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**SB2580**

Submitted on: 2/4/2016

Testimony for JDL on Feb 11, 2016 09:00AM in Conference Room 016

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Desmund Manaba	Molokai Wildlife Management	Support	No

Comments: Molokai Wildlife Management (MWM) has held a USDA license under Federal Meat Inspection Act (MIA) since 2007. We also abide by 9cfr laws through our Molokai Livestock Cooperative (MLC) plant 21699. Under the Act, all ante mortem and post mortem inspections are required to be chaperoned by a USDA Inspector. In order to operate our business, we must also hold a State DLNR "special use" Game Harvest Permit. Because we have complied with the State's requirement for this permit, we have asked to receive support from DOCARE and its officers in assisting us with poaching activity in our conservation areas. We were informed by the DOCARE Officers that should poaching activity occur in our conservation area, we were required to contact the Molokai Police Department first, and MPD would then dispatch DOCARE Officers. When we questioned why they were unable to provide direct service, their answer was that they were not required to by law, because deer was not among the animals listed as "livestock" under HRS 780-835.5 Theft Of A Livestock. The animals that are listed are bovine or Cattle, quenta or Horse, Hogs, Sheep and Goats (which were added in 2006). Because we have harvested and sold deer in the commercial market since 2007, we feel this animal should qualify as "livestock" under HRS 780-835.5 Theft Of A Livestock. Farmers and ranchers in this industry need more support and protection from poaching activity. If we are unable to receive support from the State, and implement tougher consequences for poachers, we will be unable to maintain our conservation property, which will absolutely result in a negative impact to our deer stock. If the State will require our industry to obtain these permits for Game Harvest, then we feel they should provide first hand support to protect our livestock from illegal poaching. Ranchers like MWM, Pu'u O Hoku Ranch, Pulama Lanai and others in this industry will greatly benefit by having deer added to the law in order to get this protection by the State. From our businesses and families that work in this industry, we humbly request your assistance in supporting SB2580 to add deer to the list of livestock protected under HRS 780-835.5 Theft Of A Livestock. We thank you so much for your time and consideration of this important matter.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
James C Schelinski	Molokai Wildlife Management, LLC	Support	No

Comments: As deer partake of the same water and feed that domestic animals consume, they should be included as protected livestock thus enabling the property owner/rancher to recoup some of the damages the animals cause by professionally harvesting them as any other livestock. They are a valuable resource and a viable industry.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Brendan Balthazar	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Deer should not be added to this list.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Arianna Feinberg	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Senate Judiciary and Labor Committee, Please pass SB2580 "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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