

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Michelle Sylvester	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please note that testimony submitted less than 24 hours prior to the hearing, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

Do not reply to this email. This inbox is not monitored. For assistance please email webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov

March 26, 2014

To: Senator David Ige, Chair
Michelle Kidani , Vice Chair
and Members of the Committee on Ways and Means

From: Patrick Conant, Volcano, Hawaii.

Subject: Testimony Against HB 1902 SD1 for decision making by WAM on 3/28/14

I am opposed to this bill because there is presently not an equitable way to make it effective without irreversible damage to our watersheds composed of native forests and shrublands. Ongoing game animal damage to our watersheds is reducing our ability to conserve water for crops, commercial and domestic use. Global warming in Hawaii is predicted to decrease rainfall, meaning we need to protect all the watershed capacity we can, right now.

Regarding the WAL Committee report on this bill submitted to Senate President Kim (Stand Comm. Rpt. 3031), there are some important points I see problems with:

The first paragraph on page 2 last sentence must be a typographical error since it does not accurately describe the number of people that sent testimony in opposition to this bill. Please take note of this.

On page 2, 2nd paragraph, there is mention of the need “to prevent and offset the loss, destruction, or degradation of public hunting areas on any island of the State and expeditiously find replacement land for hunting”. The problem I see here is that the biggest problem causing the destruction and degradation of hunting areas (and conservation areas and watersheds) are game mammals themselves that roam freely from hunting areas to native forests to watersheds to ranches and farms .

On page 3 item #3 of the WAL rpt., there is no mention of farmers or ranchers being represented on the proposed Hunting Advisory Commission (HAC). Game animals do not recognize invisible land boundaries and if their numbers are going to be intentionally increased then farmers and ranchers need to know that. The ongoing axis deer significant economic damage to Maui farms and ranches is a good example of what could result.

Item 7B page 3 of the WAL Comm. Rpt. empowers the HAC to “implement a game management plan or hunting plan” apparently without input from DLNR nor its Division of Conservation And Resource Enforcement, nor its Wildlife Branch, nor non-hunter user groups of DLNR lands. Also, I do not know of any county agencies on any islands that have jurisdiction over hunting so it is unclear what is referred to in this paragraph.

Ideally, there would be ample State lands or private lands accessible to hunters that are dominated by alien plants where damage to our watersheds would not result. But, there is no “land bank” of such State lands at present to make this proposed legislation work. It would be great if more private land owners freely entered into agreements with the State to provide hunting on their non-native forest and

shrub lands. However, it seems there are not enough that do. Wild ungulates (including game animals) are well documented as very destructive to native forest and vegetation cover of our mountain slopes. Having grown up on Oahu and having lived and worked in agriculture on most of the different islands over 30 years, I have seen much of this damage myself. **Also, note that Mr. William Aila, Chair of DLNR points out that over 700,000 acres on the Big Island alone (900,000a. State wide) is available to hunters, out of a total of 1 million acres of land under DLNR-DOFAW control in the entire State.**

I understand that there was funding to hire only a single person (who has now left) by DLNR to improve access to hunting areas, so I suggest that the legislature fully support Mr. Aila in expansion of that much needed program. The problem is that presently large areas of intact native forest and watersheds are legal hunting areas that really need protection from game animals via fencing them out. Those hunting areas were established many decades ago when wild ungulate damage to forests was not as well understood.

Densities of game animals can often be higher in intact native forest because those areas have not yet been degraded to the point that the animals have destroyed the understory where the young replacement trees and shrubs start. No understory means no erosion control and no forest when the old trees die. Should we be allowing the destruction of our best forests and watersheds because less than 1.5% of the population wants the animals at high densities there for their benefit, at the expense of the rest of the population of the State?

To expect such densities of game animals in appropriate hunting areas, DLNR will need increased capacity to create hunting areas in DLNR or private lands already dominated by alien plants that can recover from browsing pressure. The best way to do that is to fence the animals in large areas (e.g. former sugar cane lands) and plant non-invasive alien plants the animals prefer. I suggest that the Legislature fund that effort, rather than adding more reporting requirements for DOFAW staff. We know what needs to be done so allow them to do it.

We need to be sure that the State lands used to create new Game Management Areas are not dominated by irreplaceable native forest, that has already been shown by University of Hawaii researchers to be the best form of watersheds in the State. Protecting watersheds also protects soil and coastal reefs that become smothered by soil when wild game animals are not fenced out of erosion prone lands.

