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Comments: Aloha House Water and Land Committee, Please pass HB1766 "Relating to Livestock". This bill basically adds deer to HRS 708-835.5. Currently this law protects ranchers from the theft of their livestock by making the theft a class C felony. The list of animals included in this law includes "bovine" cattle, "quenta" horse, pigs, sheep and goats. Deer are not included and this is negatively affecting deer ranchers on Moloka'i because DOCARE Game wardens are not authorized to help in the case of illegal hunters and trespassers. Currently deer harvesters that sell the meat for human consumption must get both USDA certification as well as a Special Use Permit from the DLNR. It does not make sense that they must get these permits to legally harvest but these same ranchers are not protected by the state law. Please make this simple change so that deer ranchers can call DOCARE Officers in the case of their deer being poached the same way they would be able to call if their cows were being poached. Please let me know if you can pass this amendment to 708-835.5 to include deer in the list of protected animals. Please pass this common sense law in order to help these law abiding rancher immensely. Thanks, Arianna Feinberg

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HOUSE BILL NO 1766
RELATING TO LIVESTOCK

Chairperson Yamane and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on House Bill No. 1766. This bill addresses theft of livestock by a person and proposes to add "deer" to the existing list of livestock species. The Hawaii Department of Agriculture offers comments on this measure.

Theft of livestock results in significant losses to livestock producers. Deer do not have the same level of domestication as the other species listed in terms of husbandry and handling.

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony on this measure.