If the Legislature is going to propose such a land exchange, then the Legislature is obligated to see that native forests and intact watersheds that benefit all Hawaii residents are not given up to the less than 1.5% hunting public, at the expense of the rest of the public, our environment and long term sustainability. The present form of this bill will permanently adversely affect all residents of Hawaii well into the future.

**HAWAII STATE SENATE
TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE, 2014**

H.B. NO.1902 HD2 SD1

To: Senate Committee on
Ways and Means

I SUPPORT HB1902 HD2 SD1

Subject: DLNR; Hunting; No Net Loss

Purpose: Prohibits any net reduction of public hunting area on each island. Effective 1/01/2014.

Summary: This is an important measure to the Hawai'i community in that it ensures continued access for hunting and gathering opportunities on public lands for all the people of Hawai'i. By passing this measure we will be able to continue improving the "quality of life" of the people of Hawai'i. By allowing them to benefit from the public lands in activates that contribute to good health and well-being.

While I am not a biologist of some umpteen years nor do I have any special pieces of paper hanging on my wall from some University giving me the ability have extra letters added to my name. Hawai'i is my home and it is where I am raising my children. What we as hunters want is a balanced approach and we have given up much in the way of hunting areas and for some groups, and it is still not enough. Land that was useful is now fenced and overgrown with invasive plants. What is fenced now is not maintainable. The fencing and eradication of animals is not a sustainable outcome, it places the burden on the tax payers whether they want it or not. In a true game managed area it would be funded by the hunters and fees associated with the activities there. Money that would have been wasted on fencing could be better spent on important people like our educators in the public school.

Signature: _____



Paul Bueltmann
Hawaii County Game Management Advisory Commission
District 4
Date: 3/26/2014
Address: PO Box 5535
Email: paul.bueltmann@gmail.com

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Cc: hogdog44@hotmail.com
Subject: Submitted testimony for HB1902 on Mar 28, 2014 09:20AM
Date: Wednesday, March 26, 2014 9:17:44 PM

HB1902

Submitted on: 3/26/2014

Testimony for WAM on Mar 28, 2014 09:20AM in Conference Room 211

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Robert Romualdo	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support this bill

Please note that testimony submitted less than 24 hours prior to the hearing, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

Do not reply to this email. This inbox is not monitored. For assistance please email webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov



March 26, 2014

Testimony of Dr. Robert Shallenberger Commenting on
H.B.1902_HD2_SD1
Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Friday, March 28, 2014, 9:20am

I submitted testimony, dated March 14, 2014, opposing H.B.1902 HD2. Amendments in the Senate Committee on Water and Land addressed some of my concerns. With additional amendments I would support the latest version of this bill.

The State of Hawaii has an affirmative mandate to protect native plants and animals and the habitats on which they depend. It also has a mandate to provide and to manage recreational, cultural and educational use of State lands. The challenge lies in resolving conflict between differing mandates.

The latest amended bill dropped the ‘no net loss’ provision but retained language that identified the need to maintain and enhance sustainable public hunting opportunities. That was a constructive change that I support. I would also support language to accelerate ongoing efforts to enhance hunting opportunity without impacting species conservation objectives. Examples include hunter participation in the early phase of animal control projects, acquisition of lease agreements, easements and other related mechanisms to enhance access to remote areas, strategies to facilitate more efficient recovery and distribution of meat from animal control projects, regulation changes to facilitate hunting opportunities for visitors and expanded youth hunting program.

I would support the creation of a Hunting Advisory Commission IF there was broader representation than is reflected in the latest version of the bill. I have had the opportunity to participate as a member of the West Hawaii Fishery Council and the Legacy Land Conservation Commission. In both cases, the enabling legislation dictated the selection of members reflecting a wide variety of interests and expertise. I recommend the following Commission membership:

DOFAW (1), DOCARE (1), Hunters (4), Cultural Resource Specialist (1), Conservation Biologist (1), Recreation Specialist (1), Education Specialist (1). Endangered species biologist (1), Rancher/Farmer(1)

The bill would establish a pilot program on the island of Hawaii that would recommend public lands for designation as public hunting areas while preserving designated watershed areas that are protected in accordance with law. The bill would also direct the Commission to implement a game management or hunting plan for the island of Hawaii. I support these proposals if they build upon two related DOFAW initiatives. The first is the “management guidelines” project, developed to provide administrative policy direction and to prioritize resource management and public use activities. The draft guidelines were never finalized. DOFAW should complete this project, with input from the Commission and others, providing a legitimate foundation for designating public hunting areas and for identifying key watershed areas.

In addition, the State recently contracted for preparation of a Game Management Plan for the island of Hawaii. The Plan was drafted and submitted to DOFAW, but it has not been distributed for review and implementation. This draft Plan can provide a foundation for the planning requirements in the bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the amended bill.

Aloha,

s/ Robert Shallenberger

Robert Shallenberger

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Cc: cburner1@gmail.com
Subject: Submitted testimony for HB1902 on Mar 28, 2014 09:20AM
Date: Tuesday, March 25, 2014 7:39:54 PM

HB1902

Submitted on: 3/25/2014

Testimony for WAM on Mar 28, 2014 09:20AM in Conference Room 211

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Rosemary burner	Individual	Support	No

Comments: My name is Rosemary Burner and I can't imagine why you would want to take the land that helps feed our family away from the hunters

Please note that testimony submitted less than 24 hours prior to the hearing, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

Do not reply to this email. This inbox is not monitored. For assistance please email webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Cc: hogdog44@hotmail.com
Subject: Submitted testimony for HB1902 on Mar 28, 2014 09:20AM
Date: Wednesday, March 26, 2014 8:57:25 PM

HB1902

Submitted on: 3/26/2014

Testimony for WAM on Mar 28, 2014 09:20AM in Conference Room 211

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Rosetta James	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Strongly support this bill

Please note that testimony submitted less than 24 hours prior to the hearing, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

Do not reply to this email. This inbox is not monitored. For assistance please email webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Cc: kohatsu_ryan@hotmail.com
Subject: Submitted testimony for HB1902 on Mar 28, 2014 09:20AM
Date: Thursday, March 27, 2014 9:22:12 AM

HB1902

Submitted on: 3/27/2014

Testimony for WAM on Mar 28, 2014 09:20AM in Conference Room 211

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ryan Kohatsu	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Hunting plays a valuable role in todays society not only for land and forest management, but also for being a connection to the nature around us and how it provides. It is imperative that Hawaii works toward a game management plan for its hunting areas instead of the current status of zero management and eradication for lack of management. Hunted animals are far more easier to control and provide many uses unlike invasive weeds that serve no purpose to society. Game animals should not be treated like invasive pests and broad stroked prescribed remedies of eradication. Hunters have gone far too long without flexibilities and adjustments by their managers (DOFAW). We are neglected and because of this neglect, our respected game animals are treated as pests and it is insensitive toward the population of hunters who value the resource and stand ready to protect and manage it. Please keep our public lands that are available for hunting to remain available for hunting. Please bring hunters formally to the table in a State commission as we are ready and willing managers for our game populations. Please pressure DLNR toward sustainable game management practices for both the land and sea. And most of all please understand there is a certain population in Hawaii that believes hunting and fishing is terrible for society and would utilize the excuse of resource preservation as a vehicle to push an anti-gathering agenda. This agenda is hypocritical and hunters and fishermen are willing and ready to promote sustainable wise use of our resources while backing it with their hard earned dollars.

Please note that testimony submitted less than 24 hours prior to the hearing, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

Do not reply to this email. This inbox is not monitored. For assistance please email webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov

I am in strong opposition to HB 1902, HD2, SD1 which would degrade the native-dominated natural areas upon which we all rely for fresh water. On other islands, State managed hunting areas may be less accessible than on Hawai'i Island, but in Ka'u and South Kona there are over 155,000 acres of accessible lands designated for hunting. DLNR manages 900,000 acres statewide that are open for public hunting, and only a small fraction of those lands are ungulate-free.

Ungulates increase soil erosion by digging, trampling, and eating native vegetation in our forests. Soil erosion leads to muddy run-off during periods of heavy rainfall, degrading the health of the forest and smothering our reefs. Fencing and removal of non-native ungulates from the Hawaiian forest allows young seedlings to survive to maturity, becoming trees that catch fog and rain which seeps into the forest floor to increase our supply of fresh drinking water.

Forming a commission to advise as to how many animals are needed for the 0.8% of our state's population that are registered hunters isn't going to change the fact that ungulates are destroying our remaining forests forever. As hunters in Hawai'i, we've been given 200 years to manage ungulate populations in the uplands and now time's running out. I strongly oppose this bill's aim at muddying the water any further.



Thank you for considering my opposition to this bill,

Shalan Crysdale

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Cc: hogdog44@hotmail.com
Subject: Submitted testimony for HB1902 on Mar 28, 2014 09:20AM
Date: Wednesday, March 26, 2014 9:07:25 PM

HB1902

Submitted on: 3/26/2014

Testimony for WAM on Mar 28, 2014 09:20AM in Conference Room 211

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Stephanie Souza	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support this bill

Please note that testimony submitted less than 24 hours prior to the hearing, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

Do not reply to this email. This inbox is not monitored. For assistance please email webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Cc: meedolly@yahoo.com
Subject: Submitted testimony for HB1902 on Mar 28, 2014 09:20AM
Date: Tuesday, March 25, 2014 7:07:31 PM

HB1902

Submitted on: 3/25/2014

Testimony for WAM on Mar 28, 2014 09:20AM in Conference Room 211

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
taylor sumida	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I would just like to say that I support this bill, however I don't understand why the bill has been chopped and reworded from its original format. In its beginning it was what the people really asked for. We still ask for the same. We don't want to lose anymore lands to anyone. We use these lands to feed our families and teach our children. Be it is hunting, fishing, or gathering we need these lands accessible to us. Not everyone goes to the store for their food and goods. And not every store sells the items we commonly use or eat. I like to drink my Mamaki tea, eat my bacon wrapped mutton, fresh steamed Uhu, deep fried Aholehole or Kole my smoked meat and Teriyaki Deer. My grocery store is the outdoors. Just like it should be and I would appreciate the help with the passing of this bill to pass these lessons on to my two son's. Thank You

Please note that testimony submitted less than 24 hours prior to the hearing, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

Do not reply to this email. This inbox is not monitored. For assistance please email webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov



From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Cc: hanatarok@yahoo.com
Subject: Submitted testimony for HB1902 on Mar 28, 2014 09:20AM
Date: Thursday, March 27, 2014 1:47:56 PM

HB1902

Submitted on: 3/27/2014

Testimony for WAM on Mar 28, 2014 09:20AM in Conference Room 211

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Taylor	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Conserve Hawaii's Game animals, We need to make sure the future generations have sheep, goats and pigs to hunt

Please note that testimony submitted less than 24 hours prior to the hearing, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

Do not reply to this email. This inbox is not monitored. For assistance please email webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Cc: hawaiihuntingassociation@hawaiiantel.net
Subject: Submitted testimony for HB1902 on Mar 28, 2014 09:20AM
Date: Wednesday, March 26, 2014 11:16:26 PM

HB1902

Submitted on: 3/26/2014

Testimony for WAM on Mar 28, 2014 09:20AM in Conference Room 211

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Tom Lodge	Individual	Support	No

Comments: The makeup of the Hawaii Hunting Commission, or whatever name is adopted, is stacked against hunters and thus, is likely weighted against meaningful transformation of DLNR's approach to forest management. The idea of no net loss is to replace areas removed of sustainable hunting with land and habitat of like quality and carrying capacity. A meaningful management strategy of all of forest lands would eliminate the need of taking areas out of hunting, and thus remove the necessity of finding State land that is simply not available. Proper forest management means that all forest areas are managed to levels of game resources that accommodate an acceptable interaction of animal and habitat. We fear that proposed make-up of the Commission won't allow for robust and innovative discourse and investigation to this end. Much Aloha, Tom Lodge, ChFC,CLU

Please note that testimony submitted less than 24 hours prior to the hearing, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

Do not reply to this email. This inbox is not monitored. For assistance please email webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Cc: voggymtn@yahoo.com
Subject: Submitted testimony for HB1902 on Mar 28, 2014 09:20AM
Date: Thursday, March 27, 2014 8:03:08 AM

HB1902

Submitted on: 3/27/2014

Testimony for WAM on Mar 28, 2014 09:20AM in Conference Room 211

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Willie-Joe Camara	National Wild Turkey Federation	Support	No

Comments: The Volcano Island Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation strongly supports HB1902. The future of sustainable hunting in our state is being threatened by a variety of government programs. HB 1902 will allow hunters a voice at the table so that we may work WITH the department when planning different projects in our forests and waters alike. Our game animals are a precious resource to many families of our great state of Hawaii. Thank you for your continued support, Willie-Joe Camara

Please note that testimony submitted less than 24 hours prior to the hearing, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

Do not reply to this email. This inbox is not monitored. For assistance please email webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov