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**Testimony of  
SUZANNE D. CASE  
Chairperson**

**Before the House Committee on  
JUDICIARY**

**Tuesday, March 29, 2016  
2:00 PM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 325**

**In consideration of  
SENATE BILL 2647, SENATE DRAFT 1, HOUSE DRAFT 1  
RELATING TO NATURAL RESOURCES**

Senate Bill 2647, Senate Draft 1, House Draft 1 proposes to prohibit the trafficking of protected animal species, with limited exceptions. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) generally supports this measure, and offers the following comments.**

The Department believes that this measure will decrease or eliminate the demand for the parts and products of protected animal species that are threatened with extinction. Around the World, many protected species such as elephants, rhinoceros, tigers and apes as well as protected marine life are killed so that body parts may be trafficked in markets around the world.

Research conducted by various conservation groups has identified Hawaii as a location with a market for animal parts such as those parts harvested for ivory. This bill aligns Hawaii's laws and rules with other bodies of state, federal and international law to protect threatened and endangered animal species from being killed needlessly for their body parts. Additionally, in many countries around the world, rangers and law enforcement officers charged with the protection of animals are killed by poachers seeking to illegally poach and kill protected wildlife. By decreasing or eliminating the market and demand of animal body parts, the lives of these wildlife rangers and law enforcement officers can result in increased safety and protection.

Additionally, while many of the species listed in this bill are not found in Hawaii, this state's status as a gateway between Asian and United States mainland markets creates a unique opportunity for the Hawaii State Legislature to significantly impact trade in endangered and threatened species. By making Hawaii less attractive as a channel through which these parts and products are trafficked, we can make the trade less profitable, impacting the market for these animals in their home countries and leading poachers to turn to other means of income.

The Department notes that the House Draft 1 amended the proposed Section 183D- (e) to provide certain exceptions to the extent permitted under federal law. Under the Federal Marine Mammal Protection Act

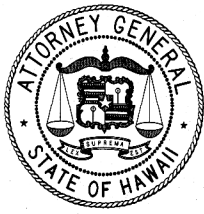
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(MMPA), the Federal Government regulates the possession and trade of all marine mammals and marine mammal products. Only the Federal Government may authorize exemptions. The Department would support a complete moratorium on the sale and distribution of protected marine mammal products unless authorized otherwise under the MMPA or other federal law.



**TESTIMONY OF  
THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL  
TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE, 2016**

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**ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURE:**

S.B. NO. 2647, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, RELATING TO NATURAL RESOURCES.

**BEFORE THE:**

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

**LATE**

**DATE:** Tuesday, March 29, 2016

**TIME:** 2:00 p.m.

**LOCATION:** State Capitol, Room 325

**TESTIFIER(S):** Douglas S. Chin, Attorney General, or  
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Chair Rhoads and Members of the Committee:

The Department of the Attorney General understands and appreciates the objectives of this bill. We have no legal concerns with the portions of this bill that relate to land animals or land mammals.

We do raise legal concerns, however, and oppose those parts of the bill that prohibit commercial transactions of parts or products of marine mammals because they may be subject to challenge as being preempted by the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA), 16 U.S.C. § 1361 *et seq.* We also propose amending the exception in the bill providing that the prohibitions in the bill do not apply to “intrastate” commercial transactions authorized by federal law or permit by broadening it to apply to all federally authorized commercial transactions.

The bill adds a new section to chapter 183D, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), which provides that no person shall sell, offer to sell, purchase, trade, possess with intent to sell, or barter for any part or product from animal species explicitly listed in the bill. With reference to marine mammals, the bill provides that no person shall sell, offer to sell, purchase, trade, possess with intent to sell, or barter for any part or product of species, subspecies, or distinct population segments of monk seals, narwhals, whales, or walruses, insofar as they are listed on appendices I or II of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species, as endangered or critically endangered on the International Union for the Conservation of Nature red list, or as endangered under the Endangered Species Act. Page 4, lines 6–18. The bill provides that its prohibitions are subject to certain exceptions, including where “[t]he intrastate sale, offer for sale, purchase,

trade, or barter of the covered animal species part or product is expressly authorized by federal law or permit.” Page 7, lines 6–9. The bill provides for criminal penalties for violations.

First, there is a possibility that the bill could be subject to challenge on the grounds that it is preempted by the MMPA to the extent that it attempts to prohibit commercial transactions of marine mammal parts or products. Among other things, the MMPA prohibits any person from transporting, purchasing, selling, exporting, or offering to purchase, sell, or export any marine mammal or marine mammal product taken in violation of the MMPA or for any purpose other than public display, scientific research, or enhancing the survival of a species or stock, except as otherwise provided in the MMPA. 16 U.S.C. § 1372(a)(4).

The MMPA provides that no state may enforce, or attempt to enforce, any state law or regulation relating to the taking of any species of marine mammal within the state unless federal management authority has been transferred to that state. 16 U.S.C. § 1379(a). The MMPA is interpreted broadly to preempt state laws. *See UFO Chuting of Haw., Inc. v. Young*, 327 F. Supp. 2d 1220 (D. Haw. 2004), *vacated on other grounds*, 380 F. Supp. 2d 1166 (D. Haw. 2005); *People of Togiak v. United States*, 470 F. Supp. 423 (D.D.C. 1979). One federal district court struck down a state statute barring the commercial import of seals on the grounds that it was preempted by the MMPA. *Fouke Co. v. Mandel*, 386 F. Supp. 1341 (D. Md. 1974).

The preemptive effect of the MMPA is not well developed in federal case law. Nevertheless, the field is already highly regulated by the federal government, and state regulation of commercial transactions involving marine-mammal products could be subject to a potential federal challenge. We recommend deleting prohibitions relating to marine-mammal species, which, in the bill, are the monk seal, narwhal, whale, and walrus. Page 4, lines 10–12.

We are aware that this committee amended the companion to this bill, H.B. No. 2502, to provide for the prohibition on the sale, offering to sell, purchase, trade, barter, or distribution of parts or products of marine species, including marine mammals, “[u]nless otherwise authorized by the federal Marine Mammal Protection Act, 16 United States Code Chapter 31[.]” H.B. No. 2502, H.D. 2, page 4, lines 13–14. This is potentially a viable alternative to the one we propose. However, we believe that deleting prohibitions relating to marine-mammal species is the better option because courts have interpreted the MMPA’s preemptive effect broadly. Furthermore, we

believe the marine mammals listed in this bill are protected because federal law already largely prohibits the objectionable activities.

Second, we recommend that the exception to the prohibitions of the bill where the “intrastate sale, offer for sale, purchase, trade, or barter of the covered species part or product is expressly authorized by federal law or permit” should be broadened by deleting the word “intrastate.” Page 7, lines 6–9. Under the Endangered Species Act, a state law or regulation that applies with respect to the importation or exportation of an endangered or threatened species is void to the extent it may prohibit what is authorized pursuant to an exemption or permit. 16 U.S.C. § 1535(f). Here, while the exception in the bill is limited to intrastate commercial transactions, the rest of the bill is not. To ensure that all federally authorized activities are excepted from the prohibitions of the bill, we recommend that the word “intrastate” be deleted. Page 7, line 6.

The recommended changes herein should minimize potential legal challenges. Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.



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March 28, 2016

The Honorable Karl Rhoads  
Chairman, House Committee on Judiciary

Re: Senate Bill 2647 – OPPOSE

Dear Chairman Rhoads:

On behalf of the Hawaii members of the National Rifle Association, I oppose Senate Bill 2647. This bill would do nothing to promote its purported goal of addressing poaching and the illegal ivory trade, while it would impose a heavy burden on law-abiding citizens.

Illegal trade in wildlife, as well as poaching for meat and products such as horns and tusks, takes its toll on the health and viability of wildlife populations. Further, it undermines the tremendous sustainability achievements made possible by hunters and other wildlife conservationists in the United States and other parts of the world. The NRA applauds serious efforts to stop poaching and the illegal ivory trade, but SB 2647 would not materially contribute to that goal.

This bill would, however, harm those who have no part in these activities. American collectors, sportsmen, hunters, and recreational shooters have legally purchased firearms that incorporate ivory features for decades. These include some of America's most historically-significant and collectible guns. While this bill contains some limited exceptions, it still unfairly targets individuals who acquired ivory in compliance with the law at the time. By randomly setting a limit on the volume of ivory incorporated in a gun, knife or object, it would impose arbitrary distinctions on people who had acted similarly under former interpretations of the law. For example, if a person had a shotgun with an ivory bead sight, he or she would be able to sell it because of the small size of the bead. However, if another person had a handgun with ivory grips, he or she may not be able to sell it—depending on the size of the handgun—because of the twenty percent limitation. This would be true even if both persons had obtained their guns from the same dealer, on the same day, with the same understanding of then-controlling law. Moreover, as a practical matter, accurately measuring the “volume” of a complex mechanical

object such as a firearm—or of small, non-removable ivory components such as inlaid decorations—would be a daunting task.

Historically, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service maintained the position that most ivory in the U.S. has been legally imported and that its sale in the U.S. did not materially contribute to the illegal ivory trade. Nevertheless, under SB 2647 the trade, sale, purchase and barter of any ivory (defined to include mammoth ivory), ivory product, rhinoceros horn product and many other species would be prohibited. The NRA is opposed to SB 2647 because, if implemented, it would amount to the taking of property that had been acquired legally and in good faith. Needless to say, property that cannot be sold is radically diminished in value.

While the NRA stands in opposition to the illegal ivory trade and poaching, banning the trade and sale of legally owned, pre-ban ivory will not save one elephant (much less mammoths, ivory from which is covered in the bill, even though the creatures themselves are long extinct). The NRA is receptive to measures that directly target the illegal ivory trade and poaching. We do not, however, support symbolic measures that do little more than move the goalposts for law-abiding citizens and deprive them of the value of property that was originally obtained legally and in good faith.

Thank you for your consideration and I ask that you oppose this bill.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Daniel S. Reid". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Daniel" being the most prominent part.

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February 28, 2016

Aloha:

**Re: HB2502 HDI / HB2502 and SB2647 SDI**

I am writing to ask that HB2502 HDI / HB2502 and SB2647 SDI be amended to allow Lahaina Scrimshaw and other small businesses to continue to use fossilized ivory. In concept, the bills are being promoted to protect animals, but the reality of what they will accomplish is totally different. In its present form, HB2502 HDI / HB2502 and SB2647 SDI will be a disaster for people like me who have made their living in the field of scrimshaw. Politicians are always talking about helping small businesses; now is the time to prove it by supporting us and preventing this bill from going forward.

Scrimshaw has been a part of Hawaii's culture since the first whalers landed here in the 18th century. Lahaina Scrimshaw has been an iconic part of Lahaina's Front Street community since 1979 and currently employs 18 people. I have been fortunate to work for them since 1981, and am now the Production Manager/Craftsman. Tourists from all over the world visit our store, returning year after year, and they have become part of our Ohana.

Scrimshaw originally started with the whaler's carving whale teeth. In present day, the art form at Lahaina Scrimshaw has evolved to utilize prehistoric mammoth and mastodon ivory, as well as fossilized walrus ivory. Using prehistoric and fossilized material **does not threaten any living animal**. Fossilized ivory has been in the ground for hundreds to thousands of years. It has a unique look and character all its own. The thought that this material cannot be distinguished from elephant ivory is absolutely incorrect.

The only elephant ivory we currently use are antique piano keys, which we repurpose, and antique billiard and snooker balls. Antique ivory is at least 100 years old. I can understand outlawing all elephant if that's what people want, but the fossilized ivory should be exempt from any of these laws. There is no rational reason to include this material. It will not save one elephant. The only way to stop the poaching of elephants is to get China to stop utilizing elephant ivory. That is where the illegal ivory is being trafficked. The US Fish and Wildlife themselves have said that in the United States there is no significant trafficking of elephant ivory.

I understand the rush to pass this legislation is just to appease the groups involved with the World Conservation Congress, hosted by Hawaii in September 2016. This "feel good" legislation is not going to save one elephant. If all the money that is going to salaries and travel for these protection groups were spent on helping the people in Africa protect and maintain their elephant populations (which, by the way, are quite healthy in some countries), it would do a lot more good than closing small businesses in America. **The individuals attending this convention will be gone in a few weeks, but the people here in Hawaii, who have voted you into office, will be left to pick-up the pieces of their lives ruined by this legislation.**

If you feel this bill must go forward then at the very least I humbly ask that it be amended to take effect no sooner than 2030. This would at least give me and all the artists that work for us a chance to finish our careers and retire with dignity. This legislation does not only affect us; other small businesses will also be negatively impacted, such as the framer we do business with, the suppliers of equipment and materials that we purchase



from, thousands of collectors whose investments will be deemed worthless, as well as the knife makers and gun makers who use fossilized ivory as adornment.

I have been a taxpayer and active voter in the State of Hawaii since 1981. I should not have to look for a new career at the age of 60. With a few exceptions all the people in the scrimshaw field are close to retirement. Is this how America treats its people? I completely agree that protecting wildlife is a worthwhile endeavor, but passing HB2502 HDI / HB2502 and SB2647 SDI in its present form is not the way to go about it. **Please let us continue to use the fossilized ivory. It is the right thing to do.**

Sincerely,

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March 28, 2016

The Honorable Rep. Karl Rhoads  
The Honorable Rep. Joy A. San Buenaventura  
House Committee on Judiciary

Re: Testimony on SB 2647, SD1, HD1

Dear Representatives, and members of the Committee,

On behalf of our 2,800 Hawaiian members and supporters, the International Fund for Animal Welfare (IFAW) submits this letter in support of SB 2647, SD1, HD1, which would restrict trafficking in a wide range of endangered species.

As stated in Section 1 of this bill, animals around the world are facing a crisis driven by increasing consumer demand for their parts and products. IFAW has long been at the leading edge of this issue, including our groundbreaking investigations into Chinese ivory markets (2008), internet sales of illegal wildlife (2008, 2012, and 2015), the links between national security and poaching (2008 and 2013), and an analysis of the United States' ivory markets and related regulatory systems (2014). This year (2016) we partnered with the Wildlife Conservation Society, Vulcan Inc., the Natural Resources Defense Council and the Humane Society International on a market survey of Hawai'i's online ivory trade of ivory. Over the course of this six-day investigation, we found approximately \$1.2 million worth of ivory and related wildlife products for sale in Hawai'i, with the vast majority of retailers (46 out of 47) failing to provide documentation that would indicate these sales are legal under federal law. The surprising number of products we cataloged (more than 4,600) signal a troubling persistence of consumer demand and market availability.

In all of these studies we have found overwhelming evidence that the legal trade in wildlife products helps to obscure and propagate a parallel market in illicit products. Interpol, the international police agency, estimates that customs officers only interdict 10% of smuggled goods. Given the large volume of trade through Hawai'i's ports and other points of entry and egress, it is likely that significant quantities of illegal wildlife products pass through border inspections undetected, to be sold openly under cover of assumed legality. (Contrary to what some retailers have said over the course of this debate, it is extremely difficult to determine the age of an ivory carving without thorough forensic analysis.)

We are currently working to support and strengthen the United States Fish & Wildlife Service's efforts to restrict domestic commerce in endangered wildlife parts, and we welcome Hawai'i's complementary efforts to enact state-level protections through SB 2647. In the event of this measure's passage, we look forward to partnering with you and with the Department of Land and Natural Resources to implement a comprehensive consumer education and awareness program, in order to alleviate any burden on state resources.



Fortunately, Hawai'i is not alone in its determination to enact state conservation measures: New York and New Jersey passed bills to regulate ivory and rhino horn trade in 2014, California passed a similar ban in 2015, and Washington State voters overwhelmingly approved a ballot initiative to restrict commerce in a broad suite of threatened and endangered species (also in 2015). Numerous other states have bills currently moving through their legislatures, and passing SB 2647 would set a tremendous example for these lawmakers, as well as giving Hawai'i the distinction of helping to change the global conversation on this critical issue.

The timing could not be better for this bill, considering the upcoming IUCN World Conservation Congress in Hawai'i later this year. IFAW, along with several other conservation groups, is hosting a panel on pangolins – one of the species that would be protected by SB 2647– at this important event. We will be bringing in pangolin experts from around the world, and we are also in discussions to cohost a pangolin-themed reception with a government member of IUCN. Lastly, IFAW is working with the coalition on a motion for a resolution on pangolin conservation that would be voted on at the Congress. Overall, SB 2647 would send an clear signal to the conservation community that Hawai'i is a valuable partner in the fight against wildlife trafficking.

IFAW believes the world is a better place when we protect our fellow creatures. By banning the sale of endangered wildlife products in Hawai'i, you can send the message to poachers, traffickers, and consumers that we value our world's creatures more than needless trinkets and ornaments. Stopping this bloody trade will reap benefits for wildlife, international security, aid anti-corruption efforts, enable more effective use of law enforcement funding here and abroad, and give our descendants the chance to share this planet with some of the planet's truly most majestic creatures.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,



Peter LaFontaine  
Campaigns Officer

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*Founded in 1969, IFAW saves animals in crisis around the world. With projects in more than 40 countries, IFAW rescues individual animals, works to prevent cruelty to animals, and advocates for the protection of wildlife and habitats.*



**TO:** The Honorable Karl Rhoads, Chair  
The Honorable Joy A. San Buenaventura, Vice Chair  
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**DATE:** Tuesday, March 29, 2016, 2:00 PM

**RE:** **STRONG SUPPORT OF SB 2647, SD 1 HD1, relating to wildlife  
(Prohibits the trafficking of protected animal species, with limited  
exceptions)**

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of SB 2647 SD 1 HD 1, a bill that takes direct aim at wildlife trafficking and the toll it takes on charismatic animals across the globe. The Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) urges the Committee's strong support of this bill. SB 2647 SD 1 HD 1 has the potential to put in place strong trade protections for elephants, rhinos, tigers, orangutans, sea turtles and several other endangered wildlife species threatened by the burgeoning and lucrative illegal wildlife trade. In addition, as the host of the upcoming IUCN World Conservation Congress in September, Hawai'i has a unique opportunity while the world is watching to take a stand against the illegal wildlife trade and serve as a model for other key consumer countries to follow.

As one of the world's most lucrative criminal activities, the estimated \$8 to \$10 billion illegal wildlife trade ranks fourth globally in terms of value, behind the trafficking in drugs, people, and arms. Wildlife trafficking is a serious crime conducted by organized criminal syndicates, some with links to terrorist networks, that threaten some of our most iconic species with extinction. It is essential to put protections in place to ensure that the U.S. and the international community can continue to fight against trafficking to protect the remaining elephants, rhinos, tigers and other endangered species.

In the 2014 National Strategy for Combating Wildlife Trafficking, President Obama clearly outlines that reducing demand for wildlife products will be crucial in making strides against the illegal wildlife trade. He states that poachers will continue to slaughter and traffic wildlife as long as there are high potential profits and low deterrence to the crimes. The National Strategy further points out that the U.S. plays a major role in the world's markets for both legal and illegal wildlife. Within this context, Hawai'i must pass strong legislation to end wildlife trafficking and deter continued poaching.

One example of the toll taken by this devastating trade is the African Elephant. The African elephant (*Loxodonta africana*) is the largest land animal extant in the world today, and a critical part of our natural heritage. African elephants also act as ecosystem

engineers, opening pathways through the landscape, maintaining mineral-rich clearings on which gorillas and many other species depend, and maintaining the diversity of the plant community by their browsing and seed dispersal activities. In addition, they are a major part of the tourist draw to many countries in Africa, so are important for local economies and jobs.

Yet African elephants are being killed illegally at an enormous rate for their ivory. All international commercial trade in ivory has been illegal since 1989, when the African elephant was transferred from Appendix II to Appendix I under the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES). African elephants are also protected in the U.S. under the Endangered Species Act and the African Elephant Conservation Act.

Following the 1989 CITES ban, illegal killing of elephants declined and populations started to recover. In recent years, however, illegal killing and ivory trade have increased dramatically due to the rise in disposable income in East Asia, coupled with increasing global economic and transportation links, and the involvement of highly armed and organized criminal syndicates.

In 2012, some 35,000 African elephants were killed, an average of 96 elephants per day, representing the worst mass slaughter of elephants in any year since the 1989 international ban. African forest elephants (*L. a. cyclotis*) in particular have been devastated by poaching and have declined by about 65 percent since 2002 according to our scientists. At this rate, African forest elephants could effectively be extinct over the next 10 to 15 years.

A major challenge to halting the illegal wildlife trade and thereby the slaughter of elephants and other species is the lack of effective law enforcement controls along the trade chain from range countries through transit countries, and to the end consumer markets. Furthermore, only 10% of illegal wildlife products are seized at a country's borders. In the case of ivory, once it is inside those borders, it becomes nearly impossible to distinguish from legal ivory, especially worked ivory such as jewelry and trinkets which comprise a significant portion of the illegal ivory trade. In addition, it is extremely difficult for consumers, sellers and often law enforcement officials to visually distinguish elephant ivory from other species of ivory such as mammoth.

Within the U.S., research has shown Hawai'i to have one of the top three markets for ivory along with New York and California. While the new U.S. federal ivory ban makes it illegal to import, export and trade ivory between states with only a few exceptions, state level bans are still essential to stop the ivory trade at the point of retail sale within a state. During the last two years, New York and California passed strong ivory bans, leaving Hawai'i as the largest remaining market for ivory in the U.S.

As many of our iconic species face devastating declines, Hawai'i residents and Americans are looking to the actions of this legislature to take a stand and conserve these species. Through SB 2647 SD 1 HD 1, Hawai'i has the opportunity to close the U.S.'s largest remaining ivory market and take a meaningful stand against the illegal wildlife trade while the world is watching.

Thank you for your review of this important legislation.

March 28, 2016

**To: Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary**

**RE: SB 2647**

Knife Rights represents America's millions of knife owners, knifemakers, scrimshaw artists, knife retailers and suppliers to knifemakers and scrimshaw artists, many of whom are your Hawaiian constituents and residents and many of whom own legally acquired ivory and Mammoth ivory or knives with components made of these materials. And, as it turns out, many also own a wide range of other items that include ivory, and so we represent these members' interests as well.

We want to alert you that the proposed, SB 2647, will not save a single living endangered or threatened animal and will have a severe negative financial impact on many of your law-abiding citizens who own items originally crafted with parts from these animals and lawfully imported and purchased. SB 2647 is simply a radical anti-hunting measure masquerading as a wildlife conservation measure. SB 2647 is the worst kind of emotionally-driven "Feel Good – Do Bad" legislation that will only hurt Hawaiians with no benefit to the endangered and threatened animals.

Knife Rights and all those we represent abhor the poaching and illegal trade of endangered and threatened species and we support science-based wildlife conservation efforts, including managed hunting, that have proven successful in posting significant gains in the majority of endangered and threatened species populations over the past few decades. For example, while elephants and rhinos are threatened in some parts of Africa, where managed hunting has been allowed the populations have flourished. We unequivocally support practical and lawful efforts to defend endangered and threatened species in the field as well as lawful enforcement activities that directly target illegal black-market trade in endangered and threatened species. SB 2647 accomplishes none of these effective and proven objectives.

While this bill would not directly prohibit hunts in Africa that are legal under international, federal and individual African country law, it would criminalize hunters returning to Hawaii with legal trophies. Worse, it steals millions of dollars in value from thousands who have previously hunted and their heirs who possess trophies from a legal hunt and hundreds of thousands more Hawaiians who own lawfully imported and purchased items produced from parts of these endangered and threatened animals and which were legally imported, typically decades ago.

This bill also bans trade in 10,000-year-old Mammoth Ivory, which just goes to show how absurd it is. Tons of Mammoth Ivory is collected every year by Native Americans in Alaska along the riverbanks and on the beaches, where the tusks fall out of the banks due to erosion. This Mammoth Ivory is one of their few sources of income. In addition, gold miners find tusks in their pursuit of gold in Alaska. No archeological sites are disturbed or "robbed." This natural material becomes exposed by nature and mining and if it is not collected it cracks, deteriorates and crumbles into gravel and soil within a few years and is lost forever. The only way to preserve this precious prehistoric material is to allow it to be collected, bought and sold. It is easily distinguishable from elephant ivory and is legal to ship all over the world.

This nation was founded on a respect for its citizen's rights, from the Declaration of Independence through the Constitution and our Bill of Rights and more than two centuries of legal precedent. The core nature of this country is that we are a country of laws, that even the unpopular have rights to be respected and that, above all, we defend individual rights and individual property rights.

**Knife Rights, Inc.**

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However, SB 6247 ignores our widely acknowledged body of law, unfairly and unconstitutionally persecuting honest and law-abiding owners of products made from the parts of these animals who would find their investment in legally acquired objects "taken" by government edict and made worthless, their livelihood stolen from them in some cases.

This effective "taking" of the heretofore legal private property of potentially tens of thousands, if not hundreds of thousands of Hawaiians is a clear violation of the Fifth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States. It is also an offense to longstanding American rights, freedoms and values of fairness and equity. Ultimately the adverse impact on Hawaii citizens and residents will be in the millions of dollars and the state of Hawaii stands to lose millions of dollars more in lost commerce, taxes, and enforcement expense for no appreciable positive impact on the real problem, poaching and the illegal black market trade in threatened and endangered animals.

This proposed ivory ban would also disproportionately affect Hawaii's elderly, many of them veterans, who are the original owners of much of the hundreds of thousands of tons of legal pre-ban ivory in the U.S. that was initially brought into the country in the 1950s through the 1970s. It is this decades-old ivory that forms the basis for the legal trade in ivory in the U.S. Many of these older Americans turn to their investment in ivory, in its many forms, to help sustain them in their twilight years and provide a cushion for emergencies. Robbing these elderly citizens, many of whom fought for their country and its freedoms, and often bear the scars from that service, of their lifelong investment, to no good end, is particularly unjust.

There is not a shred of factual evidence to suggest that punishing Hawaiians for their investment in perfectly legal decades-old objects made from these animals will have one iota of influence on the black market. It goes against all human experience to believe that this effort will do anything but adversely affect law-abiding Hawaiians and Hawaii.

This misguided ban is ill-conceived, offensive and most likely unconstitutional. Knife Rights urges you to vote against SB 2647.

Respectfully submitted,



Douglas S. Ritter  
Chairman





**TO: Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair San Buenaventura, and Honorable Members of the House Judiciary Committee**  
**FROM: Elly Pepper, Natural Resources Defense Council**  
**DATE: 3/28/2016**  
**RE: Support for Senate Bill 2647 HD 1**

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On behalf of our 2.4 million members and activists, including more than 2,360 in Hawaii, we are writing to urge you to support Senate bill 2647 HD 1.

The international trade in wildlife is a powerful political and economic force that has driven many species to the brink of extinction and some to disappear forever.<sup>1</sup> The rarer a species becomes, the more people desire it.<sup>2</sup> This is exactly what has happened with elephant ivory and rhino horn. As demand for these products has boomed, ivory and rhino horn prices have skyrocketed. As prices have increased, so has poaching, with more than 100,000 elephants killed from 2010 through 2012<sup>3</sup> and 1,116 rhinos killed in 2014 in South Africa.<sup>4</sup>

While the public seems aware of the huge role Chinese demand for elephant ivory has played in elephant poaching, many don't realize that the United States also contributes significantly to this problem.<sup>5</sup> For example, a 2015 survey commissioned by the Natural Resources Defense Council of the Los Angeles and San Francisco ivory markets found that up to 90% of the ivory seen in Los Angeles and up to 80% of the ivory seen in San Francisco was likely illegal.<sup>6</sup>

U.S. laws on elephant ivory facilitate an illegal market in two main ways. First, it is very difficult to determine ivory age.<sup>7</sup> Therefore, sellers often sneak new ivory onto their shelves by staining it, chipping it, and using other means to make it look old.<sup>8</sup> Second, since it is extremely difficult to determine whether ivory is from an elephant or from a legal source of ivory such as a mammoth, sellers often mix legal pieces with illegal pieces in their stores and claim that illegal

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<sup>1</sup> Duncan Graham-Rowe. (2011). *Biodiversity: Endangered and In Demand*. Nature 480:S101-S103 (2011).

<sup>2</sup> Franck Courchamp, et al. (2006). *Rarity Value and Species Extinction: The Anthropogenic Allee Effect*. PLoS Biology 4(12): e415.

<sup>3</sup> George Wittemyer, et al. (2014). *Illegal killing for ivory drives global decline in African elephants*. PNAS 111(36): 13117-13121,  
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<sup>4</sup> Environmental Investigation Agency. (Dec. 23, 2014). *Vietnam – Still Driving the Rhino Poaching Crisis*,  
<http://eia-global.org/blog/vietnam-still-driving-the-rhino-poaching-crisis>.

<sup>5</sup> Esmond Martin & Daniel Stiles. (2008). *Ivory Markets in the USA*, at 5,  
<http://www.savetheelephants.org/files/pdf/publications/2008%20Martin%20&%20Stiles%20Ivory%20Markets%20in%20the%20USA.pdf>.

<sup>6</sup> Daniel Stiles. (2014). *Elephant Ivory Trafficking in California, USA*,  
[http://docs.nrdc.org/wildlife/files/wil\\_15010601a.pdf](http://docs.nrdc.org/wildlife/files/wil_15010601a.pdf).

<sup>7</sup> Martin & Stiles (2008) at 32.

<sup>8</sup> Stiles (2014) at 9-10.

elephant ivory actually comes from the legal species instead.<sup>9</sup> The mixing of ivory from illegal species like elephants and legal species like mammoth, along with bone and resin/plastic pieces, is also one of the primary ways smugglers bring poached elephant ivory *into* the United States. The shipments are labeled as “mammoth ivory and bone” or something similar to escape detection. Even the most advanced forensics laboratories have difficulty determining the exact species an ivory item came from.<sup>10</sup>

Hawaii is one of the epicenters of the U.S. ivory market, as the third largest ivory market in the country following New York and California. A 2008 ivory survey of U.S. ivory markets found 23 outlets selling 1,867 ivory items (mainly jewelry) on Oahu.<sup>11</sup> Almost 90% of the ivory items for sale in Hawaii were likely imported illegally or are of unknown origin.<sup>12</sup> Further, Hawaii has what is likely one of the largest – if not *the* largest – online ivory marketplaces in the country, with 4,661 products found in stock or for sale online – valued at more than \$1.22 million – over a six-day period.<sup>13</sup>

SB 2647 HD 1 will drastically curtail Hawaii’s ivory market, curbing demand in the state and, in turn, reducing poaching in Africa. Specifically, it will ban the vast majority of commercial transactions involving the listed animals. It contains reasonable exemptions for transfers to heirs and beneficiaries, educational and scientific purposes, employees or agents of the federal or state government undertaking law enforcement activities, traditional cultural practices, and antiques and musical instruments containing a small percentage of ivory. Further, the legislation will eliminate cover for illegal ivory by banning commerce in mammoth.

President Obama recently acknowledged the many problems with federal ivory laws and regulations by making them stronger through a variety of methods. Most recently, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service attempted to close existing loopholes by proposing revisions to the Endangered Species Act 4(d) Rule for the African Elephant.<sup>14</sup> However, the federal government’s initiative leaves room for intrastate trade. Therefore, states must compliment the federal government’s efforts by enacting their own bans, as New York, New Jersey, and California have done by signing ivory and rhino horn ban legislation into law.<sup>15</sup>

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<sup>9</sup> Id. at 13, 15.

<sup>10</sup> Humane Society of the United States, *An Investigation of Ivory Markets in the United States*, at 7-8(2002), [http://www.humanesociety.org/assets/pdfs/Ivory\\_Trade\\_Report.pdf](http://www.humanesociety.org/assets/pdfs/Ivory_Trade_Report.pdf).

<sup>11</sup> Martin & Stiles (2008) at 93.

<sup>12</sup> Id.

<sup>13</sup> IFAW, WCS, NRDC & HSI. (2016). An Investigation of Hawai’i’s Online Ivory Trade, <http://www.ifaw.org/united-states/resource-centre/investigation-hawaiiis-online-ivory-trade>.

<sup>14</sup> Proposed Revisions to the Endangered Species Act 4(d) Rule for the African Elephant: Questions and Answers, <http://www.fws.gov/international/pdf/african-elephant-4d-proposed-changes.pdf>; See also White House, Fact Sheet: National Strategy for Combating Wildlife Trafficking & Commercial Ban in Trade of Elephant Ivory, Feb. 11, 2014, <http://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2014/02/11/fact-sheet-national-strategy-combating-wildlife-trafficking-commercial-b>; Revising the Special Rule for Importation of Ivory from African Elephants (*Loxodonta Africana spp.*), <https://www.federalregister.gov/regulations/1018-AX84/revising-the-special-rule-for-importation-of-ivory-from-african-elephants-loxodonta-africana-spp->.

<sup>15</sup> Elly Pepper, Blog, Aug. 6, 2014, *Governor Christie Signs New Jersey Ivory Bill Into Law*, Elly Pepper, Blog, Aug. 11, 2014, [http://switchboard.nrdc.org/blogs/epepper/governor\\_cuomo\\_shuts\\_down\\_the.html](http://switchboard.nrdc.org/blogs/epepper/governor_cuomo_shuts_down_the.html); *Governor Cuomo Shuts Down the Country’s Biggest Ivory Market*, [http://switchboard.nrdc.org/blogs/epepper/governor\\_cuomo\\_shuts\\_down\\_the.html](http://switchboard.nrdc.org/blogs/epepper/governor_cuomo_shuts_down_the.html); Elly Pepper, Blog, Oct. 4, 2015,

We urge Hawaii to join these states and become one of the first states in the country with a strong law banning wildlife trade by supporting SB 2647 HD 1. This would be a huge achievement for Hawaii, making the state a leader on ending the poaching crisis.



Hawaii State Legislature  
House Judiciary Committee

Dear Chair Rhoads and Vice Chair Buenaventura,

On behalf of Born Free USA, a national nonprofit animal protection and wildlife conservation organization based in Washington, DC and the Born Free Foundation, headquartered in the UK, I would like to express my firm support for Senate Bill SB 2647 to ban the sale, offer to sell, purchase, trade, possession with intent to sell, or barter of any part or product from various animal and marine species in the state of Hawaii.

As you are aware, the elephant poaching crisis has become increasingly severe over the past several years. Approximately 96 elephants are slaughtered daily by poachers, and over 100,000 were killed between 2010-2012.

Unfortunately, the U.S. is the second largest ivory market in the world, so there is a desperate and urgent need for legislative measures such as this one. New York, California, and Hawaii are our country's largest markets for ivory. New York banned the sale and trade of ivory and rhino horn in 2014 and California recently enacted a ban.

Additionally, all five rhino species are in serious danger due to poaching. Africa's rhinos are critically endangered, with a population of fewer than 5,000. There are only 3,000 one-horned rhinos remaining in India and Nepal, and Southeast Asia's Sumatran and Javan rhinos number only in the hundreds and tens, respectively. The horns, made of a substance akin to fingernails, are used in Traditional Chinese Medicine. Despite conclusive evidence that they have no curative properties, over a thousand rhinos are killed for their horns every year.

Contrary to popular belief, the most heavily illegally-traded mammal in the world is not the elephant or the rhino, but the pangolin. In the past decade, more than one million pangolins were reportedly illegally caught in the wild. While most illegally traded pangolins are destined for China and Vietnam, the U.S. is a significant importer. Records show almost 27,000 pangolins were imported into the U.S. between 2004 and 2013. Of these, 99.9% were seized.

Ending the illegal trade in wildlife parts is a core mission of Born Free USA, and I applaud the compassionate measures in SB 2647. This bill is a crucial step toward managing the growing trade in illegally trafficked wildlife products in the United States. I am hopeful that this legislation will receive overwhelming support because time is running out to save these magnificent animals.

Sincerely,

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March 29, 2016

**Re: The David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust Urges Your Support of SB 2647**

Dear Member of the House Judiciary Committee,

The U.S. Friends of the David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust (DSWT) urges members of the House Judiciary Committee to act today in support of SB 2647. The DSWT is pleased to hear that the bill to prohibit the sale, purchase and trade of animal parts from a variety of species, including elephants, rhinos, tigers and whales is currently under discussion.

**Up to 40,000 elephants, on average, are killed every year.**

That equates to one every 15 minutes and 96 elephants per day. If that rate were to apply continuously, it would render the species extinct within 10 years.

The passage of this bill, will help to protect elephants like tiny Barsilinga (pictured right), who at only two weeks old, was found at the side of his mother who had endured fatal gun shots to her chest and legs. Her tragic death is a grisly reminder of the suffering attached to each piece of ivory that is sold and bought. Her end was a painful one, full of suffering, and her calf would have been a victim too had he not been one of the lucky few rescued by the David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust.



Today, the United States remains the second largest market for ivory. The ivory trafficking crisis is a complex problem and one which requires action on multiple levels to stem the slaughter of elephants in the wild, which is why we are encouraged to witness such positive action in New Jersey, New York, Washington and California.

U.S. Friends is committed to supporting the David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust through financial support, educational outreach and public awareness initiatives that promote wildlife conservation in Kenya. Contributions to the USF are managed by its Board of



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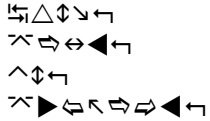
These four states have signed legislation to ban the import and in-state sale of both ivory and rhino horn. These efforts mark a substantial development in tackling the illegal ivory chain. Without a complete, clear-cut ivory ban, elephants will continue to be slaughtered to supply an ever-increasing demand for ivory. **It is imperative that the state of Hawaii join the fight and support the current legislation.** The David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust commends those representatives who have supported the bill and those who recognize the role Hawaii must play to introduce a state-wide ban of all ivory, thereby saving the lives of countless elephants and rhinos in the future.

If I can provide you with any additional information, or if you should have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you,

Melissa Sciacca

Executive Director of the U. S. Friends of the David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust



Coe Lewis <coe@nsefuwildlife.com>  
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Ivory Ban

Hello, my name is Coe Lewis and I am the cofounder of NSEFU WILDLIFE CONSERVATION FOUNDATION. We are based in California and headquartered in Zambia.

I am writing...no...PLEADING to ask that Hawaii take a strong stand in stopping the BLOOD IVORY trade that is rampant currently. I was raised in Ethiopia, primarily on a game reserve in Awash and my family and I remember thousands upon thousands of elephants are far as the could see.

Same with rhinos, lions, impalas, greater kudus, and more. Unfortunately I have seen firsthand the despair and absolute annihilation that ensues with the death of an elephant, especially a matriarch when offspring or baby is orphaned. You would never sleep easily again if you witnessed the wails, the baby's tears streaming, the calling for the mother to awake, to move, to do anything. This goes on for days and they are inconsolable. These babies become intensely vulnerable and usually die of grief, attack, starvation and every unimaginable horror. The absolute holocaust that has been allowed to happen in Africa is beyond the scope of a decent person's comprehension. There is wholesale slaughter going on of these intelligent, empathetic, loyal giants and we MUST take an immediate stand and say NO to any import/export of ivory. By calculations, elephants and rhinos will be gone from the wilds of Africa within 8 years. Rhinos have three species that are now EXTINCT due to blackmarket butchery and greed! How have we let this grand scale murder continue when we are supposed to be the enlightened ones, and the enlightened country? I am fully aware of the traditions in Hawaii of ivory trinkets and tourist knick-knacks, but this out-of-sync and out-of-step part of local business MUST be stopped immediately if we have any chance of turning around the numbers killed every year.

Approximately 60 percent of poaching funds terrorist organizations like ISIS, Boko Haram, Al-Qaida, and more. Many of those trinkets are buying bullets, guns, bombs and more aimed at innocent people. Here we have a chance to drastically reduce the stressers on these elephant numbers by STOPPING the trade of ivory...period. Hawaii will now have the unfortunate position of being the #1 market for ivory in the US.

Government and state officials must take the RIGHT and heroic stand to fight for these animals and protect them. There are countries in Africa that have lost 90% of their elephants. 90%!!! This is unequivocally unacceptable on any level and now is the time where our elected officials can do the right thing and support HB2502 and SB2647 before these majestic giants are lost forever.

I fully realize the economic implications for shop keepers etc, but in this day and age...many, many more people are aware of the elephant's plight and anyone associated with ivory gained by an animals death is truly stigmatized.

Businesses must adapt, and it happens 24/7 365/year.

The old ways are a death knell to the animals who have roamed this earth for 50 million years. Within 30 years we humans have obliterated the world's population. There are many other materials, designs, and more that can be used to create tourist gifts and traditional ware. Anyone who buys anything in ivory or with ivory has an exceedingly high chance of truly having "blood on their hands" and fueling more deaths for blood ivory. It would be horrible if a tourist who was innocently shopping bought some of these trinkets of death. I believe most people would be mortified by the knowledge that their purchase triggered more bloodshed for the next trinket, and that is exactly what is will do.

Thank you for your time and attention to this world crisis. Hawaii can be a true hero for conservation and doing the right thing at the right time.

I hail from California who recently passed legislation to stop the import/export of ivory and we are all watching your voting VERY closely and praying the right thing will be done. Here is to victory for HB2502 and SB2647. The time it took me to write and reread this email, 3 elephants were mutilated for ivory and their babies will no doubt succumb to the impact of their death, if they weren't mutilated with the others.

This is real and this is wrong.



Respectfully,

Coe Lewis

Co-founder

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**SB2647**

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Robert Hartman	Whaler's Locker Inc.	Oppose	Yes

Comments: This is an example of where people like “the chairman” has taken this once great country. Laws are no longer made in the traditional way taught in schools and immigration classes. Forget legislation being written by elected representatives and implemented by an executive agency with its fairness determined by an independent judiciary. We live under what has become lobbyistocratic governance - Laws are now written by lobbyists for large organization in conjunction with technocrats and lawyers working for both the legislative and executive branches with elected officials acting as concierges to facilitate the process in return for campaign funds for the next election. Government OF, FOR, and BY the people is a daydream. The organizations who manufactured SB 2647 out of spurious numbers to create a fund raising device along with you are now totally committed to protecting theirs and your handiwork. The law is a product of interest group politics in the 21st century — with no real or direct relationship to the well-being of the people of Hawaii. You, Mr. Chairman Rhodes, are not a good person

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**TO: Honorable Chair Karl Rhoads  
Honorable Vice Chair Joy A. San Buenaventura  
House Committee on Judiciary**

**Hearing Date/Time: March 29, 2016, 2:00 PM**

**FROM: Iris Ho, Humane Society International, iho@hsi.org, TEL: 301.258.1407**

**RE: STRONG SUPPORT of SB2647 SD1 HD1, relating to natural resources**

Humane Society International (HSI) and The Humane Society of the United States urge the Committees' strong support of SB2647 SD1 HD1, which would protect critically imperiled species from wildlife trafficking by prohibiting the sale, offer to sell, purchase, trade, barter for, or distribute the part or product of covered animal species. The covered animal species include elephant, rhinoceros, tiger, great ape, hippopotamus, tiger, lion, cheetah, jaguar, leopard, pangolin, monk seal, shark, ray, sea turtle, narwhal, whale or walrus.

This measure is part of a growing national and global momentum to save iconic and beloved species from poaching, animal cruelty and the threat of extinction. It presents Hawaii with a unique opportunity to join the international community's collective response to combat wildlife trafficking.

The United States is among the world's top markets for wildlife goods. In July 2013 President Obama issued an Executive Order that designated wildlife trafficking as a matter of national security concern and subsequently released a National Strategy, elevating the United States efforts and conservation leadership to address this urgent crisis. Several states, including New York, New Jersey and California have enacted laws prohibiting the sale of ivory and rhino horns. Voters in Washington State overwhelmingly approved a ballot measure last November to prohibit the sale of numerous endangered species parts and products, similar to SB2647. As the preamble of the legislation states, most recently in September 2015 President Obama and China's President Xi Jinping announced that the two countries are committed to enacting a nearly total ban on ivory import and export with a shared goal to halt the domestic commercial trade of ivory.

In July 2015 the United Nations General Assembly unanimously adopted a resolution on tackling illicit trafficking in wildlife. The 22nd Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation's (APEC) Leader Declaration in 2014 commits the APEC economies to increased efforts and steps to curtail supply of and demand for illegally traded wildlife and international cooperation on combating wildlife trafficking.

Trafficking in ivory, rhino horn, and other illegal wildlife products has become a very lucrative trade that fuels the poaching of many protected wildlife species and creates insecurity for both people and wildlife in many remote vulnerable areas. At \$8-10 billion per year, the illegal wildlife trade ranks as the fourth most lucrative international criminal activity, behind narcotics, counterfeiting, and human trafficking. Evidence and seizure data suggest that wildlife trafficking is linked to transnational organized crime and even African armed militia with terrorist connections in the case of elephant poaching. Professional traffickers take advantage of lax enforcement controls to move illegal ivory across the globe. The likely annual income from ivory to militia in the entire sub-Saharan range generates millions of dollars for these terrorists, including the Lord's Resistance Army, to buy weapons, hurt innocent people and destabilize governments.

Elephants are one of the most iconic wild animals. Yet today these magnificent animals are being gunned down and poisoned in staggering numbers - the African elephant population has declined by an estimated 66% over the last 40 years, with 100,000 elephants poached between 2010 and 2012. Only 29,000 rhinos remain in the wild, yet, in 2015 more than 1,300 rhinos were killed across the African continent. Sometimes poachers hack off an elephant's or rhino's face, while the animal is still alive, to retrieve their tusks or horn. In one recent case, poachers poisoned a watering hole with cyanide, killing 300 elephants at once and resulting in the deaths of other animals who fed on the carcasses. The pernicious demand fueling the illegal trade in tiger parts has left us with only 3,200 tigers in the wild today. Lions and leopards have disappeared from most of their historic range due to habitat loss but they face additional threat from demand for their pelts or other body parts. The list of animals threatened with poaching, trafficking and extinction goes on.

Hawaii has a critical role to play to contribute to saving these imperiled animals. According to a 2008 study, Hawaii was the nation's third largest market for ivory, after New York and California. Both states have shut down their in-state market for ivory in 2014 and 2015 respectively. The same study also found that close to 89 percent of ivory items for sale in Hawaii could be of illegal or of unknown origin. Several recent market surveys continued to find a significant amount of illegal ivory or ivory without proper documentation for sale in Hawaii's marketplaces. Last year five Hawaiian residents associated with a jewelry store was indicted for over 20 counts illegal activities involving transnational wildlife trafficking. This is the latest evidence that Hawaii is a hotbed for the illegal wildlife trade.

This legislature has shown commendable leadership in stemming the ivory trade. In 2013, S.C.R.149 unanimously passed the Hawaii legislature, asking Hawaii residents and businesses not to buy or sell ivory of unknown origin. In 2014 and 2015, legislation prohibiting the sale of ivory and rhino horns received tremendous support in both chambers. An opinion survey conducted in January 2016 found that 85 percent of Hawaii residents support legislation prohibiting ivory and rhino horn sales.

Federal regulations and laws restrict largely the importation or interstate trade of products from endangered species, but they do not regulate intrastate sales. The patchwork of federal laws and regulations creates the potential for loopholes. In addition, federal implementation and

enforcement are limited due to a lack of sufficient resources. State measures are critical to complement the federal law for the protection of endangered animals and national security. As the endangered species capital, Hawaii already has felt the pain of losing iconic and endemic species right at home. With SB2647 Hawaii can help species from going extinct. This September Hawaii will be hosting the IUCN Conservation Congress, the first time the Congress is ever held in the United States. Heads of states and tens of thousands of the world's leading animal protection and conservation leaders will gather here to discuss the most pertinent conservation challenges. SB2647 is Hawaii's opportunity to showcase its proud tradition and legacy of wildlife conservation on the world stage.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of SB2647.



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**TO: Honorable Chair Rhoads, Vice-Chair San Buena Ventura and House Judiciary Committee Members**

**March 29, 2016, 2:00pm**

**FROM: Inga Gibson, Hawaii Senior State Director, The Humane Society of the United States, [igibson@humanesociety.org](mailto:igibson@humanesociety.org), 808.354.3211**

**RE: STRONG SUPPORT of SB2647, relating to wildlife (Prohibits the trafficking of protected animal species, with limited exceptions)**

The Humane Society of the United States urges the Committee's strong support of SB2647 which would protect critically imperiled species from wildlife trafficking by prohibiting the sale of any part or product of specific animal species, including elephants and rhinos.

Hawaii has a critical role to play in saving these imperiled animals as demonstrated by recent research regarding Hawaii's lucrative online sales market for ivory. In addition, according to a 2008 study, Hawaii was the nation's third largest market for ivory, after New York and California. Both states have shut down their in-state market for ivory in 2014 and 2015 respectively. The same study also found that close to 89 percent of ivory items for sale in Hawaii could be of illegal or of unknown origin. Several recent market surveys continued to find a significant amount of illegal ivory, and without proper documentation, for sale in Hawaii's marketplaces.

The Hawaii legislature has shown commendable leadership in attempting to stem the ivory trade. In 2013, S.C.R.149 unanimously passed the Hawaii legislature, asking Hawaii residents and businesses not to buy or sell ivory of unknown origin. In 2014, Hawaii was the first state in the nation to introduce legislation to end the ivory trade, and although that measure failed to pass its final committee. **Most recently, an opinion poll conducted in January 2016 found that 85 percent of Hawaii residents** polled support legislation prohibiting ivory and rhino horn sales.

Trafficking in ivory, rhino horn, and other illegal wildlife products has become a very lucrative trade that fuels the poaching of many protected wildlife species and creates insecurity for both people and wildlife in many remote vulnerable areas. At \$8-10 billion per year, the illegal wildlife trade ranks as the fourth most lucrative international criminal activity, behind narcotics, counterfeiting, and human trafficking. Evidence and seizure data suggest that wildlife trafficking is linked to transnational organized crime and even African armed militia with terrorist connections in the case of elephant poaching. Professional traffickers take advantage of lax enforcement controls to move illegal ivory across the globe. The likely annual income from ivory to militia in the entire sub-Saharan range generates millions of dollars for these terrorists, including the Lord's Resistance Army, to buy weapons, hurt innocent people and destabilize governments.

Elephants are one of the most iconic wild animals. Yet today these magnificent animals are being gunned down and poisoned in staggering numbers - the African elephant population has declined by an estimated 66% over the last 40 years, with 100,000 elephants poached between 2010 and 2012. Only 29,000 rhinos remain in the wild, yet, in 2015 close to 1,200 rhinos were killed in South Africa alone. Sometimes poachers hack off an elephant's or rhino's face, while the animal is still alive, to retrieve their tusks or horn. In one recent case, poachers poisoned a watering hole with cyanide, killing 300 elephants at once and resulting in the deaths of other animals who fed on the carcasses. The pernicious demand fueling the illegal trade in tiger parts has left us with only 3,200 tigers in the wild today. Lions and leopards have disappeared from most of their historic range due to habitat loss but they face additional threat from demand for their pelts or other body parts. The list of animals threatened with poaching, trafficking and extinction goes on.

Federal regulations and laws restrict the importation or interstate trade of products from endangered species, but they do not regulate **intrastate** sales. The patchwork of federal laws and regulations creates the potential for loopholes. In addition, federal implementation and enforcement are limited due to a lack of sufficient resources. State measures are critical to complement the federal law for the protection of endangered animals and national security.

Hawaii will be hosting the IUCN Conservation Congress in September this year, the first time the Congress is ever to be held in the United States. SB2647 provides Hawaii the opportunity to showcase its commitment to the preservation of imperiled species.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of this measure.



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March 29, 2016

The Honorable Karl Rhoads, Chair  
The Honorable Joy A. San Buenaventura, Vice Chair  
House Committee on Judiciary  
Hawaii State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street  
Conference Room 325  
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: Testimony in Support of Senate Bill 2647 SD1 HD1 Relating to Natural Resources


Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair San Buenaventura and Committee Members:

Thank you for accepting this testimony on behalf of the Hawaiian Humane Society in support of Senate Bill 2647 SD1 HD1. This bill prohibits the trafficking of threatened and endangered animals species, both wildlife and marine, allowing for specific exceptions. Our organization cares about the suffering of all animals and we support its prevention.

The needless and inhumane killing of the animals in order to obtain their parts and products threatens their extinction and undermines attempts at species preservation.

Senate Bill 2647 SD1 HD1 is both an animal welfare issue and one of conservation. We urge you to pass this bill.

Sincerely,



Mary Steiner  
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**SB2647**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
pamela burrell	apollo kauai, zero waste kauai	Support	No

Comments: I am very disappointed that Hawaii is famous for being the largest market in the USA for ivory products! This is nothing to be proud of. Please pass this bill in order to stop the killing of endangered animals for just a mere bauble. Thank you for your consideration.

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## **NSEFU WILDLIFE CONSERVATION FOUNDATION (NWCF)**

March 28, 2016

Testimony of  
TONY HUNSTIGER  
Secretary & Treasurer  
**Nsefu Wildlife Conservation Foundation**

Before the House Committee on  
Judiciary  
Tuesday March 29, 2016  
2:00 p.m.  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 325

In strong support of  
[SB 2647, SD1, HD1](#)  
“RELATING TO NATURAL RESOURCES”

Aloha Chairpersons and Members,

My name is Tony Hunstiger. I am Secretary and Treasurer of *Nsefu Wildlife Conservation Foundation* and part owner of *Zikomo Safari*, a photo safari eco-hotel in South Luangwa, Zambia. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

I am a resident of Hawaii, having lived and worked here since 1975. I strongly support [SB 2647, SD1, HD1](#). Please, pass this bill into law without amendment.

### **Reasons to Support SB2647 SD1:**

- A state law in Hawai'i can stop the extensive black-market intrastate commerce in elephant ivory, rhinoceros horn, and in protected animal species parts.
  - Surveys show Hawai'i is the third largest ivory market in the U.S., and is poised to become the largest now that California, New York, New Jersey and Washington outlawed ivory trade.
  - Hawaii is uniquely poised as a gateway to the Asian markets where ivory, rhino horn, pangolin scales, and shark fin are prized.
  - Studies show nearly 90% of ivory for sale in Hawaii does not have documentation required by Federal law. Trade in legal ivory acts as a cover for the trade in illegal ivory. Law enforcement officers lack the expertise to tell the difference.

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- SB2647 SD1 does not take ivory out of the hands of Hawaii's citizens. It bans the large and thriving black market ivory trade in Hawaii that fuels the demand for ivory. When the buying stops the killing can end.

**A BRIEF HISTORY:** In the [1980s the sale of ivory stockpiles exposed elephant conservation to African criminals connected to organized crime in Asia, Europe and America. 70,000 elephants were killed annually.](#) ***Only the unequivocal international BAN agreed upon in 1989 tackled the problem and stopped the illegal killing.***

The cause of the current elephant slaughter is a disastrous CITES decision in 2008 that allowed for the sale of stockpiled ivory. [In 2008 102 tonnes of ivory was sold to Japan and China from stockpiles in Zimbabwe, South Africa, Namibia and Botswana for US\\$15.4 million. The Chinese government immediately marked up the price of ivory by 650% and withheld stocks, drawing up a plan to dribble ivory on to the market, keeping prices high.](#)

In Africa the price for tusks skyrocketed along with poaching levels. At CITES' most intensely monitored site ["illegal killing increased markedly after 2008 and was correlated strongly with the local black market price and increased seizures of ivory destined for China."](#)

Legal ivory acts as a laundering mechanism for illegal ivory into an internationally authorized consumer market, a consumer market that blossomed in China along with their booming economy.

It is widely reported that **since the 2008 sale** around [20,000-40,000 elephants have been killed annually for their tusks](#). Hundreds of people have lost their lives with fatherless families of murdered anti-poaching scouts driven into worsening poverty. There has been increased corruption and wildlife tourism has been hard hit. Allowing the sale of ivory in 2008 fueled the current crisis. Now, ivory stockpiles are being destroyed not sold and the trade in ivory is being outlawed.

**Removing ivory from the marketplace, a total ban, is the only strategy proven to save elephants.**

- Driving the largest land mammal on the planet to extinction in order to feed the market for ivory jewelry, statues, netsuke and trinkets is unconscionable. There is no reason to use ivory to produce these items. Piano keys have been made from plastic for decades.
- An average of 96 elephants are killed each day, mostly for ivory. Elephants are being slaughtered faster than they can reproduce. At this rate, elephants will soon be extinct. Without elephants, lions, leopards and other charismatic mammals to view, tourism in Africa will dwindle.

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- Blood ivory funds terrorist activities and organized crime. Wildlife trafficking ranks with smuggling guns, drugs and humans as a major source of revenue for criminal organizations. Only about 10% of wildlife traffic is intercepted by law enforcement; a State law will add a much needed level of enforcement.
- Hundreds of wildlife rangers protecting wildlife habitat in Africa are killed in the line of duty. They leave wives and children behind. Without a breadwinner to support the family, impoverished families become prey to human trafficking organizations.
- Animals such as Rhinos, Sharks and Pangolins are killed needlessly to provide quack traditional medicines.
- A recent nationwide poll by HBO Real Sports and Marist Poll showed that 86% of Americans disapprove of big game hunting and 62% favor banning the practice. According to Humane Society International, in the past decade alone, American trophy hunters have killed 5,647 African lions. In 2014 alone, the trophies of roughly 85% of captive lions from South Africa's notorious canned hunting facilities were imported to the United States. There are more statues of lions than lions in the wild.

Trophy hunting is decimating wildlife populations across the globe. [SB 2647, SD1, HD1](#) will prevent the trafficking in the grizzly products of trophy hunting. Preventing wildlife trafficking can stop the hunting of rare and endangered species, as the animal parts, the trophies, will be illegal.

I travel to Africa. I see the magnificence of its wild places and of its wildlife. As part owner of a wildlife photography and wildlife viewing eco hotel in Zambia, I strive to educate and empower people so that they will work to preserve the world's wilderness and wildlife for future generations. The planet belongs to each of us. We must stand up to and stop those who would rob us of its treasures.

Thank you, for the opportunity to testify. I urge you to, please, protect and preserve endangered animals for future generations. Pass [SB 2647, SD1, HD1](#) into law.

Respectfully Submitted,

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WHEN THE BUYING STOPS, THE KILLING CAN END.**



## SAVING ELEPHANTS BENEFITS EVERYONE

- Elephants are a keystone species; many animals and plants depend on them for their survival. The seeds of nearly 100 kinds of trees must pass through the gut of an elephant in order to germinate. Without elephants, African forests will eventually die.
- Elephants are the landscapers of the ecosystem, clearing bush to become grassland for the plains animals, and forming pathways and waterholes for smaller animals.



*Photo by Valerie Marcelli*



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- The ivory trade funds terrorists and transnational criminal cartels – including the Lord's Resistance Army, Boko Haram, Janjaweed, and Al-Shabab of Al-Qaeda. Ivory trade destabilizes Africa, threatens global stability, and destroys lives.
- Children around the world learn that “E” is for “Elephant” – not “Extinction.”
  - Elephants are part of our global heritage and our story. Yet at the current rate of killing - one wild elephant is killed every 15 minutes, elephants will be extinct in the wild within the lifetimes of today's children.
  - In 2014 New Jersey became the first state in America to ban all domestic ivory and rhino horn sales. *Is your state or city next? #BetheChange*



**Testimony of Dave Stewart  
Executive Vice President and General Counsel  
Vulcan Inc.**

**In Support of**

**SB 2647 – Relating to Natural Resources**

**Before the**

**House Committee on Judiciary  
Hawaii State Legislature**

**March 29, 2016, 2:00pm**

Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair San Buenaventura, and Members of the Committee:

I am grateful for the opportunity to testify before you today on behalf of Vulcan, Inc. and one of our nation's most determined philanthropists and conservationists, Paul G. Allen.

V U L C A N . C O M

At Vulcan, by marrying our technology development and storytelling capabilities with our impact-driven philanthropy, we are working to address the current threat of wildlife trafficking, while collecting data that will inform long term strategies to protect endangered species and ensure stable or thriving generations of wild animals.

I commend Speaker Souki, Chair Rhoads and lawmakers from both chambers who have carefully crafted SB 2647 in a manner that has allowed it to garner such broad support.

This measure targets the brutal wildlife trafficking trade, led by organized crime syndicates around the globe. The trafficking of animal parts, estimated to approach \$10 billion annually, does grave harm to some of the most charismatic wildlife species on our planet. In most cases, the animals that are targeted by criminal wildlife poachers are among our most cherished and endangered species. From a scientific perspective, we know that the extinction of entire species is harmful to the cycle of life and our fragile ecosystems. From a moral perspective, it is simply wrong for mankind to permit the willful extermination of entire species of animals from our planet forever.

Fortunately, elected leaders serving in this legislature are well on their way to signaling to the world that the state of Hawaii will not tolerate criminal activities that--if left unchecked--will lead

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to the extinction of the many wildlife species that we treasure and seek to protect: rhinos, elephants and tigers, to name a few.

While most Hawaiian merchants have little interest in profiting from the illegal wildlife trade, a recent study conducted by four international conservation groups and funded by Vulcan, revealed a startlingly large volume of endangered animal parts being sold very overtly within the state.

According to the report, over a timespan of only six days in late 2015, investigators were able to identify 1,862 advertisements for wildlife products. A total of 4,661 products containing these endangered animal parts, valued at over \$1.2 million, were available for purchase from 47 Hawaii-based retailers and individual sellers. The figures provided in this report are conservative estimates, as many of the products aren't advertised and many more were posted online for sale without a specified price.

There is no question that Hawaii remains one of the top markets for products made with these illegal animal parts.

This legislation could not come at a more opportune time, especially as Hawaii prepares to host this fall's IUCN World Conservation Congress. As the state prepares to step into the international spotlight, passage of SB 2647 will signal Hawaii's leadership in combatting the illegal wildlife trade—a trade that mirrors the shameful trafficking of drugs, arms and people.

V U L C A N . C O M

In light of the upcoming international gathering, we urge the committee to not delay in making this measure effective as soon as possible, if not upon enactment, certainly by the end of 2016. There is a great deal of work to be done to begin the enforcement of this new potential law. Postponing the crackdown on illegal trading serves only to permit criminal poachers and traffickers to continue their lucrative and harmful activity.

We encourage you to join with other states that have enacted similar laws and accelerate the end of these dangerous poaching operations.

In Washington state, Vulcan was the proud leader of Initiative 1401, a first-of-its-kind multi-species law, which was put before voters in November 2015. Initiative 1401 banned the sale or purchase of products made from endangered species of elephants, rhinos, lions, tigers, cheetahs, leopards, pangolins, marine turtles, sharks, and rays. This common sense law is consistent with existing federal and Washington state statutes, and provides reasonable exemptions for bona fide antiques, inheritances, scientific or educational purposes, and musical instruments.

SB 2647 would accomplish the same goal in a similar manner, and will be significant in cracking down on the availability of wildlife products being sold in Hawaii. However, the language in SB

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2647 S.D. 1 H.D. 2 should be amended to further clarify and strengthen the bill. I respectfully request the following changes:

- On page 10, line 1, amend the language as follows:

*SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect upon its approval; provided that there shall be no enforcement actions pursuant to this Act until December 31, 2017~~6~~.*

On behalf of Paul Allen and the scientists, researchers and innovators at Vulcan, I express our gratitude for your leadership in carefully and thoughtfully shepherding this critical legislation into law.

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**SB2647**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Natalie Parra	Keiko Conservation	Support	No

Comments: I, Natalie Parra, as an individual and as representation for Keiko Conservation fully support this bill. It has received incredible support from our 30,000 international members and we hope Hawaii can be a leader in wildlife conservation as we were when the we were the first state to pass the anti-finning bill for sharks. Please take a moment to imagine a world where elephants and rhinos can only be seen in pictures and memories. We are quickly heading in that direction.

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Testimony Submitted to the House Committee on Judiciary

Hearing: Tuesday March 29, 2016, 2:00 pm

House Conference Room 325

**In SUPPORT of SB 2647 SD1 HD1: Wildlife; Species; Trafficking; Fines**

Dear Honorable Chair Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair Joy A. San Buenaventura, and Members of the Committee

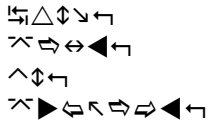
Aloha. Global March for Elephants and Rhinos (GMFER) and March for Elephants (MFE) support SB 2647 SD1 HD1. GMFER is an organization that has affiliates in 130 individual cities around the world. These cities have participated in annual global marches which have been cited by experts as key to the global consensus against illegal wildlife trafficking. Earlier this year, the marches were singled out by U.S. Department of State's news platform, ShareAmerica, as one of the three big wins for elephants of 2015. They said, "According to experts, these marches keep political pressure on leaders to protect the world's largest land animal. March for Elephants - San Francisco, is an affiliate of GMFER.

Currently, Hawaii is the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest trader of ivory in the United States. The people are looking to Hawaii to pass a ban on the trade of ivory so that Hawaii will not become the largest ivory market in the nation. Now that New York and California, currently 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> largest traders of ivory in the United States have passed ivory and rhino horn bans, it is possible that Hawaii will become the largest hub for this trade. One elephant is killed every 15 minutes. Approximately 96 elephants are killed each day to make useless trinkets and statues. In addition to these senseless deaths, many rangers who are protecting elephants, rhinos and other wildlife are killed as well. Keith Swindle, a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service employee with the Division of Law Enforcement in Honolulu has stated that 130 rangers have been killed by poachers in Virunga National Park in the Democratic Republic of Congo in the past several years. This number represents more deaths than the sum of all United States Fish and Wildlife Service rangers and special service agents who have died while in service in the history of our country. Illegal wildlife trafficking is the 4<sup>th</sup> largest criminal activity after drugs, arms and human trafficking. Ivory and rhino horn trade have been directly linked to the illegal activity of these criminal syndicates. By passing SB 2647 SD1 HD1, Hawaii will become a role model for other states to pass similar bans and together, help end the horrific poaching of these endangered and magnificent beings. Unless action is taken now, we will lose these intelligent and emotionally sentient creatures forever. **We urge you to pass SB 2647 SD1 HD1.**

Kind regards,

Rosemary Alles  
Julie Callahan

Core Members  
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Comments on SB 2647 HD1; Ivory Sales Prohibitions

March 27, 2016

TO: House Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, House Judiciary Committee

RE: Comments on SB 2647 HD1; Ivory Sales Prohibitions

These comments are submitted on behalf of WildAid, a registered US 501c3 charitable organization, its Board of Directors, and our members. WildAid focuses on addressing consumer demand for products from threatened wildlife, and has been working for the past two years to decrease demand for ivory, primarily in China.

We support measures to implement this law because:

- State legislation is necessary to regulate in-state sales and to give wildlife agents authority to enforce laws outside of federal jurisdiction.
- Any legal trade in ivory can and has extensively enabled laundering of illegal ivory from poached elephants. Without testing in a laboratory, even experts often have a difficult time distinguishing “old”, pre-ban ivory from “new”, smuggled African ivory. It is also difficult to distinguish one species’ ivory from another. Hawaii, as the third highest ivory retailer in the United States has the opportunity to lead the way in elephant conservation and can set a precedent for California and New York by implementing an ivory ban.
- This measure closes an important loophole left by the federal law by excluding any exemptions for the import of trophy-hunted ivory. In the past, trophy hunting has masked illegal activity. Pseudo-hunts, whereby crime syndicates have paid inexperienced hunters or bystanders to obtain rhino horn, have occurred on numerous occasions in South Africa, to the point where the South African government was forced to ban the issuing of permits to Vietnamese nationals.

While we also appreciate the intent of the resolution, the state needs to act for the reasons noted above. We urge the Committees to support SB 2647 HD1, currently under consideration by the Senate.

Thank you for considering our input.

With best regards,  
Peter Knights, Executive Director

Submitted by: Andrew Harmon



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To: [COMMITTEE ON WATER & LAND](#)

Rep. Ryan I. Yamane, Chair  
Rep. Ty J.K. Cullen, Vice Chair

March 16, 2016

Sierra Club of Hawaii **Testimony in support of SB 2647 by Dr. Steven Montgomery**

Aloha,

My name is Dr. Steven Montgomery. I am a long time member and officer of the Oahu Group, Sierra Club of Hawaii, which has over 12,000 registered members and supporters and whose behalf I am testifying today. I thank you for this opportunity.

The Sierra Club of Hawaii **strongly supports SB 2647** to reduce the deadly cost of ivory trading in our state.

The greatest threat to wild elephant populations is poaching - driven by the demand for ivory products. Of the estimated 400,000 African elephants remaining, an estimated 35,000 are killed by poachers every year. These magnificent animals are on the fast track to extinction.

Hawaii is currently the third largest domestic market for ivory in the United States. But Governor Cuomo of New York signed a tough ivory sales ban into law 18 months ago, and Governor Brown of California did the same just four months ago. So if this bill does not pass, Hawaii will soon claim the shameful distinction of being the biggest ivory market in the nation.

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In September of this year, Hawaii will host the World Conservation Congress for the International Union for the Conservation of Nature. Held once every four years, the WCC is the major international conservation gathering on the planet. This year it is anticipated that President Obama will give the keynote speech. How embarrassing would it be for this meeting

to occur on Oahu at a time when we would be, de facto, the leading ivory market in America? We call on our State leaders to act now, before such embarrassment occurs.

With this bill Hawaii can not only reduce the poaching pressures on elephants, but raise consumer awareness of the incredibly harmful impacts of their purchases. We can also eliminate the significant enforcement challenge posed by the legal ivory trade – as was demonstrated in 2014, when the Sierra Atlantic Chapter helped New York State establish a moratorium on the sale of elephant ivory products.

There is another potential benefit to cutting ivory sales in Honolulu – impacting Islamic terrorist groups. In the aftermath of the deadly 2013 terrorist attack at the Westgate shopping mall in Nairobi, President Uhuru Kenyatta of Kenya revealed that the al-Shabbab terrorist group was receiving a major source of funding from the illegal ivory trade. As reported by the Wall Street Journal on 11 Oct 2013, President Kenyatta said, "Kenya will seek .... a global plan to end a business that endangers our wildlife and bankrolls attacks on our people." He launched a campaign calling for a global moratorium on ivory trading, while investing more in anti-poaching measures, noting this illegal trade cannot be curtailed without an offensive against overseas buyers.

Hawaii has helped lead the world in recovering whale populations, it's time now that we team up with global celebrities like the former NBA star Yao Ming, Emeritus Archbishop Desmond Tutu and broadcaster David Attenborough to help stop the killing of African elephants.

In order to save the elephant population for future generations, we need to take action now. Please vote for this bill. Mahalo

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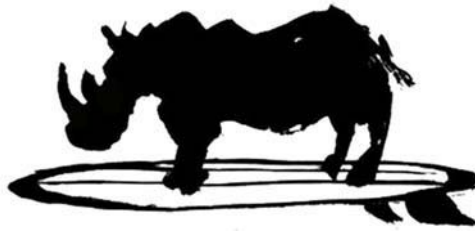
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In order to save the elephant population for future generations, we need to take action now. Please vote for this bill. Mahalo



**LATE**

*"Surf more, stress less. Do Good. Save the rhinos & wear something that matters."*

February 25, 2016

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RE: SB2647

To the honorable members of the Hawaiian House of Representatives,

Aloha, my name is Todd Burton, I am known in the surfing community as "Rhino". I am a United States citizen a resident of California.

The SB2647 Bill before you is extremely important on the global level. Worldwide today our planet, the only one in the known universe to foster life, it is home to some 5,000 plant and animal species that are critically endangered and facing extinction today. I'd ask that each of you contemplate what that means, the magnitude of that – these life forms may be lost forever in a universe so vast that it is literally beyond any of our comprehensive of space and time.

This bill does not go far enough but it is a much needed start another step in the right direction, rhinos are also being depleted due to demand in Asia for fictitious medical benefits. No one needs an ivory elephant tusk besides an elephant. No one. To kill one of these majestic creatures for sport or trade is truly a crime, regardless of whether the law establishes that or not. At current poaching and "sport" hunting rates the elephants of Earth cannot be sustained and face extinction in the next 5-10 years. Over 140,000 elephants have been slaughtered for their ivory. One elephant every fifteen (15) minutes is being murdered for ivory. This must stop.

Earth has lost half of its wildlife in the past 40 years, says the World Wildlife Fund <sup>(1)</sup>. This is a legacy, a heritage that we will never recover – it is quite tragic if and when we stop and contemplate this. Sadly, most will not contemplate what is happening, many are totally unaware, caught up in the hustle and bustle of "modern" day life. Humans are responsible for the extinction of 322 documented species in the last 500 years with two thirds (66%) of those extinctions occurring in the last two centuries <sup>(2)</sup>. "For the first time since the dinosaurs disappeared, humans are driving animals and plants to extinction faster than new species can evolve, one of the world's experts on biodiversity has warned. Conservation experts have already signaled that the world is in the grip of the "sixth great extinction" of species, driven by the destruction of natural habitats, hunting, the spread of alien predators and disease, and climate change." <sup>(3)</sup>

This legislation is crucial as Hawaii is a major transportation hub and gateway of Asia. It is crucial because every effort counts in this battle and it is a battle for one species though we are in a war against greed and economic powers to protect all life on Earth.

Over the last three years since I learned of the plight of the rhinos one day while Googling images for a tattoo to commemorate my nickname I discovered the grotesque horror of what is being done to the rhinos and since my



awareness and empathy has been greatly expanded to other life around our world also including human life. Let me offer an excerpt an article written almost eight (8) years ago by Julia Whitty:

“When we hear of extinction, most of us think of the plight of the rhino, tiger, panda or blue whale. But these sad sagas are only small pieces of the extinction puzzle. The overall numbers are terrifying. Of the 40,168 species that the 10,000 scientists in the World Conservation Union have assessed, one in four mammals, one in eight birds, one in three amphibians, one in three conifers and other gymnosperms are at risk of extinction. The peril faced by other classes of organisms is less thoroughly analyzed, but fully 40 per cent of the examined species of planet earth are in danger, including perhaps 51 per cent of reptiles, 52 per cent of insects, and 73 per cent of flowering plants.

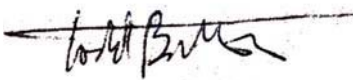
By the most conservative measure - based on the last century's recorded extinctions - the current rate of extinction is 100 times the background rate. But the eminent Harvard biologist Edward O Wilson, and other scientists, estimate that the true rate is more like 1,000 to 10,000 times the background rate. The actual annual sum is only an educated guess, because no scientist believes that the tally of life ends at the 1.5 million species already discovered; estimates range as high as 100 million species on earth, with 10 million as the median guess. Bracketed between best- and worst-case scenarios, then, somewhere between 2.7 and 270 species are erased from existence every day. Including today.”<sup>(4)</sup>

While todays legislation is focused on protecting the elephants I would submit the following as evident of how much worse things have gotten since 2007 when the article above was written.

In 2007 when the article was written there were thirteen (13) recorded rhinos poached. Since then we have seen the extinction of the Western Black Rhino, a subspecies, in 2013 and a 1,202% increase in recorded rhino poaching into 2014 with 1,215 rhinos poached. In 2015 that number grew by more than 23% in one year to over 1,500 rhinos poached.

So, what we are asking for today is leadership. We are asking for leadership to acknowledge the issue and act to address it. Please go further, please take action pass this Bill today and amend it to include rhino horn as well. What we do to them we do to ourselves.

With much love and respect,



Todd Burton  
@rhinosurfer

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Cathy Goeggel	Animal Rights Hawai'i	Support	Yes

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**MICHAEL J. K. FLEETWOOD**

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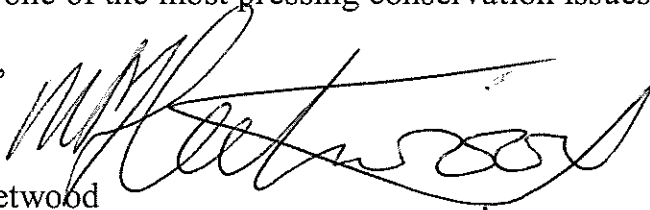
Dear Representatives Rhoads, Buenaventura, and members of the Judiciary Committee,

As a longtime resident and small business owner in Lahaina, I understand how important our state's natural heritage is to our economy, our culture, and the picture we present to the rest of the world. It is with this in mind that I offer my strong support for **SB2647**, a bill related to wildlife trafficking. Most of the species it protect may not be native to Hawaii, but this legislation would help ensure that Hawaii is not a destination or transit point for illegal wildlife products like smuggled ivory, rhino horn, tiger pelts, and many others that are contributing to the ongoing global poaching crisis. We know, from data compiled by conservation organizations and the federal government, that Hawaii is a significant market for these items, and we owe it to ourselves, to future generations, and to these species to do what we can to prevent this from continuing.

It is my understanding that reasonable exceptions are made for musical instruments, museum pieces, bona fide antiques, and for native cultural practices. With these in place, we should move forward with the strongest possible protections for wildlife. Doing so will help to make Hawaii a national and global leader on one of the most pressing conservation issues of our time.

Sincerely,

Mick Fleetwood

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mick Fleetwood", written over a horizontal line.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Angela Huntemer	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Chair, Vice Chair and Committee Member, Please show your support for preserving some of the most important and iconic species from poaching and trafficking of their body parts. You know all the arguments by now from reading other people's testimony. We cannot wait for the Federal Government to tighten their laws. There is no time to lose in enacting this legislation. This legislation provides for all the reasonable exceptions requested by people opposing the bill. Please support wildlife and vote yes to Bill SB 2647 Mahalo.

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Dylan Armstrong	Individual	Support	No

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Testimony submitted to the House Committee on Judiciary

Hearing: Tuesday, March 29, 2016, 2 PM, Conference Rm 325

Re: Strong support of SB2647 SD1 HD 1, relating to wildlife

Thank you for the opportunity to share my thoughts on this subject. I write today because I have been touched by the plight of the elephants who are dying in unprecedented numbers due to ivory poaching. I feel strongly about protecting all endangered wildlife. These are precious creatures who share the planet with us and add richness and mystery to our lives by their very existence. But it is the elephants who have ignited a passionate interest in me. I have not seen them in their natural habitat but I've read about people who have. They say it has changed their lives. Elephants appear to have some special qualities. They have a matriarchal society and an altruistic one. They remember each other after years of separation and they grieve for one another and for humans with whom they've been close. Why are we assisting in the slaughter of these magnificent animals in exchange for ornaments. If we stop the selling we can stop the killing. Please let's do our part to save this species and others from extinction. We are risking much more than money by allowing Hawaii to be the third largest seller of ivory in the US.

Thank you,  
Aimee McCullough, PsyD  
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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Julie Chen	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support SB2647 to ban the sale of ivory and the trafficking of endangered animal parts in Hawaii. Thank you.

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Mitsuko Hayakawa	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
janice palma-glenie	Individual	Support	No

Comments: RE:SB 2647 SD 1 HD 1 Aloha, Please support this measure. Unbelievable as it may be, Hawai'i needs a state law because federal laws and regulations do not prohibit the trafficking of elephant ivory, rhinoceros horn, and parts of protected animal species. Elephants and other species including rhinos should not be killed for bits and pieces of their magnificent bodies, no less that they are a crucial part of the web of life. and not to mention that elephants have been shown to be very sensitive, familial creatures whose internal workings humans are only starting to understand -- information which can help us understand our natural environment and ourselves. Hawai'i is the third largest ivory market in the U.S., and possibly soon to become the largest if we do not ban wildlife trafficking. Wildlife rangers protecting wildlife habitat in Afritca are killed in the line of duty. Elephant ivory is used to make unnecessary items, such as jewelry, trinkets, and netsuke (statues). Other animals are killed needlessly, and SB 2647 them. Please use your integrity to stop the brutal, unnecessary practice of killing these creatures.

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Lisa Kart	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Hawaii is the 3rd largest US market for illegal ivory and the only remaining of the three largest state markets still without a law regulating intrastate sales. Please do the right thing and help prevent extinction. Thank you

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Luella Nohea Crutcher	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support this bill. Please protect species like tigers, elephants and rhinos from going extinct, due killing these animals for animal parts or for trophies. Stop Hawai'i from the use of illegal ivory and taking part in over 20 counts of illegal activities associated with wildlife trafficking. Mahalo for hearing my plea. Luella Nohea Crutcher

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Michele Lincoln	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments: "Politically correct" may appear good but looks can be deceiving. When mob mentality replaces free thinking it takes society down a dangerous path of conformity. "Don't be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind." Our government is based on Judeo-Christian principles. Christianity in a word is love. Love is a choice—free will. Free will is the ability to make rational deliberation and choose different courses of action. Truth is imperative. Separation of church and state is grossly misunderstood. It is not intended to exclude God from our nation and politics. The precept was to ensure that a religion was not forced on society. That concept is from God. He desires mankind to make the choice of whom we will serve. Animal advocacy is one the most prevalent and widely accepted and fervent belief systems in the world today. The ivory legislation is an example of forcing a belief on society by a radical group of people. This is what separation of church and state is supposed to guard us from. The United States is not an offending country of black market ivory. Anti-ivory advocates fabricate and manipulate statistics to promote their agenda. Africa is a continent not a country. Elephant poaching is prevalent in some countries but not all populations are at risk. The overpopulation in other regions results with farmers killing elephants to save their farmland and protect their livelihoods. Entire forests are being decimated by some elephants causing the loss of habitat for other African animals. It is an enormous issue that will not be resolved by banning sales of legal ivory in Hawaii. Hawaii is historically known for its ivory from the American whaler, to the Asian immigrant, to the Hawaiian and Polynesian cultures. Collectors are guardians of the future by preserving the past. One of the reasons Hitler and ISIS and other radical groups destroy art and monuments are to wipe out and destroy cultures in attempts to control people. Much like the results of this proposed legislation. Collectors that purchase legal ivory products stimulate our economy. Hawaii's overall ivory ban legislation will not make the current legal inventory disappear. The legal commodity will move to another state and they will reap the financial benefits. In the event that Federal or International law prohibits all trade of every kind of ivory it will only be for a season. We know ivory will be in the market place until the return of Jesus because it is on the list of commodities mentioned before the battle of Armageddon. Eventually there will be a worldwide financial collapse as described in Revelation 18 "For in one hour your

judgment has come.” 11 “And the merchants of the earth will weep and mourn over her, for no one buys their merchandise anymore: 12 merchandise of gold and silver, precious stones and pearls, fine linen and purple, silk and scarlet, every kind of citron wood, every kind of object of ivory, every kind of object of most precious wood, bronze, iron, and marble; 13 and cinnamon and incense, fragrant oil and frankincense, wine and oil, fine flour and wheat, cattle and sheep, horses and chariots and bodies and souls of men.” Illegal cock fighting takes place in Hawaii. I do not endorse such practices. It saddens me to think about it. However, I do not stop eating chicken or eggs as a result. Would you consider banning the sale of all chicken products in Hawaii in response to this illegal activity? Does this legislature find that the most effective way to discourage cock fighting is to eliminate all markets for chicken? Our legislature would want to remove any potential conflict of law that unintentionally makes Hawaii an attractive market for cock fighting. It’s important to demonstrate Hawaii’s leadership in global challenges of illegal wildlife endangerment. To put law abiding, tax paying, people out of work that produce and sell products of legal ivory in response to Africa and China’s illegal trade makes as much sense as closing Kentucky Fried Chicken Restaurants and banning May’s teriyaki chicken to stop cock fighting globally. The most effective way to make change is to influence the hearts and minds of man. All evil is conceived in the hearts and minds of men so until that changes we can only mitigate the results of evil. Punishing law abiding people is not the answer. Would you agree that lies and misrepresentations are not righteous? “The Life of the Land is perpetuated in Righteousness” is our state motto, in the Hawaii State Constitution, and a Hawaii Revised Statute. Therefore, legislation based on lies and false evidence is unlawful. Just because other states passed erroneous legislation does not justify the violation of Hawaii’s statutes. Prior to the Tahitian invasion, the ancient Hawaiians worshiped the one true God. I’o means Jehovah. David Malo (1793-1853) prefaced his book “Hawaiian Antiquities”: “I do not suppose the following history to be free from mistakes, in that the material for it has come from oral tradition; consequently it is marred by errors of human judgement and does not approach the accuracy of the word of God.” The Hawaii State Constitution protects all rights regarding Hawaiian culture and religious purposes. HB 2502 and SB 2647 are based on falsehoods. Fear is a tactic used by Satan and those he influences. Some of the animal advocacy groups that are promoting this legislation are fear-mongers. They incite a response based on fear. It is no wonder throughout the Scripture that God—I’o is constantly reminding us to “Fear Not!” Love is the essence of the Hawaiian culture. “Let us not love with words but with action and truth...There is no fear in love.” (1 John) Legislation based on lies is not in accord with the “word of Jehovah”. It violates the culture of “love” by not conveying “truth” and by promoting “fear”. When Satan used the snake to deceive Eve all of humanity suffered as a result. Liars are not the only ones that suffer consequences but include those who act on those lies. Most people are familiar with John 3:16. It is readily used on posters at sports events, concerts and public gatherings. I wonder how many have read the previous verses. I am no theologian but have to reflect on the imagery of Jesus on the cross compared to “the snake on the pole”. You are probably familiar with that as the medical symbol. It represents the healing that took place when Moses made a bronze snake and raised it on a pole and those who looked to it in faith were healed. “14Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, 15that

everyone who believes may have eternal life in him. 16 For God so loved the world (you) that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. 17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. 18 Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son. 19 This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. 20 Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed. 21 But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what they have done has been done in the sight of God." Satan is represented as a snake as is Jesus on the cross. Jesus took all the sins of the world and paid the price with his perfect life and sacrifice. Jesus became sin (symbolized by the snake) though He never sinned. He suffered the consequences that we deserve so that we may stand blameless before a Holy God. "Forgiven" feels good. It is the message of redemption. Recognize that Jesus had the power to come off the cross. He had at His disposal Angel Armies that could have intervened. Instead Jesus suffered the torture and pain and ridicule and rejection. He did this because He loves you! His death was necessary to restore our relationship to God. Jesus loves us. Love for us is what nailed Him to the cross. It's up to us to respond. If we believe and receive Jesus as our Savior we have a New Life. "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! 18 All this is from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: 19 that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And He has committed to us the message of reconciliation. 20 We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making His appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. 21 God made Him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God" (2 Corinthians 5) No Fear! Jesus did His part by taking on all the sins of mankind and paying the penalty. He rose from the grave victorious over death. That is why we don't have to fear death. Because of Jesus Christ we are offered eternal life. It only requires a simple act of faith on our part. Though there are consequences for our choices. The ultimate desire of God is to have a relationship with us. Jesus came to rescue us. David Malo understood this when he would comment on the deliverance he felt being rescued from "the pit from which he was digged." Notice how Satan still uses animals to keep us from Truth? Animals have been used by Satan to deceive mankind from the very beginning. Deception is still prevalent and practiced by unscrupulous animal advocacy organizations. Easter is the remembrance and celebration of Jesus risen from the dead. Bunnies and chicks often take the focus off the real meaning of Easter but they can be a reminder of a new life available to us in Jesus Christ.

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Barbara Mayer	Individual	Support	No

Comments: This submission is meant to cancel a previous submission where I accidentally selected the bullet "oppose". I am strongly in SUPPORT of the bill to ban ivory trafficking. (I oppose ivory trafficking.)

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Barbara Mayer	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly SUPPORT the bill to ban ivory sales in Hawai'i, for reasons I gave in an earlier submission.

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Barbara Mayer	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I strongly support SB 2647, to ban ivory sales in Hawai'i. Let's not have Hawai'i be any part of the blood ivory trade. Far be it from Hawai'i, with its many flora & fauna extinctions, to be any part in causing extinctions of elephants, rhinos, and similar animals.

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March 27, 2016

To: Representative Karl Rhoads, Chair, Joy A San Buenaventura Vice Chair  
and Members of the Committee on Judiciary

From: Patrick Conant  
Volcano, Hawaii

Subject: Testimony supporting SB 2647 SD1 HD1

Thank you for this opportunity to testify on this important bill regulating trade in parts of animals that are under threat. I understand how the trade in ivory in Hawaii is important to those that sell the product and have relied on the income generated. Nonetheless, it is clear that the demand for ivory is driving rampant poaching and slaughter of elephants in Africa that will surely lead their extinction if legal (and illegal) trade in ivory continues. The time to act is now. Elephants belong to the entire world. Purveyors of ivory can find other products and jewelry to substitute for ivory. There is nothing anywhere on this planet that can ever be substituted for live elephants. They have a right to live and we have a moral obligation to protect them. There is another large brained mammal that we do protect, and vigilantly, right here in Hawaii, the humpback whales. Elephants also deserve such protection. From books I have read about them, elephants are surely also very intelligent animals, but as with whales, we just don't understand well yet how and what they communicate to each other. Someday we probably will, and may be able to communicate with them in a "language" we both understand. Unless we allow them all to be killed. Right now, accepting the status quo is doing just that.

Please pass SB 2647 SD1 HD1 so future generations will still have elephants (and other species under threat) to appreciate and share the planet with.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Betty Steinberg	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please support this bill. I do not believe that people should profit for the killing of innocent animals. I cry when I see the bodies of elephants or rhinos with their tusks or horns removed.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Ted Steinberg	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am asking that you support this bill to aid in the senseless killing of our animals. I am truly afraid that many will be extinct. Please help, teds

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Maxwell Adams	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Testimony of Rachel Neville  
Supporting S.B. 2647 SD1 HD1 Relating to Natural Resources  
House Committee on Judiciary  
Tuesday March 29, 2:00 PM Room 325

Please accept this testimony in support of S.B. 2647 SD1 HD1. Hawai'i is the third largest market in the United States for illegal ivory after New York and California. The United States is the second largest market for ivory after China. Hawai'i therefore has an obligation to create policies that will stem the flow of illegal ivory through the state.

Ivory kills elephants and people. At least 96 elephants are killed for their ivory every day. If the slaughter continues as it has for the past ten years, elephants may go extinct in the wild in our lifetime. The wildlife rangers in Africa's great national parks must carry military grade weapons to match that of the poachers. Many rangers have died protecting elephants. Money from ivory smuggling funds civil wars, terrorism and organized crime. National Geographic recently wrote an article describing how the Lord's Resistance Army in Uganda sells poached ivory to fund its war and its practice of forcing children to become soldiers. Hawai'i has a responsibility to stop the flow of ivory through the state and help to curb the demand that fuels this violence.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony,

Rachel Neville  
Honolulu, HI

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Elif Beall	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support SB2647 (the Hawai`i Wildlife Bill) and urge the honorable members of the committee to pass it. Demand for certain wildlife products are driving poaching of important wildlife species. For example, it is estimated that as many as 35,000 elephants are killed each year, just for their ivory. Stopping the sale of most ivory, rhino horn, whale ivory, walrus ivory, shark fins, and several other kinds of wildlife product from being traded in Hawai`i is an important contribution to protecting these precious species. We know that Hawaii is an important tourist destination and transit state for wildlife products. In addition, recent investigations by IFAW and other animal conservation groups have found thousands of ivory products for sale online and in stores, with the vast majority completely undocumented. I ask, with Aloha, please pass a strong version of SB2647. Thank you for considering my testimony.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Renie Lindley	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please protect threatened and endangered elephants by banning the sale of ivory in the State of Hawaii. This will help stop the trade of elephant and other endangered species parts and thus help stop their poaching and slaughter.

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Dave Kisor	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please support this. The wholesale slaughter for selling of parts is wrong.

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Elaine Wender	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
tlaloc tokuda	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Dear Representatives, We need a state law in Hawai'i because federal laws and regulations do not prohibit the trafficking of elephant ivory, rhinoceros horn, and parts of protected animal species. An average of 96 elephants are killed EVERY day, mostly for ivory. They will be extinct in the wild in a generation if we do not stop the killing. Blood ivory funds terrorist activities. Rhinos will also be extinct in the wild in a generation if we do not stop the killing. Hawai'i is the third largest ivory market in the U.S., and possibly soon to become the largest if we do not ban wildlife trafficking. Wildlife rangers protecting wildlife habitat in Afritca are killed in the line of duty. Elephant ivory is used to make unnecessary items, such as jewelry, trinkets, and statues.

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

Comments: Aloha, I am writing to ask that you please vote AGAINST Bill HB2647 SD1 going before the House of Representatives this week. It is the Bill to ban the sale of all types of ivory in the State of Hawaii. Please KILL THIS BILL before it goes any further. It is an ill conceived Bill which will have a devastating effect on many residents of Hawaii. I do understand the need for protection and control of ivory of elephants but this Bill would effect those of us involved in the scrimshaw industry which has been a thriving industry for Hawaii for over 30 years. It is an industry that has used the fossilized ivory of walrus and wooly mammoths as it primary source of raw materials for over 25 years. I have worked for Lahaina Scrimshaw since 1983 and know first hand what is used. The fossilized ivory is not easily confused with elephant tusk since all the different ivories (which there are 7 types) have very distinct features that identify them. And fossiled ivories have mineralization which is warm beiges and golden tones to dark chocolate browns which are only achieved by being buried for hundreds to thousands of years(with mammoth/mastadon ivories being over 10,000 years old). These minerals permeate into the ivories over the many years of burial and can not be duplicated by modern staining which only covers the surface. Having worked for Lahaina Scrimshaw for over 32years I know how many local artist- scrimshaw artist, fish hook carvers,custom ukulele and guitar builders that use the fossilized ivory for inlay, fret boards and nuts- residents of Hawaii would be effected by this Bill- not to mention the effect on the Alaskan Natives that dig for the for the ivory as a source of income. We are talking about a Bill that will effect residents of Hawaii- US citizens and will not have any effect on what goes on in African. We have NOT been allowed to import African Elephant ivory since 1989 (Federal Law). Elephant ivory was never a big part of the scrimshaw indurstry. There are also many collectors of scrimshaw who return to Maui year after year. They have purchased from our shop and our competitors as well.Their collections will be become worthless if this Bill passes. I know collectors that have built their collections over 50 years. Not to mention the pig hunters who use the boar ivory for knife handles and necklace. There is ivory on concert pianos, in vintage jewelry ..... the list could go on and on. The number of people effected is too many. PLEASE KILL BILL HB 2647 SD1!!!!!! Thank You, Cynthia Canham PO Box 1629 Lahaina, Hi 96767 registered voter since1979

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marjan agha	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I support this bill that will ban the sale of ivory and the trafficking of endangered animal parts in Hawaii. Without action, iconic species like tigers, elephants, and rhinos will go extinct. Hawaii has already felt the pain of losing our own endemic species, let us please band together to keep more species from going extinct. - Animal parts are violently taken from beautiful, wild animals in cruel and violent manners. - In 2015, five Hawaii residents were charged on over 20 counts illegal activities associated with wildlife trafficking, this is a Hawaii issue - Hawaii is the 3rd largest US market for illegal ivory and the only remaining of the three largest state markets still without a law regulating intrastate ivory sales - With the World Conservation Congress coming in September, this is the perfect opportunity to highlight Hawaii's long standing leadership in conservation

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Jeannine Johnson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support SB 2647 SD1 HD 1 prohibiting the sale, offer to sell, purchase, trade, possession with intent to sell, or barter of any part or product from various animal and marine species.

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Jennifer Boneta	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please support this bill to help prevent the senseless and excessive slaughter of wild animals. This may help to prevent the animals' extinction.

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Brian Isaacson	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: The exceptions listed in the bill may not be enough to keep an individual who buys historic ivory out of trouble. This bill should be directed at businesses, and should also not assume the guilt of individuals who possess ivory. How is one to establish that ivory is original with a knife or a gun, and that it constitutes less than 20% of the volume of the item? Whoever specified 20% as a limit has little understanding of gun or knife construction and is putting individuals who would not normally violate the provisions of the bill in jeopardy. More exceptions for individuals, less presumption of guilt due to possession.

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tamara ticktin	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Elephants are among the most awe inspiring and majestic creatures on the planet. They are being brutally slaughtered everyday for their tusks, to make products that are not necessary for anyone. Hawaii is the third largest market for ivory in the United States, and prohibiting their trafficking here can make a difference. If trafficking in ivory is not stopped, elephants and rhinos will be extinct in the wild in a generation. As citizens of Hawaii and of the world, we hold the responsibility to do our part in stopping the slaughter - for the elephants and rhinos, and for our own children, whose world will be that much more impoverished without these creatures. Please think of the future generations of people and animals alike, and pass this bill.

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Glenn Metzler	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support this bill. There is no reason that anyone can provide that would justify denying this bill if it means the gruesome killing of wildlife for ivory will continue. Thank you.

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Dana Jones	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Is Hawaii really going to be the only backwards state in the Union to not support this bill? Really? The killing of animals for body parts and personal greed has gone on way too long. PLEASE don't let our State live in the dark ages. Please pass this bill into law. Mahalo.

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Douglas Perrine	Individual	Support	No

Comments: If Hawaii allows commercial trafficking in the bones and teeth of wise, ancient, and endangered animals, some of which are aumakua to our own families, how is this different from allowing trafficking in the iwi of our kupuna? Do we really say "yes" to enabling the slaughter of both dwindling wildlife and the rangers who protect them to produce trinkets for profit that often benefits terrorists? Please pass this law and de-legitimize this abhorrent traffic.

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Kameananiokalani	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Hawaii is already well known as the extinction capital of the world and has felt the gravity of its own loss of endemic species. The unnecessary and cruel killing of animals for sale of their dismembered body parts must be stopped. We must join together and do everything that we possibly can to ensure that other species do not go extinct. With the World Conservation Congress coming in September, as well as the release and re-introduction of the 'Alalā, the Hawaiian Crow, in that same month, the passing of SB2647 is an excellent opportunity to show Hawaii's leadership in conservation. Mahalo, Kamea Blackman

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Brian Murphy	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha, I strongly SUPPORT SB 2647, which prohibits the sale, offer to sell, purchase, trade, possession with intent to sell, or barter of any part or product from various animal and marine species, because every species has a right to life. If the animals could, they would beg us to save their children, just like we would!

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Mary Overbay	Individual	Support	No

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Tom Ranker	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please help stop the brutal killing of elephants and other wildlife by passing this bill. There is simply no valid reason to not pass this legislation. Thank you.

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Katarina Culina	Individual	Support	No

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March 25, 2016

Representative Karl Rhoads, Chair of House Judiciary Committee  
Representative Joy Buenaventura, Vice Chair, House Judiciary Committee  
Hawaii State Capital  
Honolulu, Hi 96813

Re: SB 2647, HD 1 Relating to Wildlife Trafficking

Dear Representatives Yamane, Cullen and Members of the House Committee on Water and Land

I am Gail Breakey, testifying as a private citizen in support of SB 2647, HD-1. I have had the privilege of visiting Africa several times and have been fortunate to see many of the magnificent animals which are being trafficked in the wild. These animals are an incredible part of our world heritage, and we must do everything in our power to protect them and not allow them to become extinct

On my most recent trip to Botswana, Zimbabwe and Zambia in 2015, I became aware that many Africans themselves have become committed to preservation of the heritage of their countries, in many cases putting their lives on the line to protect animals from poachers. The numbers of animals remaining among familiar species in Africa have been reduced exponentially, with only a fraction of animals which were once plentiful remaining. It is a travesty that these species are being decimated only for the profit of a few people.

I urge you to pass this legislation and thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gail Breakey". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Gail Breakey

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Sharon Ziegler-Chong	Individual	Support	No

Comments: This is an important issue that needs Hawaii's support. Why would Hawaii not step forth to avoid being part of the problem with poaching and slaughter of animals solely because people want to use a part of them? Please support this initiative.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Robert Culbertson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please help stop the killing of these majestic, family oriented beings for the mere trifles and trinkets which fuel the senseless violence. This law in Hawaii is long overdue. LIVE ALOHA!

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Nancy Davlantes	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I have previously submitted testimony but, because I care so much about this issue, I write to support it again. I help sponsor two young elephants orphaned when their mothers were killed for their ivory in Kenya by poachers. An average of 96 elephants are killed EVERY day, mostly for ivory. They will be extinct in the wild in a generation if we do not stop the killing. Rhinos will also be extinct in the wild in a generation because they are being killed for their horn, which is nothing more than keratin, the same type of protein that makes up hair and fingernails. Hawaii needs to do its part in closing down the trafficking in animal parts and products.

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Michael Golojuch Jr	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

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

Comments: Hawai'i is the third largest ivory market in the U.S., and possibly soon to become the largest if we do not ban wildlife trafficking.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kathy Shimata	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Ivory poaching supports organized crime & terrorist groups.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jeanne Teleia	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please SUPPORT this bill and do NOT shame Hawaii by letting is be one (if not the only one soon) that contributes to the cruel and totally UNNeCESSARY practice of transporting exotic animals. This trade funds terrorism, human as well as animal murder, and economic decline. It has no place is a decent society.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Donald Drake	Individual	Support	No

Comments: There is no moral or ethical reason why this bill should not be passed.

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J. Robin Rubalcava	Individual	Support	No

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Leandra Tavares-Jumawan	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Please protect the animals by banning the sale, trade and use of ivory here in Hawaii. It is not necessary for any Hawaiian cultural practice. If we protect the animals, we protect our economy system, and we protect the earth.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Yvonne Marie Mobley	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I support the ban on animal trafficking and ivory sales. This must stop.

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David Henkin	Individual	Support	No

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Robert Wintner	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please pass this bill to end wildlife and wildlife parts and curio trafficking. The people of Hawaii recognize public trust as a kuleana on wildlife species and habitat, and it's time to support that consensus.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Lynne wood	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I support bill to make trafficking of ivory illegal. Thank you lynne wood

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Dear Committee Chair and Committee Members;

I am in support of SB 2647. This bill will help stop the demand for ivory that is leading to the rapid decline of elephants throughout the world. This product is not a commodity that Hawaii's economy depends on, therefore, it should be an easy decision to pass this bill into law. Other reasons to support this bill are below.

- We need a state law in Hawai'i because federal laws and regulations do not prohibit the trafficking of elephant ivory, rhinoceros horn, and parts of protected animal species.
- An average of 96 elephants are killed EVERY day, mostly for ivory. They will be extinct in the wild in a generation if we do not stop the killing.
- Blood ivory funds terrorist activities.
- Rhinos will also be extinct in the wild in a generation if we do not stop the killing.
- Hawai'i is the third largest ivory market in the U.S., and possibly soon to become the largest if we do not ban wildlife trafficking.

Wildlife rangers protecting wildlife habitat in Africa are killed in the line of duty. Elephant ivory is used to make unnecessary items, such as jewelry, trinkets, and netsuke (statues).

Thank you,  
Chelsea Arnott  
Kaneohe resident

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anita wintner	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I totally support this bill to stop supporting money for poaching. I am very upset with Roz Baker for re-referring the bill and then not hearing it. Passing this bill is the pono thing to do.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
William R Smith	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I OPPOSE this bill.

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William R Smith	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I OPPOSE this bill.

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Ashleigh Smith	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please support SB2647 to help protect our priceless wildlife!

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Jacqueline S. Ambrose	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I grew up in Tanzania (when it was still Tanganyika)& when wildlife was still abundant. Elephants, rhino & all other animals play a role in the eco-system. Remove a species & everything ultimately collapses.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Virginia E Hench	Individual	Support	No

Comments: This is an important bill. Hawai'i has taken the lead in banning performing elephants after the Tyke tragedy, and this Committee should pass this bill to cease enabling the murder of these magnificent animals for sport and profit. Strong support.

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March 24, 2016

Dear Members of the Committee:

I support SB2647, which prohibits the trafficking of protected animal species with exemptions. I am ashamed, frankly, of our state and its failure to do what is clearly *pono*: to help protect these magnificent creatures from human slaughter and virtual extinction.

Let's put the situation closer to home. Humpback whales are federally protected, right? But let's say that a clandestine market for humpback tail fins develops and there are poachers willing and ready to kill the animals with RPGs (or whatever) in the Hawaii sanctuaries and sell the tails to buyers in Honolulu. We would be outraged, right? We would enlist the Coast Guard, Navy, NOAA, local law enforcement, etc. to their full extents to protect these creatures from senseless depredation and we would prosecute those involved at all levels. At least I hope we would.

But this same "senseless depredation" is occurring "elsewhere" with elephants, rhinos, pangolins, and many other "exotic" animal and marine species, sustained by illegal and legal markets around the world. We need to eliminate our local market for animal body parts. We need to do what is globally right, and do it now, right here. No human being NEEDS ivory or rhino horn. Only the animals do. Period.

I trust you've seen the numbers: almost 100 elephants poached (a tidy euphemism for "murdered") every day for ivory that goes not only to trinkets for the wealthy, but also to fund ISIS and other terror organizations such as the vicious Lord's Resistance Army. Brave wildlife rangers risk—and all too often lose--their lives (see Virunga National Park's Wounded Ranger site if you care to learn more) so that someone in Hawaii can purchase an ivory chess set. The values are just wrong. Dead wrong. Those who sell trafficked animal parts do not have my sympathy; they can find other items to sell that do not involve wholesale

slaughter. Nevertheless, the bill contains provisions for antique ivory and other specific items as well as items used in recognized cultural practices.

SB2647 is a carefully designed, broad ranging bill that addresses and corrects weaknesses in previous attempts to pass similar legislation. I hope you will have the ethical courage to do what is clearly right and will pass SB2647, thereby bringing my state, our state, in line with China, Hong Kong, California, New York, and many other large markets that have banned animal part trafficking. Hawaii, sadly, is considered a major market for ivory and horn, and may soon be the largest market in the United States—we must do better. And we must start doing it now, not next year, not later. This bill, this year.

If we can ban the sale of shark fins, surely we can do it for elephants, rhinos, sea turtles, etc. I want my grandchild to live in a world that has these creatures free in the wild and in the oceans, not stuffed in natural history museum dioramas. If we do not act to protect them, their murders and extinction will be on all our hands. Really.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Stephen W. Canham". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

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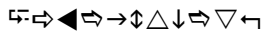
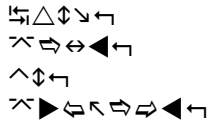
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Comments: Aloha, Again ! We humans need to stop the abuse of animals. We have no need for the bits and pieces of ivory that dangle around our necks, etc. Please remember that once belonged to a majestic animals, that was killed just for that piece of unnecessary JUNK ! Please put a stop to this In Sanity ! Have a Heart, not a Pocket Book full of dirty money ! Remember what is truly important on this Earth ! Not Man Made Money, but Nature. We humans have done enough destruction ! Please Please Support this Bill Once and for ALL !! Aloha & Mahalo

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JUDtestimony  
Please Support SB2647

Green Category

Dear Representatives Rhoads, Buenaventura, and members of the Judiciary Committee,

I am writing to ask that you please support Bill SB2647, to end the sale of ivory, rhino horn, and other endangered species body parts and products.

I was unaware until recently that the sale of these products is still legal! The trade in endangered species and their body parts has no place in the 21st century.

With many other states passing bills to restrict the ivory trade, Hawaii is now the largest market in the U.S. for ivory products!

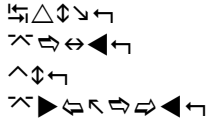
We are custodians of this earth and owe it to future generations to protect what is left of it's wild beauty.

Please support Bill SB2647 with no amendments.

Respectfully,

-Irmali Boday  
Kapaa, HI





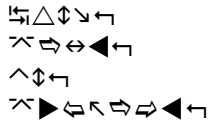
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marie erlandson <malaea@hotmail.com>  
Saturday, March 26, 2016 1:17 PM  
JUDtestimony  
SB2647

As a resident of Kauai for 17 years we strongly support this bill. It deeply saddens us to think of all the beautiful wildlife that is being slaughtered for their ivory, horns, fins etc.  
We respectfully ask that you pass this bill.  
Mahalo Nui Loa,

Marie & Steve Erlandson  
Princeville, Hi  
Sent from my iPad





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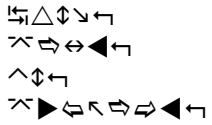
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Aloha

My name is Tim Grooms.  
I have lived on the north shore of Kauai for the last 26 years and have owned several restaurants on the north shore over those 25 years.  
In my restaurant I see hundreds of people every day.  
Recently part of my conversation is regarding this bill.  
Repeatedly I hear from my patrons about how important this bill is in order to protect our endangered wildlife.  
One thing I love about Kauaians is their compassion for nature and just wanting to do the right thing in life. PLEASE I urge you to support this bill SB2647 .  
The Hawaii people support the well being of our endangered animals.  
Thank you for considering my testimony.  
Sincerely,  
Tim Grooms

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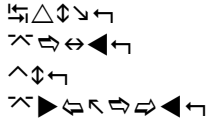
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Support SB 2647 SD1 HD!

Hello I support this bill  
Lived in Africa 3 years serving Peace Corps and saw these remarkable animals both elephants and Rhinos Have been  
dismayed at their slaughter over the years

aloha  
Suzanne Hammer







Ranaella Steinberg <kaiwahine1@hawaii.rr.com>  
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Support SB2647

Dear Representatives Rhoads, Buenaventura, and members of the Judiciary Committee,

I am writing to express my strong support for SB 2647. As a practicing veterinarian in Hawaii since 1992, I interact with many people on a daily basis who love animals and our island home.

It is vitally important that we show the rest of the world, that as a state, we care enough about endangered species to end the illegal trade here in Hawaii.

I have spoken about this issue with many residents on Kauai and Oahu. And every single one of them supports this bill! I ask, with Aloha, that you please pass a strong version of SB2647.

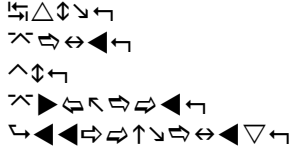
Thank you for considering my testimony.

Mahalo,  
Kimberly Steinberg, DVM



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Linda Leveen <lindakoala07@gmail.com>

Friday, March 25, 2016 7:44 PM

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Strongly support SB 2647, SD1, HD1: RELATING TO NATURAL RESOURCES elephants all beings.jpg; Keep fighting for Animal Rights you may lose your mind but you definitely find your soul.jpg

Dear Chair and committee members,

I cannot more strongly support this bill to end the sale and trade of ivory, thus cutting down on the merciless slaughter of our elephants and rhinos. They are living beings just like us. We must reach higher and deeper into our humanity and vow to protect the defenseless and innocent among us. They deserve no less. We must not act like bullies who kill and maim those who cannot fight back. We must reach within to the better part of ourselves and do what is right for the other beings who share this earth with us.

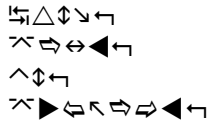
Thank you,  
Linda Leveen

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Watch this NOW if you want a giggle and a smile!

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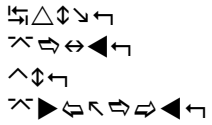
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Ivory Trade

Please, Strongly support SB 2647, SD1, HD1: RELATING TO NATURAL RESOURCES

I am originally from Alabama, where our mascot is an elephant, and greatly respected. I also do much of my research in Thailand, where elephants are revered. I will never forget my first encounter with an elephant when I was 9 years old. And, I have had many other encounters since then with the King of Animals. The greatest threat to species, humans, and even languages is when humans do not react for the good of those who need help. Please, by all means, consider this bill.

Best,

Jake Terrell  
Instructor of Linguistics  
University of Hawaii at Manoa



Nathan Sato <nsato@maliekai.com>  
Friday, March 25, 2016 3:02 PM  
JUDtestimony  
Please help stop the senseless slaughter

I want to urge you to strongly support SB 2647, SD1, HD1: RELATING TO NATURAL RESOURCES

Please help stop the senseless slaughter of elephants and rhinos!

Nathan Sato



In Support of the Ban on Ivory

SB2647

March 25<sup>th</sup> 2016

To Whom It May Concern;

As a former resident of Hawaii for over 25 years, I think of Hawaii as my home and my heart. I am hoping you make the right decision and vote for life over greed.

I graduated from the University of Hawaii at Manoa in Nursing (BSN) in 1996 and I chose that profession because I care about what happens to life on earth.

Now I live ½ the year in Africa and ½ the year in Southern California.

Over the last 9 years that I have lived in Zambia (Africa), I have witnessed a very noticeable decline in the numbers of elephants and lions. Rhinos have already been completely poached out of Zambia and I fear if people do not wake up, that is the fate for elephants and lions too.

We are at a critical junction where the elephant, an iconic, cornerstone species will soon exist only in zoos. This is not just an appalling testimony to how little we respect and value the wildlife of this planet, but shows how little we care about the future as much as we care about today's dollars.

It is not just the elephants and wildlife that are being affected by this wide scale slaughter. The people who make their living through tourism are also going to be decimated by the disappearance of wildlife.

What will the thousands and thousands of inhabitants of Africa who feed their families and friends through their jobs in tourism do? The only completely sustainable resource in Africa is the wildlife. People come thousands of miles to view elephants, lions, leopards, wild dogs and other species in the wild. Whole cities exist because of this tourism. What happens when it is gone?

What will happen is that these same people that today are law abiding, working members of society will be impoverished, homeless and looking for any way to feed their families. And that is when the groups like The Lord's Resistance Army and so many other terrorist organizations will move in with offers to save them and then enslave them.

These terrorist groups are already being funded by the slaughter of elephants and rhinos. Ivory and horn are buying guns and helicopters.

We have to stop the source of their money. We have to make it a severely punishable offense to kill an elephant or any other endangered species.

We have to protect the animals as stewards of this planet.

We have to protect the inhabitants of Africa who earn their living through tourism.

We have to stop the flow of blood money into the pockets of terrorists who want to destroy life as we know it.

The way to do all of these things are by banning the sale of wildlife parts; ivory, horn, skin, teeth, bones, fins, any part that came from a living being.

Our oceans and lands are being destroyed faster than they can recover.

Are we going to protect life or are we going to sell everything we have for a few dollars today at the risk of having nothing tomorrow.

I feel lucky to have grown up in a time when I could see whales in the sea and elephants in the bush. Will our children and grandchildren have the same joy or will we leave them a world without wildlife?

What will we tell them? That it was alright for a few people to make money off of the sale of everyone's wildlife? Will we tell them that we sat back and watched as whole species disappeared?

I won't sit back and give up. Will you?

Right now you have the ability to make a huge difference. Don't vote for the rights of the few that think they should be able to sell ivory because they always have. That logic would not work if we applied it to a thousand other situations that have changed as we have evolved as a civilization.

Those people will not die if you make it illegal to sell or trade in ivory and wildlife parts, but the elephants surely will and so will the people in Africa who live and feed their families because of tourism. And tourism depends on wildlife.

I tell my workers all the time that the reason they should care about wildlife is that is what tourists come to see and if it is gone, nobody will come to see poor people, as that will be all that is left. And all countries of the world have the poor, but very few have elephants and lions.

Thank you for your time.

Victoria Wallace

Director; Zikomo Safari

Vice President; Nsefu Wildlife Conservation Foundation

Dear Hawai'i Legislators,

I am writing to urge--no, to beg--you to support bill SB2647. Please, please stand up to the special financial interests which aim to profit from the annihilation of some of our most sacred and beloved species; please make the moral choice which our children and descendants will thank us for; and please, do honor to the State of Hawai'i and show respect not only for our own 'āina, but to the lands where these animals have survived for millennia-- until now.

We are entering a critical phase in the fight for the survival of the world's elephants and rhinos; at current rates of slaughter, they will be extinct in the wild within roughly a decade. One may simply feel a vague sadness at this prospect, but I urge you to consider something more than vague sadness: please, feel emboldened by the urgency of this crisis to make the moral choice, and ban the sale of ivory in the state of Hawai'i. Our descendants will look back and ask us many questions about our choices, and I dearly hope that one of those questions is not "Why did you allow the complete annihilation of these species? Was profiting from the sale of trinkets and baubles--profits which fund terrorism, war crimes, the drug trade, and other appalling injustices-- more important than protecting the sanctity of life on earth? Why did you not do anything? *What were you thinking?*"

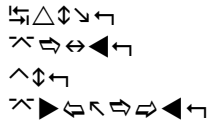
You will be hearing testimony from those who profit from this slaughter. You will be hearing all manner of specious and misleading information from them. They will claim that they are motivated by concern for Indigenous peoples' rights to use traditional wildlife resources; they will claim that they are motivated by concern for "consumer rights"; they will claim that this bill is a "feel-good, do-bad" bill which will somehow have deleterious effects on the survival of the world's wildlife. However, make no mistake: these are the smokescreens deployed by people whose motives are, very simply, profit. These people aim to line their own pockets with the destruction of the world's biological patrimony. This bill in no way impedes on the rights of Indigenous people to harvest and use wildlife in culturally significant ways-- merely that there can be no industry in selling these products to outsiders around the world (and creating or sustaining a cottage industry which harms the common good is not a human right for any group). They will claim that they are able to visually distinguish antique and non-CITES-banned ivory simply by looking at it (a preposterous claim, as the only way to prove ivory's age and origin is through chemical testing; "we guess it's okay because we looked at it" is not robust monitoring on a product which is destroying critical species and ecosystems). They will claim that they are 100% certain that they do not and have never sold illegal ivory, but will readily admit that they cannot provide any proof of this. They will claim that this bill will somehow result in the seizure of privately held antiques which are not for sale.

Please, assess the claims of those who profit from wildlife trafficking with a critical eye. These are not people who are making wise, selfless, or well-reasoned decisions for the public's best interests. That job falls to you. I beg you to rise to it.

Right now, today, the action taken by you and the Hawai'i State Legislature can make a difference in the fight to protect these irreplaceable species. Do not stand idly by as we commit this genocide. Do not capitulate to those who perceive their bottom line as more important than respect for life on Earth. Please, please do the right thing and vote to support bill SB2647. Thank you.



With warm aloha,  
Anna Belew  
PhD candidate, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa  
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Susan Inouye <inouye@hawaii.edu>  
Friday, March 25, 2016 11:59 AM  
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SB 2647, SD1, HD1

Dear Representative,

I hope your conscience will lead you to strongly support SB 2647, SD1, HD1: RELATING TO NATURAL RESOURCES.

Please help protect elephants, rhinos and other endangered species!

Thank you,

Susan

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Susan Banner Inouye, PhD  
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**SUPPORT PROHIBITING THE SALE OF IVORY AND OTHER ENDANGERED SPECIES PARTS AND PRODUCTS.**

**SB2647 and HB2502; Wildlife Trafficking**, to prohibit the sale (*not personal possession*) of ivory, rhino horn and other endangered species parts and products. Given New York and California have closed their ivory markets, Hawaii is poised to become an even larger magnet for the trade in ivory and the illegal trafficking of other wildlife. Chair Karl Rhoads' House Judiciary Committee. Please email "JUD 2-25-16 HB2502 Support" to [JUDTestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:JUDTestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov)

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Mathew D Goodrich	Individual	Support	No

Comments: On behalf of the Molokai Humane Society board of directors we support this bill, Mathew D Goodrich , Vice Chair MOHS

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Katrina Ogata	Individual	Support	No

Comments: We need a state law in Hawai'i because federal laws and regulations do not prohibit the trafficking of elephant ivory, rhinoceros horn, and parts of protected animal species. An average of 96 elephants are killed EVERY day, mostly for ivory. They will be extinct in the wild in a generation if we do not stop the killing. Blood ivory funds terrorist activities. Rhinos will also be extinct in the wild in a generation if we do not stop the killing. Hawai'i is the third largest ivory market in the U.S., and possibly soon to become the largest if we do not ban wildlife trafficking. Wildlife rangers protecting wildlife habitat in Afritca are killed in the line of duty. Elephant ivory is used to make unnecessary items, such as jewelry, trinkets, and netsuke (statues). Other animals are killed needlessly, and SB 2647 them.

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Maren Anka	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am a concerned Maui resident- who votes with my conscience. Please know that I do not condone elephant slaughter for trinkets! It is time for Hawaii to join the rest of the planet in protecting elephants and other tusked animals, if we do not take a stand, these amazing animals will become extinct. We (as a community) must prohibit the sales, the purchase, the trading and the possession with intent to sell of ivory from ANY animal. Best Regards, Maren Anka Makawao, Hawai'i

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Kristin Douglas	Individual	Support	No

Comments: At the rate of one every 15 minutes, an elephant is brutally slaughtered (poached) for its tusks. This will go down in history as one of the most egregious exploitation of innocent and vulnerable life being led to extinction at the hands of human beings. Please pass this bill to put an end to Hawaii's contribution to this shameful trade of ivory stolen from illegally poached animals.

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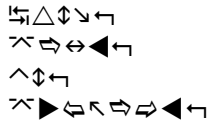
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Matt Binder	Individual	Support	No

Comments: We need a state law in Hawai'i because federal laws and regulations do not prohibit the trafficking of elephant ivory, rhinoceros horn, and parts of protected animal species. An average of 96 elephants are killed EVERY day, mostly for ivory. They will be extinct in the wild in a generation if we do not stop the killing. Blood ivory funds terrorist activities. Rhinos will also be extinct in the wild in a generation if we do not stop the killing. Hawai'i is the third largest ivory market in the U.S., and possibly soon to become the largest if we do not ban wildlife trafficking.

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Maren Anka <maren.anka@gmail.com>  
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I am a concerned Maui resident- who votes with my conscience.

Please know that I do not condone elephant slaughter for trinkets! It is time for Hawaii to join the rest of the planet in protecting elephants and other tusked animals, if we do not take a stand, these amazing animals will become extinct.

We (as a community) must prohibit the sales, the purchase, the trading and the possession with intent to sell of ivory from ANY animal.

Best Regards,  
Maren Anka  
Makawao, Hawai'i



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Kim Murphy	Individual	Support	No

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Dear Members of the Hawaii House of Representatives – Judiciary Committee,

On Tuesday, March 29, 2016 at 2:00 pm you will hear bill SB 2647, a bill relating to the conservation of animals, specifically banning the sales of protected species and ivory products in the state of Hawaii. I implore you to defeat this bill as it will directly impair my future employment as well the livelihood of many honest, reputable small business owners, skilled craftsmen, and employees in our state.

We all understand that the intent of this bill is good – the atrocities committed by poachers of elephants, rhinoceros, lions, etc. in Africa and demand for illegally obtained materials in China need to be stopped. C.I.T.E.S., The Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species, has international laws in place to restrict the trade and is actively working right now to address the problem on a global scale. According to C.I.T.E.S. ongoing research, the United States is NOT an offender in illegal ivory trade. The U.S. Fish & Wildlife service has stated in recent years that the USA “does not have a meaningful amount of illegal ivory traffic.” China receives well over 70% of worldwide poached elephant ivory. Legal ivory in the USA is about \$200+ per kg, whereas poached ivory in China its about \$2000+ per kg. There is no demand for these illegally-obtained animal products in our country or state if a poacher can sell the products elsewhere for a substantially greater profit.

Federal registries for certain ivory and protected species products already exist – there’s no need for Hawaii to reinvent the wheel from an uninformed and unenforceable position. I recommend that we as the State of Hawaii continue to comply with existing and future Federal and International Law and let the experts address the problem moving forward.

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Hawaii is also a cultural melting pot with a variety of Asian cultures represented and honored in year round traditions. Throughout the islands are valuable ivory antiques from China, Japan, Thailand, etc. that have been passed down through local families or legally sold by specialty stores for decades. From tiny jewelry inlay or netsuke to large carved elephant and mammoth tusks or even “raw” tusks, both collectors and sellers honor and respect the craftsmanship and beauty. The mutual understanding that there is a finite quantity of this heirloom material makes it all the more precious.

I proudly work at The Whaler’s Locker of Lahaina, Maui. Established over 40 years ago, we focus on education and conservation with transparent business practices and a decades-long reputation as an honorable source for quality antiques and collectibles.

Passing this bill will destroy our business as well as other similar reputable businesses in the state. It will invalidate the investment of collectors across the country who have been purchasing legal ivory and animal products for decades. What the bill WON'T do is save the elephants and other internationally protected species.

Please don't get caught up in this hyperbolized, emotional crusade. The bill is a waste of energy and state resources, and the only people harmed by this bill are law-abiding sellers and collectors of legal animal products, NOT the poachers and black market ivory dealers in other countries. Don't destroy the futures of many honest taxpayers in the state of Hawaii. Please defeat SB 2647!

I appreciate your time and consideration. Thank you for all that you do.

With Aloha,

Jessica Baker  
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March 28, 2016

Re: [SB 2647 SD 1 HD 1 : SUPPORTING](#)

Aloha Chair and members of the committee,

I am writing in support of [SB 2647 SD 1 HD 1](#) regarding the sale of various animal and marine species.

Over ten years ago I was in Waikiki and visited a retail store that offers a tours of their offerings. In it I found room after room packed to the ceiling with ivory. They were profiting handsomely from the destruction of elephants to a degree that had never imagined. The scale of the destruction was staggering and heartbreaking.

As excise tax is collected on all transactions, the State of Hawaii is currently collecting money from these sales. That makes us all complicit in support of the harm done thousands of miles from our shore. The killing of elephants, if not stopped, could lead to the end of the species in the wild. We should not be supporting this terrible outcome in any way. We should do all we can to stop it. This bill is the best way to do so.

As a retailer of locally made art and crafts for 25 years, I am approached regularly by people offering ivory carvings and jewelry. They seem not to know better and are surprised to learn that sale of these items are driving destruction. I do my best to educate them and refuse to sell their work, but much more is needed. You have the bill before you that will make the needed change, and I urge you to pass it.

Please pass [SB 2647 SD 1 HD 1](#) to put an end to Hawaii's participation in the slaughter of elephants.

Mahalo,  
Laurie Baron  
Nohea Gallery

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Kersten L Johnson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: - Without action, iconic species like tigers, elephants, and rhinos will go extinct. Hawaii has already felt the pain of losing our own endemic species, let us please band together to keep more species from going extinct. - Animal parts are violently taken from beautiful, wild animals in cruel and violent ways.. - In 2015, five Hawaii residents were charged on over 20 counts illegal activities associated with wildlife trafficking, this is a Hawaii issue - Hawaii is the 3rd largest US market for illegal ivory and the only remaining of the three largest state markets still without a law regulating intrastate ivory sales. - With the World Conservation Congress coming in September, this is the perfect opportunity to highlight Hawaii's long standing leadership in conservation. Thank you for considering this testimony.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Judy Dalton	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Respected House Judiciary Cmte members, You have the opportunity to PREVENT THE EXTINCTION OF ELEPHANTS. With nearly 100 killed each day, mostly for ivory, they would become extinct within 20 years! Please do not let these brutal killings continue and ban all ivory sales in Hawaii. I urge you to vote yes on SB2647 without reservations. Thank you very much for doing the right thing. Judy Dalton 808-482-1129

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Brodie Lockard	Individual	Support	No

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TESTIMONY OF BOB KERN AND MICKI STASH  
TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY IN  
SUPPORT OF SB 2647 TO CURB TRAFFICKING IN IVORY

Aloha Chair Rhoads and Committee Members:

Please accept our testimony in support of SB 2647.

It is disheartening to hear that there is any question whether SB 2647 would pass. Especially here in the Extinction Capital of the World. Much of Hawaii's extinct and endangered native plant and animal species have become extinct or endangered due to lack of knowledge in times past and the continuing effects of accidental introductions. The extinction of ivory bearing and other species identified in SB 2647 which includes Hawaii's own Green Sea Turtle and Monk Seal, if it occurs would be neither from lack of knowledge nor would it be accidental. It can be prevented.

The legislature has found that the most effective way to discourage illegal trafficking is to eliminate markets and profits. This finding acknowledges that the purpose of trafficking in ivory is profit. Ivory is used to make jewelry, trinkets and statues. Ivory does not have health benefits nor is it perceived to have health benefits. Ivory does not save lives. In fact, Ivory takes lives, not just of the animals killed for it but of dedicated park rangers who protect it. Owning Ivory may massage the ego of wealthy collectors. Ivory's only other purpose is profit, some of which supports terrorism.

Publically, Hawaii bemoans the loss of its native wildlife. Failure to pass SB 2647 would provide a clue about how Hawaii really feels about its own wildlife. How can we trust the legislature to protect our own threatened and endangered species if it does not recognize the importance of protecting others. Failure to pass 2647 is an acknowledgement that Hawaii condones killing for profit. We should be ashamed if continued trafficking in ivory is allowed in Hawaii.

We strongly encourage the passage of SB 2647.

Respectfully Submitted,

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Noel Pecoraro	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I, Noel Pecoraro, support the bill to ban ivory and wildlife trafficking in Hawaii. To encourage a market that is executing populations of species for senseless reasons, is inexcusable. Please take a moment and think beyond business and money and consider the unrecoverable damage that could be done, in addition to the outstanding damage already done to these sentient beings. Please do not ignore the people. This is what we want. Thank you, Noel

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Stephanie Brix	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support the bill to ban ivory trading

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Reference SB 2647, amended SD1; HD 1

JUD hearing; Tuesday March 29, 2016

2 PM Conference Room 325

To all concerned:

I am again writing to oppose these spurious laws from becoming active and removing another freedom from your constituents that is the owning or selling, trading or bartering of any form of ivory.

The basis for this egregious law that is being promoted is based upon false and misleading statements that cannot be verified. Those promoting this idea use exaggeration and innuendo in order to make their position sound verified when it is not. The idea that our legislators so wholeheartedly believe these comments and plan to ban the sale of all ivories in Hawai'i is deplorable.

It has always been my understanding that our legislators are supposed to protect the citizens, not punish them for something that previously was completely legal and in many cases do nothing to threaten any African elephants. Today elephant ivory is not popular due to the poaching which does occur within some countries on the African continent, though this is not true in all countries. In others the elephants are considered a nuisance which creates many problems for farmers and others living in their region thus forcing authorities to cull the herds in order to protect the properties of their citizens.

If these proposed laws go forward then Hawai'i is removing one of the sources of it's' income along with simultaneously forcing the closure of some retailers who have followed all the laws pertaining to ivory and putting artists like myself who depend upon this material as our sole source of income and in my case for the last 45 years.

When this topic first surfaced it was being promoted to help stop poaching of African elephants but over time has expanded to include ivories from both extinct and ancient ivories dug from the ground in what once was trash pits in Alaska. Blocking the sale of these ivories does nothing positive to stop poaching as anyone can fully understand. This entire approach to legislation is nothing more than punishing law abiding citizens and not succeeding in any way to stop poaching on the other side of the globe.

Today it is widely known that the real source of promoting the poaching of elephants is not America but is directly connected to China and their insatiable appetite for blood ivory. Today's poacher is motivated by greed which in America places a small value on this material and currently I is available for around \$250 a pound while in China its' value is ten times at \$2,500 per pound. There simply is no built in motivation for smugglers to choose America over China. It simply does not make sense to anyone given these facts.

In America today the populace is more disgusted with our legislators across the country and including Washington than any time in my lifetime and with potential laws such as this it is no wonder the public does not trust our legislators. These proposed laws legalize theft by our government and if left unchecked will most likely turn law abiding citizens into criminals.

I sincerely hope you will no longer support this approach to legislation for it does nothing to stop poaching but instead only punishes our citizens for a crime they did not commit and eliminates passing along to our children anything of value. This legislation negates the investments many people have made with ivory. While a small clause does allow for some exceptions if certain documents are produced unfortunately nobody who ever purchased any ivory other than those who legally imported such are simply nonexistent.

The overriding excuse for banning all ivories being that they are difficult to identify is not true and can be taught to anyone in minutes. The use of extinct materials from the Mammoth, Mastodon and ancient fossilized Walrus ivories (2,000-20,000 years old) is ridiculous and only proves the fact that this a terrible shotgun approach to legislation and encourages further distrust of our legislators.

I hope you will reconsider this Draconian law as it is not only anti-ivory but also anti-American.

Sincerely;

Ray Peters

Scrimshander since 1971

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Antonio Bonnetty	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: Growing up i as a young boy was always fascinated by elephants. I loved the idea of going to the zoo and seeing the majestic animal. I hate for my little brother to never experience what i was blessed to. I hope this bill is passed so that elephants get to stay magical so that little kids can experience the wonder I did. Save the elephants save the wonder. -Antonio Bonnetty Growing up in the islands, I learned of our very fragile ecosystem at a young age. I learned of how our kupuna used sustainable hunting and fishing methods to thrive in this place we call home. Additionally, my father hails from South Africa so I was able to learn of the animals of his native continent such as the elephant and rhinoceros. These lessons have really emphasized the importance of biodiversity so please pass this bill and protect the animals and diversity of life. -Avinash Singh I am a current college student learning about the environment and how the elephants are important to us. Learning about how poachers kill elephants and make so much money and the penalty for it isn't as punishable really makes me feel so sad. I have never seen an elephant in my life and knowing my future kids will never be able to see these beautiful creatures as well makes me question mankind. So i feel that elephants should be protected and watched over and poachers should be prosecuted more harshly. -Joshua Mendiola

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
derekfine	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: To whom it may concern; I Derek Douglas Fine, oppose the ivory ban Sb2647.. I am a second generation scrimshaw artist.. I feel very fortunate to carry on a legacy allowing me to work with ancient and fossilizes ivory, working independently and earning a livable income. Banning all ivory would create a severe hardship and financial grief not only for me but all those working with ancient and fossilized ivory. No matter how many animals with ivory that are currently saved from hunters or poachers, there will always be a abundance of ancient and fossilized ivory, and it is easily detectable when you see it.. There is a significant difference between raw ivory and ancient ivory considering it is thousands of years old. Ancient and fossilized ivory has allowed some of the most respected artists and craftsmen in the world to create incredible pieces of work providing for families allowing them and their children to live fulfilling lives. This bill if passed will destroy my life and I have nothing to do with elephants in Africa. I believe you our elected congressmen should be prepared to start a job retraining program like the State of Washington did when the spotted owl became protected causing multitudes in the lumber industry to lose their jobs and businesses. I don't believe any of us involved working with ancient and fossilized ivory and have nothing to do with the animals you are currently trying to protect, and do not want to become a victim forced to participate in The Department and Social and Health Services, losing our independence and security. Their is a law stating that a person employed to provide to the child or dependent person the basic necessities of life is guilty of criminal mistreatment in the first degree if he or she recklessly, as defined in RCW 9A.08.010, causes great bodily harm to a child or dependent person by withholding any of the basic necessities of life. Criminal mistreatment in the first degree is a class B felony [197c392/510;1986c250/Z. If you our elected congressmen pass this law banning ivory you will not only be neglecting the individuals who only work with ancient and fossilized ivory, but you would be abusing their families and children by denying them the basic necessities of life.. ancient and fossilized ivory has nothing to do with the animals you are currently trying to save.. I do believe there is an issue trying to protect these animals,, but this is not the answer. Banning all ivory would effect multitudes of families and children.. I Derek Douglas Fine believe their should be some careful consideration going into this bill instead of just throwing human life away in the process of trying to save animals from

being poached or hunted.. I Derek Douglas Fine oppose bill SB2647.. Thank You,,  
Sincerely ; Derek Douglas Fine

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Victoria Anderson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please strongly support SB 2647 SD1 HD1! This is now a careful, cautious bill that protects owners and inheritors of instruments, guns, knives, etc., that contain animal parts. But passing these protections for animals is long overdue -- please act now, this year, to help save our precious, endangered fellow creatures! We owe it to them to share the planet with them. It would be a terrible tragedy if they were lost. Extinction is forever. Mahalo nui loa for doing the right thing.

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Katherine Cullison	Individual	Support	No

Comments: When I first heard about this legislation I admit I laughed a bit and figured it was a pet bill of some frothy animal rights nut. After all, ivory is already illegal and regulated by many civilized national governments because everyone knows that the wild elephants and rhinos are being wiped out by the greed of poachers, merchants, and collectors. Why do we need a bill on the state level? After a bit of research, however, I am appalled that Hawaii is one of the known back-door markets for trading the body parts of these iconic animals. We are the gateway to the Asian market, where many of the buyers are. It appears that the argument to keep this trade going, and presumably the reason that Senator Roz Baker tried to kill this legislation, is that 1) a few people buy this stuff, and 2) other people want to make money by selling it. Really? Is market-based demand that all it takes to justify wiping out the wild populations of animals that are protected by international agreement? Within the US, the other two state with high rates of trade (New York and California) have already passed laws similar to the one being proposed here. The vocal opposition in Hawaii come from a few people have made a career out of selling this stuff, and from their customers who have spent a lifetime collecting it. These customers collect it because of its status as rare and therefore valuable, a value which will only increase as the wild elephants disappear. Quite a disturbing investment strategy. This rule may prompt a career change for some people in Hawaii, but it's justified in order to save animals that most of the world values for more than just their parts. For many years people have adapted to the outcome their activities have had on the planet. Atlantic Fishermen have abandoned areas their families have fished for generations when the stock collapsed. Farmers have had to shift their crops when topsoil is depleted. And here, carvers will need to find something new to carve because they chose years ago to work with a material from animals that even then were being wiped out. Sellers will need to develop new ideas for inventory. We will move on. The issue here is what leadership role Hawaii will take to protect threatened and endangered wildlife that are being poached into extinction. A small portion of ivory may be obtained legally, but if the products are indiscernible and the result of the trade is the complete wipe-out of these iconic wild populations, then the trade needs to be stopped. We must ban the sale of body parts from protected species. If a few brave Hawaii legislators pass this bill to stem the demand for poaching we can

save not only animals but people too; in the past decade over 1,000 park rangers have been killed protecting animals from poachers. The time has come to do our part.

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Andreas Bauer	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support this bill to ban wildlife trafficking and the sale of ivory in Hawaii. We need to set an example for the rest of the world and protect species that have been hunted to the brink of extinction for their body parts.

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Daniel Alvarez	Individual	Oppose	No

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
mackenzie iacono	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I, Mackenzie Iacono, support the Bill to ban ivory and wildlife trafficking in Hawaii. Please do the right thing. These loving animal and beautiful animals don't deserve their usual and heartbreaking fates. Thank you

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Ted Bohlen	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Species extinction for trinkets? Elephants, rhinos, tigers and other iconic species will be poached to extinction in a few years if laws like this one are not passed to deter sales of wildlife parts. A law is needed here because Hawaii has the largest State market for such sales without a State law ban. In September Hawaii will be the first US state to host the world's premier conservation conference, with 9,000 delegates. Let's show Hawaii is leading the effort to save wildlife, not a leading market for their extinction! Please pass this bill! Mahalo!

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Aaron Mendonça	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support the bill set forth to help end the trafficking of ivory in the state of Hawaii.

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Angela Gose	Individual	Support	No

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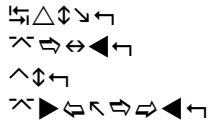
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Mark Plischke	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose the ivory ban as currently drafted. As an active firearms owner, I have items that have been acquired thru years of collecting that would become illegal with this bill. Most significantly are pieces of Mammoth ivory. It goes without saying that a ban including Mammoth would do no good to "save the species". Mark Plischke Aiea, HI

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Doorae Shin <doorae@hawaii.edu>  
Monday, March 28, 2016 12:11 PM  
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Strong support: SB 2647, SD1, HD1: RELATING TO NATURAL RESOURCES

Aloha,

My name is Doorae Shin. I am an alumna of the University of Hawai'i with a BA in Sustainability Studies and on staff with the Kokua Hawaii Foundation, a non-profit that works with schools and children to plant seeds of environmental stewardship.

Our biodiversity is the crux of the stability of our planet. Wildlife Trafficking of rare and endangered species threatens our planet's biodiversity. This reckless industry serves to profit off of nature's most precious animals and causes so much unnecessary violence and suffering. The animals affected by human activity do not have a voice in our political system or in our economy, yet over and over again, they are used merely as tools of profit. We must give these animals the voice they cannot have and protect them from irresponsible human behavior.

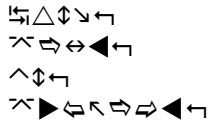
Mahalo,  
Doorae

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*"The secret to change is to focus all of your energy, not on fighting the old, but on building the new." - Socrates*







Barbara Steinberg <h2ocolorbarbara@gmail.com>  
Monday, March 28, 2016 9:59 AM  
JUDtestimony  
SB2647 testimony

Barbara Steinberg-Orlowski  
Po box 1764  
Kihei HI 96753

I testify on SB2647  
That sale of ivory and horn should be banned in Hawaii.  
My reasons are that elephants and rhinos are critically endangered species I value alive in the wild and are not commodities to exploit for commercial venue .  
These species are far more valuable to generations to come alive on the planet .  
It is well known that poachers that kill elephants and rhinos are often linked to terrorism too!!  
Please save these animals alive  
All ivory should be banned whether they claim it is antique or not to show Hawaii wants nothing to do with this cruelty  
Thank you Barbara Steinberg-Orlowski  
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Adriana Luttrell	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I, Adriana Luttrell, support the bill to ban ivory and wildlife trafficking in Hawaii.

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alexa foster	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support this bill to protect threatened and endangered species from the over exploitation of humans. With such a rich biodiversity of species on the islands we call home, Hawaii should be progressive in the banning of selling these products.

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alexis dominguez	Individual	Support	No

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Amy Hidalgo	Individual	Support	No

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Sam Ramos	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I, Sam Ramos, support the bill to ban ivory and animal trafficking in hawaii. These animals are endangered and with the demand for their parts, I, and many people, fear they will go extinct.

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Konstance Castle	Individual	Support	No

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Sunshine Eckstrom	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I, Sunshine Eckstrom, very strongly support the bill banning the trade of animal parts and products. (SB 2647 SD 1 HD 1). No state or country that purports to be a civilized one should be allowing trade in products such as ivory. It is 2016 and we all know that this barbaric trade is causing numerous species (elephants, rhinos, etc) to head rapidly toward extinction. Wildlife and their parts are being traded for no intelligent purpose. Don't let the interests of those who profit financially from this unethical trade outweigh the terrible suffering and ecological catastrophe they are causing every day, even as we speak.

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melanie shifflett	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I, Melanie Shifflett, support the bill to ban ivory and wildlife trafficking in Hawaii!!

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Rosie Jones	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I'm writing to show my sincere support to ban the atrocities concluding the ivory trade and wildlife trafficking. At the end of the day, it is plain cruel and inhuman to watch these events become a regular occurrence - harnessing whatever we want to the extent we disassemble animals? This must be some sort of torture. Please make the right decision and end it Hawaii, thank you. Rosie Jones.

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Adriana	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I support the bill to ban ivory and wildlife trafficking in Hawaii.

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Kristin MacKinnon	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I, Kristin Mackinnon, support the bill to ban ivory and wildlife trafficking in Hawaii.

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Jocelyn	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support this measure banning ivory and wildlife tracking in Hawaii.

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shannon	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I Shannon McNally support the bill to ban ivory and wildlife trafficking in Hawaii. Let's look after our beautiful planet and the amazing animals in it!

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jessica moore	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I, Jessica Moore, support this bill that outlaws the sale of ivory from these beautiful creatures! Stop breaking up these families of elephants for such a pointless reason!

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Jade Schlamb	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please take a minute to open up to the wild world. The world us humans have disconnected ourselves from. The planet we so ignore. Realize we are one with everything this planet has to offer, the strength of our ecosystems. Ecosystems elephants help strengthen. End this cruel ivory trade. End what should not have been started in the first place.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Carla Brito	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I totally support the bill to ban ivory and wildlife trafficking in Hawaii or any other place in this world! Saving the nature means save the human being !!!

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

Comments: Please protect wildlife. This is urgent and so important. Trafficking must cease. Violators must be harshly punished. We are racing extinction. Do the right thing, it's your JOB!

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Anabel Marin	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I Anabel Marin support the bill to ban ivory and animal trafficking.

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shelbie	Individual	Support	No

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
katie ohara	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I support the ban on ivory and wildlife trafficking in Hawaii!! Ivory is an unnecessary material collected at the expense of elephants and their populations. We need to give nature and wildlife some sort of chance for survival as the human population grows not only in number, but in greed. The United States should be setting an example in all things, including the protection of wildlife and endangered animals, and this is a step in the right direction. Save the elephants!

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Ashleigh Thompson	Individual	Support	No

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Justin	Individual	Support	No

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
mark wilson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Animals should not be traded in or out of Hawaii

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alyssa miller	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support this bill to aid in wildlife protection

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
nadean	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I Nadean Lane strongly supports the stop of ivory trafficking. Please help put an end to this animal cruelty. We as the people need to protect these animals and give aloha to all!

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Rachel Sterzai	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I support the bill to ban ivory and wildlife trafficking in Hawaii because I believe that all animals have rights and should be treated with respect, just as all humans should be. Save the elephants!

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Craig Gabrielson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: The practice of killing animals as cognitively advanced and as emotionally complex as elephants is inhumane and frankly insane. It needs to stop as soon as possible. There's no reason for it other than money and that is a terrible excuse. It all starts with ending the demand. I support this bill. Thank you.

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Kenisha Perry	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Please stop this now. These animals are too precious

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
kristine nordhammer	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I, Kristine, support the bill to ban ivory and wildlife trafficking in Hawaii.

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shelbie	Individual	Support	No

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elesha howard	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I support the ban on the ivory trade, this is a CRUEL and BARBARIC practice that needs to stop immediately!!

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Miguel Iglesias	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I support this bill.

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colleen murray	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Colleen Murray, I support the bill/SB247 to ban ivory and wildlife trafficking in Hawaii. Please stop all animal trades. All lives matter.

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Schyler O'Connor	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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natasha exner	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I, Natasha Exner support the ban of ivory and other wildlife species in Hawaii. I love Hawaii, I've been to every island and have vacationed there since I was eight years old. It's shocking to me that such a beautiful place not only holds dolphins captive but supports the sale and trade of ivory and other exotic animals. It's so sad and really gives me a bad impression in regards to the politics of the islands and the priorities of the political leaders. Please support this bill. Please don't allow Hawaii to be apart of such an ugly trade. Thank you!!

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blair stiles	Individual	Support	No

Comments: The sale of ivory is an inhumane practice without any justification. The sale and subsequent poaching in this business allows evil to sow its malevolent seeds so they can reap the harvest of dead elephants for the acquisition of a substance which humans have no need of other than misguided, ignorant aesthetics. This is a greed fueled industry that leaves a myriad of young pachyderms motherless for the benefit of rich men who want to get richer in the cruelest ways.

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lena kim	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I Lena Kim am writing you as a concerned member of the public. I fully support this bill to ban ivory and wildlife trafficking. We all need to stand by wildlife and stop the greed that will take wildlife away from our children and grandchildren. Thank you.

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Kayla	Individual	Support	No

Comments: My name is Kayla Arruda and I am speaking up for those who cannot speak for themselves; I support the bill to ban the hunting and trade of any part or product from various animal and marine species. Good leaders should choose to protect those who can't defend themselves.

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virginia gagliani	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I, Virginia Gagliani, support the bill to BAN IVORY and wildlife trafficking in Hawaii. PLEASE help save these beautiful animals! Thank you

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Erika Smith	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I, Erika Smith support the bill to ban ivory and wildlife trafficking in Hawaii! I hope this will come to end immediately as it unethical to kill animals for the sake of having them mounted on people's walls of their homes or to display a piece of ivory carving. Elephants are especially on the brink of going extinct and we need to save these animals immediately! This will bill will be one small step in defeating the poachers that continue to kill these animals everyday in Africa!

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Abigail Diaz	Individual	Support	No

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
lauren schneck	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support the bill to ban the sale of ivory and wild life trafficking in Hawaii. Hawaii is a special place that is about the land, animals and people who live there. Our animals matter and care about us, we need to protect them from senseless deaths for sport or to gain material items that are not essential to humans. Thank you.

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Nancy Olivas	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I, Nancy Olivas, wholeheartedly support the bill to ban ivory and wildlife trafficking in Hawaii. Please ban ivory and wildlife trafficking forever!

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Michelle Wilson	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: We need to do all we can to save all wildlife and that means NOT killing off any wildlife to support greed. Please pass this !!!

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

Comments: Please, I implore you to ban the importation of ivory into Hawaii. As someone who visits Hawaii every couple of years, I will seriously have to reconsider ever visiting your lovely islands if ivory is still allowed to be imported into your fine state. I saw a sign in the Atlanta airport that mentioned that tens of thousands of elephants are killed every year for their tusks. I thought that there could be no way that that is true. Tens of thousands would indicate that at least 20,000 are killed a year. Lo and behold, over 20,000 elephants are poached every year. That's just not right. As someone who has taken an African Safari, I've seen just how majestic these animals are and especially how loyal they are to the herd. Killing even one is wrong. Please ban the importation of ivory. I'm not particularly animal focused. I don't belong to Greenpeace or PETA but I feel strongly about this issue. If someone like me is taking the time to write this testimony, you know the world has reached a turning point in its anger against the ivory trade. You will be on the wrong side of history if you continue to allow the importation of ivory. And the rest of the country and the world will judge Hawaii severely. And with how easily it is to form boycotts and bans via social media, I'd imagine there could be severe economic consequences for travel and tourism in your fine state at some point. Some resorts and businesses will certainly suffer. It's the humane thing to do to stop the importation of ivory. It is the 21st century after all.

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Nancy D'agostino	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please Do not allow any more Harm Done to these poor animals we have to defend them humans are killing off most of our Earthly creatures if we dont stop this we will all be doomed.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
ava bird	Individual	Support	No

Comments: The ivory trade, and any trade of animal parts that they need to survive and that humans DONT, is inexcusable. Especially if it is an animal that is endangered. People lucky enough to be living on the beautiful islands of Hawaii should understand this more than any other American - we have one planet and it is our responsibility to protect its beauty. Here's to the eventual worldwide ban on trading extinct animal products! Cheers from New York!

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Re: Senate Bill 2647 relating to ivory sales

Dear Mr. Kobayashi, Mr. Rhoads, Ms. Buenaventura, Mr. Say, and House members:

I ask that you make my letter in opposition to Senate Bill 2647 part of the official record. I understand that some efforts have been made to correct the bill's many defects. The bill creates a whole new level of bureaucratic problems and red-tape for Hawaii owners of antique, collectible items, and family heirlooms to meet. I hope you will have to read and consider my entire letter and not only the first few sentences.

I whole-heartedly support the total elimination of poaching of both elephants and rhinoceros but for many reasons I oppose this bill.

If you really want to save elephants, I would support a \$1 per-person-per year tax on all residents of Hawaii and send it to fund anti-poaching in Africa. I understand with over a million residents this would raise over a million dollars per year. Then, this money could be ear-marked for direct-funding to the major anti-poaching efforts "on the ground" in Africa. These both government and non-government anti-poaching patrols will save more elephants in a single week than your ivory ban will in a 100 years. For example, a privately funded organization called "Pro Track" and Big Life fights poaching on the ground in the veldt. Any resources that the state would devote toward the mis-guided and indirect efforts to save elephants would yield ten-fold the results if applied in Africa. Any resources directed toward enforcing this law if passed would have ten-fold the effect if applied in Africa.

Your duty as State Legislators is to address and remedy the problems of Hawaii residents at the state level. Preservation of elephants in Africa is a most noble cause, but it is not a state-level issue. It is a federal issue which already has laws in place.

Creating a new layer of red-tape at the state level will not save a single elephant and will only make it difficult for Hawaii residents who own some kind of ivory-decorated heirloom. The fact that the bill has so many "exemptions" only illustrates how flawed it is. The need for so many "exemptions" shows the

numerous situations where it is unfair to apply the law, and there are likely to be more unfair situations that are not anticipated in the bill resulting in an unfair result.

For example, if I own an antique ivory handled straight razor from the 1940's, my father got while stationed in Germany following WWII. The ivory handle probably comprises roughly 50% of the volume. It is less than 100 years old. The value is probably three times the price of a similar non-ivory item so one would say that the value is "primary" due to its ivory content. Also, I have no documentation showing its date of origin. It does not meet any of your exemptions because it is more than 50% ivory volume, it is "primary" of value due to its ivory, it is less than 100 years old, and I have no documentation.

Despite the effort to create exemptions for ivory from legitimate sources a whole morass of red-tape is created. For example, I see some effort has been made to exempt items of historical value which contain ivory components – for example, an old piano with ivory keys, or any old backgammon or chess set with ivory parts.

The so-called exemptions draw an arbitrary line at 100-year old items, and also require the owner to provide "documentation" concerning its provenance. I ask, how many of your own family heirlooms have any kind of documentary provenance? . My elderly mother cannot even find her birth certificate, does anyone really think she can find the receipt for the ivory broach her father gave her upon graduating from secretarial school?

Furthermore, the 100-year cut-off date for antique items is arbitrary and could cause many pre-ban items of deep family historical value, or monetary value, to become outright illegal.

How many items lodged at the Bishop Museum would become illegal because the "proof" of their age or chain-of-possession do not exist?

How does one determine whether or not a particular item contains "20% by volume" without destroying it or disassembling it to the point of damage.

This bill is a classic example of punishing the many for the sins of the few. I doubt that any Hawaii resident has ever poached an elephant or a rhino. However, all Hawaii residents will be subject to prosecution under this bill if they cannot pass all of the hurdles required to show that their ivory item, or ivory embellished item, meets one of the exemptions under the bill

This bill is a classic example of an effort at indirect suppression of a perceived problem by banning otherwise legitimate activities to reach the few that are not. The effect of this bill on actual poaching is so indirect and attenuated as to be nearly useless.

As another example in a different situation. In my younger days, I enjoyed going night-diving off of Diamond Head. We would park along Diamond Head Road and go down to the water with our diving gear and night-lights. Now, it is illegal to park anywhere along Diamond Head Road at night. Presumably, I have heard that this has to do with people parking and drinking. Thus, in order to address the problem, those in charge punished everyone, and banned all legitimate uses of parking on Diamond Head Road at night for the sins of the few. Moreover, those that would park-and-drink are now no doubt simply parking and drinking someplace else. Meanwhile, those who would like to night-dive or fish at Diamond Head at night cannot park anywhere else because it is too far.

Who is going to enforce this law? The HPD is over-taxed as it is and cannot even put a stop to car break-ins at the major shopping centers, beach parking lots, and other. As a practical matter, how many ivory arrests do you think the Honolulu Police will make, and then how many of those would be actual poached ivory and not poorly documented family heirlooms?

Please trash this whole bill. We have enough problems for you to address here in Hawaii without the Hawaii State Legislature trying to solve the problem of poaching in Africa. This bill will create more problems for Hawaii residents, not solve any of the. Last, it will have absolutely zero documentable effect upon poaching in Africa because the connection is just too remote.

Thank you and I hope you will give my thoughts some serious consideration.

Yours Truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'A. K. S.', written in a cursive style.

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Nayeli Robledo	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I, Nayeli Robledo, support the bill to ban ivory and wildlife trafficking in Hawaii.

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Jessica Hayward	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I, Jessica Hayward, am in support of Bill SB2647 banning trade of ivory and wildlife. I believe these animals should be protected and find it repulsive that the United States has the second largest ivory market in the world following China. The tusks are part of an elephants teeth and they get larger with age, a portion of the tusk is actually located underneath the visible tusk and that's why elephants are chopped into so gruesomely for their ivory. This practice needs to be stopped and by banning the trade in Hawaii it would be taking a huge step in the right direction.

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colleen murray	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I Colleen Murry support the bill SB2647 to ban the ivory and wildlife trafficking in the state of Hawaii. Every life matters.

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Juliana gomez	Individual	Support	No

Comments: My name is Juliana GÓMEZ, I am a national and resident of Colombia in South America. I've witnessed how animal trafficking in the Amazonas has reduced wildlife and affected negatively the ecosystem. I understand that there are wealthy people in other countries that are intrigued and attracted to different and exotic animals or pieces, but what they have to understand is that these are living beings that deserve the same respect for their life's as we do. Additionally by impacting our ecosystem, they are affecting in the long run the lives of million of human life's and their future. While education regarding these aspects and a sense of respect reaches people that demand these animals or goods our only hope is to come together and support any government and legal efforts to help stop this. Thank you. Juliana GÓMEZ

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casey jensen	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I Cassidy Jensen support the ban on ivory and wildlife trafficking in Hawaii.

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Carol Fahy	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Hawaii is such a gorgeous place to live and I was shocked to learn that we are the 2nd biggest seller of ivory in the world. That is not really a good thing for us to be known for as these days most people have seen the horrors of poaching that occur because ivory brings so much money for the ivory alone. The elephant, a beautiful and majestic animal is butchered so that greed can prevail. Please pass this bill so that elephants and other species who are killed for their parts, can recover from the extreme poaching of the past decades. This will also align Hawaii with the conservation values that it is publicly known to profess. Thank you.

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megan	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I Megan Ramirez support the bill to ban ivory and wildlife trafficking in Hawaii.

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danielle noble	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Courtney	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I Courtney, support the bill to ban ivory and wildlife trafficking in Hawaii.

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ahnee christie	Individual	Support	No

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Jennifer Andrews	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Please ban ivory. There is nothing but animal cruelty attached to it. Hawaii is a beautiful state, so let's end an ugly and cruel practice that is based on greed and end the demand for these products.

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cicely	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I fully support this bill and what it is striving to do in terms of protecting the diversity of the world we live in.

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katia armata	Individual	Support	No

Comments: We must ban all trafficking and purchase/sale of any part or whole of wildlife (animals). It should be illegal to bring in, or export wildlife products of any kind. As it should be illegal to use any animal (wild or not) for entertainment.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Thea Kendall-Osborne	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I support this legislation and want Hawaii to take a strong stance (following California and New York) to protect endangered species by banning the sale of their body parts. Opponents to this bill seem completely unconcerned that their actions will drive these animals extinct in the wild, these opponents only want to make sure that they make as much money as they can along the way. Poachers are killing entire families of elephants, wiping out the last few rhinos, and even killing hundreds of park rangers who are fighting a losing battle to protect these animals. It unconscionable that Hawaii has played such a dominant role in supporting this deadly industry, and it's time to stop. Don't be a wimp. Don't cave to the financial interests of a few vocal collectors or sellers. Let's make sure that our grandchildren can know these animals still roam in the wild because of our actions. Pass this bill.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Marie-Claude Rene	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please, please, ban ivory ans stop wildlife trafficking in Hawaii. It have to change before it's to late. Save the wildlife now!

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Embury Russell	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I, Embury Fair-Russell, hawaii resident support the ban of ivory and wildlife traffic! Please do not let me down. Aloha

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kate krader	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: As a frequent tourist to Hawaii I am writing to strongly support the ban on the import of ivory & hunting trophies. The outcome of this bill will def effect my travels to Hawaii. Thank you, kate Krader

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katie Haldeman	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Sara D'Autremont	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Save Our Elephants

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lisa riddle	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support the bill to ban ivory & wildlife trafficking in Hawaii.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Cayley Stoker	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support this ban on ivory trade because I want my children and grandchildren to be able to see elephants in person one day, like I have. This would be one small step towards eliminating poaching of these precious animals for their tusks and horns. This is so important. Thank you.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
bella graves	Individual	Support	No

Comments: The overriding issue of the conservation of these extraordinary creatures is to limit the demand for commercial trade of these animal parts. The fact that Hawaii would allow this gross misuse of human power is unconscionable. This is an opportunity to amend the wrongdoings of humans. I want to be proud of my country and all of my states, and if the protection of species is not supported, I will feel a deep amount of shame.

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kate	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Sarah Phillips	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I, Sarah Phillips, support the bill to ban ivory and wildlife trafficking in Hawaii.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Brett Tarbox	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am in aggreance with this proposed bill. It will help to further protect wild animals in their natural habitat. To further protect the planet.

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

Comments: Elephants are our largest land mammal, and by far the most beautiful is my opinion. We have so much to learn from these intelligent kind creatures and we MUST protect them before it is too late for the entire species! Please please please pass this bill!!

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Morgan Hibberd	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please stop he ivory market. These innocent animals do not deserve to have parts ripped off of their bodies and sold. The ivory market is legal in Hawaii and China which goes to show that all of the countries in the world recognize this disturbing practice as illegal and you should as well.

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I, Miya Blissard, support the bill to ban ivory and wildlife trafficking in Hawaii.

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michele bestor	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I Michele Bestor support the bill to ban ivory and wildlife trafficking in Hawaii  
Thank you

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

Comments: It isn't right that we (humans) feel entitled to other animals anything. Milk, eggs, ect. But mostly their ivory or their hide. My eyes have been opened recently to the cruel existence of human beings and not only are we a disappointment as a whole but if this isn't passed then Hawaii will quickly clime to number 1 of the leading sales of ivory. Yet I bet a lot of people haven't seen an elephant in person. And if it continues no one will ever get to see one alive again. I mean I wouldn't want to tell people "yeah I could have helped the elephants before they went extinct but their trunks just look so pretty around my neck". Are you even a moral person? I sure hope so.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Emma Finney	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I, Emma Finney, support the bill to ban ivory and wildlife trafficking in Hawaii. This needs to stop!

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
valery maul	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Enough!!!! Stop animal cruelty, if we are a civilized society its time to stop this!!! We dont need ivory but elephants do!!!!

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Ina Jordan	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support the bill to ban the trafficking of ivory and wildlife. Animals have Souls, they are not Objects. They need our Protection. We need laws to protect them, now and forever, because we do need the animals, well and alive.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Theresa Yee	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I, Theresa Yee, wholeheartedly support the bill for the ban of ivory and wildlife trafficking in Hawaii. Please help protect endangered animals from becoming victims of human greed. It is well-known that the ivory trade supports and funds terrorism. I can't imagine why Hawaii would want to be part of that. Please do the right thing for the wildlife and the planet, and for future generations who, at this rate, will not have the privilege of seeing a lion, pangolin, elephant, rhino, giraffe or any number of other species hunted for skins, medicine or outdated and mythical medicinal concoctions, roam the earth.

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cristina	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Please stop the ivory trade and the killing of innocent elephants it brakes my heart to see us killing for ivory it's unnecessary!

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julie	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Please stop this injustice, we have so few elephants and rhinoceros left let us do all we can to protect those that are left. It is our duty to help.

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julie	Individual	Comments Only	No

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avery schlicher	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am a New York City native who has passionately opposed the trade of ivory and any other animal product for years. For our children, and our children's children, protecting our environment and the beautiful creatures in it is critical to humanity's survival. as the quotation goes, "what we do to the animals we do to ourselves." The time has come to stop the selfish, money-hungry myopic view of the world. We are merely a speck in the universe, and to destroy our home - our only home - is a travesty. We need to move past old thinking and be progressive and compassionate to the beautiful animals with whom we share Earth. To have a soul and stand up to greed and carnage is braver than anything. Do something good and pass this bill to protect wildlife. The future of our very species depends on the preservation of and respect for the world around us.

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Amanda Litko	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I, Amanda Litko, support the bill to ban ivory and wildlife trafficking in Hawaii. Elephants are the only beings that need elephant tusks. Please use your vote to speak for those that can not speak for themselves.

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Sanny Wiklund	Individual	Support	No

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
douglas meyer	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I, douglas meyer, support the bill to ban ivory trading and wildlife trafficking in Hawaii. The days of trading ivory and other limited resources are over. We live in a scarce world now with increasing threats to what we do have left. Ban ivory trading, please

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noemi camps	Individual	Support	No

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Ashleigh Smith	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please support SB 2647!

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Danielle Win-Johnson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support the bill to ban ivory and stop wildlife tracking in Hawaii.

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Rolf Parks	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I, Rolf Parks support the bill to ban ivory and wild life trafficking in Hawaii. It is past time that we stand up for our wild life, our heritage. There is not an animal on this earth that is not necessary for the continuation of life as we know it. Our future will be gone. This wholesale murdering of our fellow beings will result in the death of man. The arrogance and selfishness of these traders is breath taking.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
sally koonin	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am supporting this bill to oppose the sale/use of Ivory in any manner..in this current world we live in..how..in any shape or form can we continue as supposed educated people..condone the use of parts of an endangered species purely for our entertainment? We need to wake up and see just what we are to the elephants of the planet we call home. We are earthlings..we need to respect and honour each other..not kill and destroy.

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To Whom It May Concern:

It was with a heavy heart that I learned of Hawaii's role in the ivory trade. In my view, one of the things that makes Hawaii great is the tradition of Malama A`ina, which characterizes the attitude of this state as much as does the spirit of Aloha. It could even be said that Hawaii's citizens have more connection with, and reverence for, the land than any of the other United States.

That is why it comes as such a shock that Hawaii plays such a big role in the exploitation and desecration of the elephants in the ivory trade. Indeed, a people who are against the taking of shells from our beaches certainly stand against the slaughter of healthy creatures for trinkets and souvenirs! So why is this allowed?

If there is something that can be done about this (there is—passing this bill!), I implore you to take action and do it. Malama A`ina. This is what Hawaii stands for. This is what the people of Hawaii stand behind, be those people natives or the many fortunate transplants.

This is why you became a politician, I would assume: to speak for those without voices, to protect the innocent, to do your part to stop unnecessary violence and terrorism happening here and afar. This is a great opportunity to make a contribution towards that goal. This is an important bill, and it saddens me to know that there was any question on whether to pass it.

I hope that you do pass this bill expeditiously. Elephant ivory is not a necessary item. Neither are any of the goods made from any of the other animals this bill would protect. Further, continuing to allow the trafficking of these items through Hawaii contributes world-wide to terrorism, it contributes to violence in the countries of origin of these goods, and it sends the message that Hawaii is willing to be a silent partner in these acts of atrocity.

There is unnecessary violence, killing, bloodshed, suffering, torture... You can stop it with a signature. Please, e`olu`olu, represent the people of Hawaii and say no to selling, purchasing, trading, and bartering items protected by the Endangered Species Act. Say yes to SB 2647 SD 1 HD 1!

Sincerely,  
Roxanne Beaugh Benoit

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Matthew Chauvin	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Matthew Chauvin supports this bill so that our generations kids will be able to enjoy the animals of today.

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Abbie	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I, Abbie, support the bill to ban ivory and wildlife trafficking in Hawaii!!

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mirian	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Elephants are being poached at a rate of one every 15 minutes. This must stop or they will be extinct in a few years. Ivory must be banned in total agreement to slow and stop this poaching. China, Hawaii and USA are the worst offenders to this extinction due to their ivory trade.

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mirian	Individual	Comments Only	No

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April McCreight	Individual	Support	No

Comments: It is important to me that this ban gets passed. We need to protect wildlife, not drive it into extinction. Please do the right thing and get this bill passed!

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
matt beasley	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I, Matt Beasley, support the bill to ban ivory and wildlife trafficking in Hawaii. Hawaii needs to be part of the global community and ivory and wildlife trafficking is totally unacceptable.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lorraine Garnier	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am not sure my testimony went through and so I am resubmitting. The Great Animals - This is my testimony in support to end the illegal trafficking of animals parts through Hawaii. Now the largest import/exporter in the US. (NY and CA have stopped) You can submit testimony on line in support of SB 2647 SD 1 HD 1. Here is my viewpoint: I am in support of Bill SB 2647. I want Hawaii to join New York and California and stop the trade on Ivory and animal parts including animals known to Hawaii's oceans. We live in a precarious world where the poor are offered jobs to kill precious wildlife. The Wildlife parts are sold illegally and the animals stolen from their homes in jungles, plains and in our own nearby oceans and bays. Animals and mammals that we have all revered as kings of nature. The Great plain Elephants not just one or two but whole families, just for a piece of something they can make now, useless items with. Sharks, Rhino, Sea Turtles, monk seal, etc. The interesting, beautiful, majestic and amazing animals that used to bring a warm cooing and murmur in our hearts - the very things that tell us everything is all right in the world - the cause for celebration and glee, Imagination provoking. Millions of young hearts and minds be born again by one photo or video of these incredible creatures we have been blessed to see and understand just a little. So many of these animals and mammals that are incredibly smart and more compassionate than humans. How can someone kill such beauty, such innocence. Our own Hurt, pain and sorrow, goes away when you look into the eyes of a lion, tiger, elephant and orca. Creativity stems from natures gifts of seeing animals that were always suppose to roam free on this planet. The ones we gathered around the TV set to watch growing up, are the ones now most vulnerable to money hungry slaughter and thievery. The earth is teetering on destruction and our beloved great animals are the target! I Could not live in a world without elephants , whales and all creatures big or small. When is enough is enough, Please do the right thing for our planet. Stop the madness, the insanity of allowing this illegal trade to continue in a state most known for her natural beauty. A place where people all over the world travel to see Humpback whales breach and sing! Let us hang on to the remaining animals we have left on this planet and allow them to began to make there way back from extinction. We are in the 6th Great Extinction on the planet. Dont take my word for it, scientists have been telling us this for years, but it is getting worse, day by day. Day by

day over 95 elephants alone, are killed. Each Day! Doesnt that mean anything? Please do the best you can and vote to stop the import or export of animal and mammal parts and let Hawaii join NY and CA in the efforts to stop US trafficking. sincerely, Lorraine

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karisa orellana	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support the bill to ban ivory / wildlife trafficking in hawaii

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
kathryn petit	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I am shocked by this! Did not know it wasnt illegal to bring ivory through Hawaii I live on the mainland. Attended two weddings there last summer.. Will be hosting a wedding on the Big Island next year.. But RETHINKING!!!! WILL NOT EVER return if Hawaiians continue to prosper at the expense of the Elephants! It is shameful...inhumane deplorable behavior. Hawaii tourism will feel the same pressure as SeaWorld. Do the right thing! This is not even debateable. Shameful that it wasn't outlawed years ago! Very disappointed in a state I loved!!'

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Patrycja Textor	Individual	Support	No

Comments: i, Patrycja Textor, support the the bill (SB2647) to ban ivory and wildlife trafficking in Hawaii. Please pass this legislation, and protect these precious animals. Over 100 elephants are killed every day for their ivory. If we don't do something to stop the demand, this will continue until they are all gone, which could be as early as 2025. Please, please, please - pass SB2647. Thank You.

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Mark Smith	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support this ban. The ivory trade is particularly barbaric and should no longer be allowed in a ethical world. As a vegan that hopes to one day enjoy the tranquil beauty of Hawaii I would hope the state clearly stands out as a leader for conservation and animal rights. Mark Smith England

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nadia moeil	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Please stop the butchering of these beautiful creatures and stop the sale of ivory. I oppose the sale of ivory. Please make it stop and help educate people so we can stop harming all animals it is not our right!!!

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Caileen Gonzalez	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I, Caileen Gonzalez, support the bill to ban ivory and wildlife trafficking in Hawaii.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Georgette Stevens	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please pass this bill. It is unbelievable that our state would allow such heinous acts upon such beautiful creatures - elephants.

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DB	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I strongly oppose the ivory sales and wildlife trafficking everywhere, including Hawaii. Please ban this heinous behavior and protect the beautiful creatures of our planet. This is past due, why is this still an issue? Let us end that today. Life is more than money.

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Jennifer Barragan	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please ban the sale of ivory! Our planet is being destroyed by the selfish and greedy desires of humanity. These magnificent creatures are extremely intelligent and we can learn a lot from them. There is absolutely no reason for the slaughter that is being brought upon them. Let's learn to live in perfect harmony with nature and end this selfish and greedy trade that brings nothing positive and is critically threatening the very existence of these endangered species. Thank you, Jennifer Barragan

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

Comments: I am against the sale of ivory from elephants and rhinos. Please pass this law to stop the sale of ivory.

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Melissa Essa	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jannell Zarba	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support this bill and all efforts to eliminate animal trafficking, slaughter and use of Ivory in any way. It is our responsibility to set an example in this world that other people look to. It is disgraceful that the USA and especially Hawaii, who is historically so grounded in the natural world, to support any harm to animals for sport and trophies.

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brenda	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: PLEASE BAN the ivory trade & wildlife trafficking. It's time to bring balance back to this planet and to learn to respect all living things. Humanity is not the superior race when not using its intelligence for the greater good. PLEASE PLEASE let's feel with our hearts and not think with greed!!!!

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Don Blanchard	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I support the passage of this bill as a important part of effective conservation law. Hawaii has the opportunity to lead the US in conservation and this bill is a path toward progress in protecting threatened species.

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

Comments: These animals should be left alone as they do not cause any harm to anyone just let them be just like people like to live their own life and have the right to, the first amendment should be extended to these creatures as well. That's why I support the bill to ban ivory from Hawaii and hopefully some day everywhere else.

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

Comments: Severe fines and punishment should be given to those who are carrying ivory or rhino horn or any animal part. These poor souls are slaughtered and brutally killed for something that belongs to them and no human should have in their possession. Hundreds and thousandns of these poor souls are left mutilated and killed. Many ard left orphaned. Just look at the many that are left orphaned in the many organizations such as the david sheldrick wildlife trust! These souls have families too and deserve to live!!! Respect the Horn!! Stop the Brutality!! Stop the Ivory Trade Stop the Slaughter and Genocide!!!! I SIGN THIS A MILLION TIMES!!! If i can be there i would!!! The only creature that should possess ivory are elephants and the rhino is the only unicorn on this earth!!!

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brigitte tortoriello	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: STOP TRAFFICKING

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
wendy mangone	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I strongly support a ban on ivory and wildlife trafficking in Hawaii!!

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Larissa Bond	Individual	Support	No

Comments: PLEASE STOP THIS KILLING. LET THESE MAGNIFICENT ELEPHANTS LIVE AND BE. THIS IS THEIR HOME, AND WE ARE JUST GUESTS HERE. WHAT WE ARE DOING TO OUR PRECIOUS ANIMALS, WE ARE DOING TO OUR SELFS! PLEASE PLEASE PROTECT THEM FROM OUR SELFS . STAND UP FOR THE ANIMALS AND EDUCATE THE PEOPLE.

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wendy mangone	Individual	Comments Only	No

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Brittany Tiza	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please pass this bill to prohibit animal trafficking.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
dana ross	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am writing in testimony to please support SB2647 which would restrict the sale of many wildlife products in my state of Hawaii. I am just appalled and greatly saddened to hear that Hawaii is one of the largest importers of Ivory! To kill elephants, hippopotamus, walrus, narwhal and mammoths over something that is not NEEDED, it is horrific. I am appalled Hawaii could be part of that by allowing Ivory and other products that are made from Wildlife. Please don't endanger these wonderful animals just for a carving or piano keys! Mahalo, Dana Ross - Kauai

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

Comments: Severe punishments should be considered when people are apprehended with ivory or rhino horn!!!! Or any animal parts!!!!

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

Comments: Please help the elephants by passing the bill to ban ivory trafficking and hunting. A world without elephants, without any other living creatures other than us is a world without life and soon we will perish as well if we continue to kill defenseless animals who are unable to create weapons like us humans just for the sake of enjoyment and selling. Please ban ivory hunting for good, for the good of all of us.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
mary collins	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: My name is Mary, I was born in Hawaii and I value this gift of being able to speak with you about something I believe requires addressing. The sale of ivory, and the systemic damage it is doing to wildlife, especially elephants and rhinos is unconscionable. The small brief gratification of a trinket pales in consideration of the pain, loss and permanent destruction of wildlife and species. Please reconsider, and Ban the sale of ivory in Hawaii. The intelligence, the engagement in the larger world view and the action of change from old ideas to new creativities. "Tradition", when destructive, can not remain tradition. It dies too. Please engage in a partnership and a global village view and ban ivory sales Thank you for your time and your efforts. Kind Regards, Mary

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kayla Owens	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I, Kayla Owens, support the bill to ban ivory and wildlife trafficking in Hawaii. Please help us save endangered animals.

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Megan Verhage	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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

Comments: I support the bill to ban ivory sales and wildlife trafficking in the state of Hawaii. With Hawaii hosting the World Conservation congress in September it would be a great embarrassment that our state still has massive amounts of ivory and endangered animals being sold throughout the islands. I find it very embarrassing that we are ranked third behind New York and California, two states with massive populations, in trafficking. Please help to pass this bill into law!

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emily	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I support the bill to ban ivory and wildlife trafficking in hawai

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
maria flanagan	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support SB 2647 to ban ivory and wildlife trafficking in Hawaii. Thank you for your consideration. Thank you for doing all you can to protect all species impacted from this heinous trade that is marred with disrespect cruelty and inhumanity to lives innocent and in desperate need of our protection. Warm Regards, Maria Flanagan

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Erin Fitts	Individual	Support	No

Comments: It is very important that this bill passes. Elephants are a very endangered species and suffer daily due to the frivolous and unnecessary trade of ivory trinkets. Please support this bill. The future of elephants existing on this planet depends on it. Thank you.

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jaime	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please ban the sale of ivory!!!!

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Javier Mendez-Alvarez	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Hawai'i cannot afford to become the largest market for ivory after New York and California banned its sale. Our reputation as a state that cares for endangered wildlife would be seriously compromised before the whole world for the sake of a few selfish and uncaring individuals who do not think that the extermination of animal species is too big a price to pay so they can have their trinkets and ornaments.

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edwina lantigua	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please help us stop the unjust killing of elephants and other species.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Barbara garcia	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support the bill to ban ivory and wildlife trafficking. Thank you.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jodi	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Please do the right thing and demonstrate through passing this bill that North America is SERIOUS about conservation, about preserving our wild life and the environments in which they live, about protecting these innocent and beautiful creatures from harm and suffering and extinction. Please.

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

Comments: Please ban ivory!!!

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

Comments: I support this bill because endangered animals shouldn't be killed for their horns, tusks, pelts, or other parts!

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Afsheen Siddiqi	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support this legislation. Hawaii can do its part to protect endangered wildlife and reduce the opportunity for selling of illegal and unconscionable goods made of animals that are being driven to extinction.

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**LATE**

Aloha,

I am writing in testimony to please support SB2647 which would restrict the sale of many wildlife products in my state of Hawaii. I am just shocked and greatly saddened to hear that Hawaii is one of the largest importers of Ivory!

That is so unnecessarily. Synthetic materials will work just as well as Ivory.

To kill elephants, hippopotamus, walrus, narwhal and mammoths over something that is not NEEDED, it is horrific. I am appalled Hawaii could be part of that by allowing Ivory and other products that are made from Wildlife.

On my "Bucket List" to do before I get too old, I want to go to Africa and volunteer to work with the elephants. They are so gentle, emotional and truly "emotionally feel" like we do. It would be a wonderful connection to have. Please don't endanger these wonderful animals just for a carving or electronics part!

Mahalo,

Desiree Hoover  
Kilauea Kauai

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
lauren	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: An animal is not created in nature for human enjoyment it is time that slaughtering for ivory and wildlife trafficking in Hawaii is put to an end for good. I know I am just one small voice in thousands but I hope you can understand that what is happening here is very very wrong, this needs to stop.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Lois Crozer	Individual	Support	No

Comments: It's simple cause and effect. We buy ivory, elephants/walruses are killed. We ban ivory sales, sales go down. (of course people go underground or have lame excuses like they didn't know...) This bill is targeting species that are disappearing such as pangolins, orangutans, whales, monk seals... Please support this effort!

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Mark Kerlin	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: When do we outlaw ivory? When all the elephants are gone? We must no allow the killing of them any longer. Please ban the sale of ivory. Thank you

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Rebecca King	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Please ban ivory and wildlife trafficking in Hawaii. These precious animals are being killed to extinction for their bodies so unnecessarily. In the United States we should provide an example to other countries to preserve the wonderful animal species on the planet not plunder them for their horns, skins, tusks, and ivory. Be a leader in this fight Hawaii. Do the right thing.

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

Comments: I am an outsider. But I believe that we humans have to speak for the voiceless. I support the bill to ban any forms of ivory trade and wildlife trafficking in Hawaii. Please, it is time to acknowledge them as sentient beings. They are loving and caring creatures. They establish a deep bond with their families right after the babies are born. Why would us, humans, who are supposed to care for our home planet, being all superior and torture the innocents who can't even speak up for themselves ? It is time to make a difference, and make our home planet a better place worth for living. Thank you.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Lorri Crockett	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am in support of Bill SB 2647. I want Hawaii to join New York and California and stop the trade on Ivory and animal parts including animals known to Hawaii's oceans. Enough is enough! Iconic species like elephants, tigers and rhinos will go EXTINCT! 95 elephants are KILLED EVERY DAY for their ivory. This madness needs to stop! We are currently in the 6th mass extinction on the planet. Please do the RIGHT thing for our planet and these species and vote to STOP the import or export of animal and mammal parts and let Hawaii join NY and CA in the efforts to stop US trafficking. Be on the RIGHT side of history. Mahalo nui loa, Lorri Crockett

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Krystin Johnson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I, Krystin Johnson, support the bill to ban ivory and wildlife trafficking in Hawaii. The only one who needs an ivory tusk is the elephant it belongs to! I see no difference between killing a creature for its parts and killing a person for their valuables, and yet one is legal while the other is a crime. All life should be treated with equal value, especially when those lives at greatest risk belong to endangered and rapidly disappearing creatures.

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

Comments: Here is my name Farah please help to save these innocent animals life. They are so precious my support for these animals.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
shannon bodlovich	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I Shannon Bodlovich, support the bill to ban ivory and wildlife trafficking in Hawaii. This is vital in ensuring the continued survival of these species.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Dean Otsuki	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I SUPPORT SB2647 SD1HD1 that prohibits the sale, offer to sell, purchase, trade, possession with intent to sell, or barter of any part or product from various animal and marine species. Aloha, Dean Otsuki

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DATE: 29<sup>th</sup> March, 2016

TO: Chair Karl Rhoads, Vice-Chair Joy San Buenaventura and Members of the Committee on Judiciary

FROM: Suzanne Frazer, individual

RE: **TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB2647 SD1 HD1**  
Prohibits the sale, offer to sell, purchase, trade, or barter of any part or product from various animal and marine species.

Committee meeting on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March, 2016 at 2PM in room 325.

Aloha Chair Rhoads, Vice-Chair San Buenaventura and Committee Members,

I strongly support SB2647 SD1 HD1 because animals such as elephants need protecting from poachers and prohibiting the sale of ivory will help save these animals. If there is no money to be made because there is no market the killing will stop.

Other reasons to pass this bill:

- We need a state law in Hawai'i because federal laws and regulations do not prohibit the trafficking of elephant ivory, rhinoceros horn, and parts of protected animal species.
- Hawai'i is the third largest ivory market in the U.S., and possibly soon to become the largest if we do not ban ivory sales.
- An average of 96 elephants are killed EVERY day, mostly for ivory.
- Blood ivory funds terrorist activities.
- Wildlife rangers protecting wildlife habitat in Africa are killed in the line of duty.
- Elephant ivory is used to make unnecessary items, such as jewelry, trinkets, and netsuke (statues). Other animals are killed needlessly, and SB 2647 will protect all of them.

Many animals are endangered due to humans. This bill will help protect them. Please pass this bill to save elephants and other endangered species.

Thank you,

Suzanne Frazer.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Stuart Coleman	Surfrider Foundation	Support	No

Comments: Please support this important bill to help save some of the world's most endangered animals, including elephants, rhinos and other magnificent species who are hunted for their ivory and horns. Mahalo. Aloha, Stuart Coleman

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Sidney Wayne	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please ban ivory trade in Hawaii. Elephants are amazing and smart creatures that do not deserve to be slaughtered for our personal use. Please make a change and approve this legislation. Hawaii should not support any trade that endangers any lives on this planet.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
FRAZER MCGILVRAY	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am in STRONG SUPPORT of this bill. The trade in animal parts is archaic and should be relegated to history where it belongs. The arguments of those involved in the trade do not hold up, they are dealing in animal parts that require the slaughter of the animal, which is not acceptable in this day and age. I urge the passing of this bill into law.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
jiayue li	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I, Jiayue Li, support the bill to ban ivory and wildlife trafficking in Hawaii.

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SB 2647 Testimony for Committee of Judiciary

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**Judges 9:7-20 New King James Version (NKJV)**

**The Parable of the Trees**

<sup>7</sup> Now when they told Jotham, he went and stood on top of Mount Gerizim, and lifted his voice and cried out. And he said to them:

“Listen to me, you men of Shechem,  
That God may listen to you!

<sup>8</sup> “The trees once went forth to anoint a king over them.  
And they said to the olive tree,  
‘Reign over us!’

<sup>9</sup> But the olive tree said to them,  
‘Should I cease giving my oil,  
With which they honor God and men,  
And go to sway over trees?’

<sup>10</sup> “Then the trees said to the fig tree,  
‘You come *and* reign over us!’

<sup>11</sup> But the fig tree said to them,  
‘Should I cease my sweetness and my good fruit,  
And go to sway over trees?’

<sup>12</sup> “Then the trees said to the vine,  
‘You come *and* reign over us!’

<sup>13</sup> But the vine said to them,  
‘Should I cease my new wine,  
Which cheers *both* God and men,  
And go to sway over trees?’

<sup>14</sup> “Then all the trees said to the bramble,  
‘You come *and* reign over us!’

<sup>15</sup> And the bramble said to the trees,  
‘If in truth you anoint me as king over you,  
*Then* come *and* take shelter in my shade;  
But if not, let fire come out of the bramble  
And devour the cedars of Lebanon!’

<sup>16</sup> “Now therefore, if you have acted in truth and sincerity in making Abimelech king, and if you have dealt well with Jerubbaal and his house, and have done to him as he deserves—<sup>17</sup> for my father fought for you, risked his life, and delivered you out of the hand of Midian; <sup>18</sup> but you have

risen up against my father's house this day, and killed his seventy sons on one stone, and made Abimelech, the son of his female servant, king over the men of Shechem, because he is your brother—<sup>19</sup> if then you have acted in truth and sincerity with Jerubbaal and with his house this day, *then* rejoice in Abimelech, and let him also rejoice in you.<sup>20</sup> “But if not, let fire come from Abimelech and devour the men of Shechem and Beth Millo; and let fire come from the men of Shechem and from Beth Millo and devour Abimelech!”

### **Matthew Henry Commentary on Judges 9:7-20**

There was no occasion for the trees to choose a king, they are all the trees of the Lord which he has planted. Nor was there any occasion for Israel to set a king over them, for the Lord was their King. Those who bear fruit for the public good, are justly respected and honored by all that are wise, more than those who merely make a figure. All these fruit-trees gave much the same reason for their refusal to be promoted over the trees. To rule, involves a man in a great deal both of toil and care. Those who are preferred to public trust and power, must forego all private interests and advantages, for the good of others. And those advanced to honor and dignity, are in great danger of losing their fruitfulness. For which reason, they that desire to do good, are afraid of being too great. Jotham compares Abimelech to the bramble or thistle, a worthless plant, whose end is to be burned. Such a one was Abimelech.

If the ivory legislation is based on truth and sincere motives then we should rejoice and expect blessings as a result. God will honor righteous choices. But if it's not based on truth, then let judgement come against those that promoted and passed legislation based on deception.

The familiar quote “The Truth will set you free” is from bondage of sin. Jesus is “the Way the Truth and the Life”. Satan is the father of lies. That's why truth and motives matter. When you find that I have told the truth about ivory then remember this day. Remember it forever so that you will know I told the Truth about Jesus.

**Multiple Testifiers in Support of  
SB 2647, HD 1  
Relating to Natural Resources**

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3. Selina Tarantino
4. Dixon Smith
5. Gladys Kasai
6. Maryann Overstreet
7. Michael Roberts
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# LATE TESTIMONY

**TESTIMONY OF KEITH SWINDLE, RESIDENT AGENT IN CHARGE, OFFICE OF  
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, BEFORE THE HAWAII HOUSE, COMMITTEE  
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## **Introduction**

Good afternoon Chairman Rhoads and Members of the Committee. I appreciate the opportunity to testify before you today to provide an overview of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's (Service) role and efforts in addressing illegal wildlife trafficking in Hawaii, the United States and across the world. The Service is an agency within the Department of the Interior (Department). We are dedicated to the conservation, protection, and enhancement of fish, wildlife and plants, and their habitats. We are the only agency in the federal government whose primary responsibility, as directed by numerous laws, is the long term conservation of these important natural resources for the American public. The Service's Office of Law Enforcement, plays a key role in international conservation, including combatting illegal wildlife trafficking.

## **Poaching and Illegal Wildlife Trafficking**

African elephants once numbered in the millions, but by 1990, uncontrolled hunting for their ivory tusks had driven the number of African elephants in the wild to fewer than 500,000 African elephants. With a ban on international ivory sales and trade in 1990, the population of African elephants began to recover in some countries. However, today a resurgence of illegal poaching of elephants in Africa is threatening this iconic species. Africa's elephants are being slaughtered for ivory at rates not seen in decades. Populations of both savannah and forest elephants have dropped precipitously, and poaching occurs across all parts of Africa.

Improved economic conditions in traditional wildlife markets such as China and other parts of East and Southeast Asia are fueling an increased demand for products derived from endangered species such as primates, big cats, pangolins and ivory producing species such as elephants and walrus. Although the primary markets are in Asia, the United States continues to play a role as a consumer and transit country for illegally traded wildlife products, including elephant ivory. As elephants decline, ivory collectors are turning to other sources such as the tusks and teeth from other species such as walrus, narwhal, several species of whales, and hippopotamus. We have seen increased pressure on some of these species in the illicit ivory market, here in Hawaii, as evidenced by some of our own recent investigations. Hawaii represents a significant marketplace for wealthy tourists from around the world and so, Hawaii must be a part of the solution.

Wildlife trafficking once was a crime of opportunity committed by individuals or small groups for subsistence. Today, it is increasingly the purview of international criminal cartels that are well structured and highly organized and capable of illegally moving orders of magnitude more in wildlife and wildlife products. This lucrative business has been tied to drug and human trafficking organizations and is a destabilizing influence in many African nations. What was once a local or regional problem has become a global crisis, as increasingly sophisticated, violent

and ruthless criminal organizations have branched into wildlife trafficking. Organized criminal enterprises are a growing threat to wildlife, the world's economy and global security.

While it is alarming that we are reaching the point where it is uncertain if some of these iconic species will continue to exist in the wild. There are also terrible human costs associated with this issue. For example, during the past few years, hundreds of park rangers have been killed in the line of duty in Africa. In August of 2013, I had the solemn honor of hand delivering a letter of condolence from the United States Fish and Wildlife Service to the Director of the Kenya Wildlife Service for the July, 2013, murders of several Kenya Wildlife Service Rangers. The insidiousness of these killings is that each of these men leaves behind a family of women and children to face desperation in addition to their despair and a real risk of becoming destitute. They also leave behind beleaguered colleagues who themselves, face constant pressures of corruption due to the absurd economic incentives that are driven by humanity's thoughtless desire for animal parts and products.

### **U.S. Laws and Regulations**

The United States has several laws and regulations in place that can help to address this crisis. African elephants are listed as threatened under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) and also protected under the African Elephant Conservation Act. Nations across the world regulate trade in this species under the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES). Under these U.S. laws, it is generally illegal to:

- Import or export African elephant ivory for primarily commercial purposes.
- Import or export it for other purposes without CITES documents.
- Buy or sell unlawfully imported African elephant ivory in interstate commerce.

Asian elephants are listed as endangered under the ESA. Import, export and interstate commerce in ivory and other parts and products is generally prohibited.

Though there are several laws and regulations in place to address this illegal trade, a number of loopholes exist that are exploited by illegal ivory traders. The Service is currently attempting to more effectively combat illegal ivory trade through existing legislative and regulatory authorities.

### **President's Executive Order on Wildlife Trafficking**

On July 1, 2013, President Obama issued an Executive Order to enhance coordination of U.S. Government efforts to combat wildlife trafficking and assist foreign governments with capacity building. The Executive Order establishes a Presidential Task Force on Wildlife Trafficking charged with developing a National Strategy for Combating Wildlife Trafficking. The Task Force is co-chaired by the Department of the Interior, Department of Justice, and Department of State. Across the United States Government, we are working to identify new approaches to crack down on poaching and wildlife trafficking and to more efficiently coordinate our enforcement efforts across government.

The Executive Order also establishes an Advisory Council on Wildlife Trafficking comprised of individuals with relevant expertise from outside the Government to make recommendations to the Task Force. The Service, along with the co-chairing agencies, are engaging the Council's expertise in law enforcement and criminal justice, wildlife biology and conservation, finance and trade, and international relations and diplomacy to develop and advance this collective strategy.

### **U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Role in Addressing the Illegal Ivory Trade**

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service provides key leadership and capacity in addressing wildlife trafficking. For decades, we have worked in countries across the globe to conserve imperiled wildlife. We have a four-pronged approach to combat wildlife trafficking with our international partners, including: law enforcement; technical assistance; CITES, and reducing demand.

#### Law Enforcement to Target and Stop Illicit Trade

*Overview:* The Service is the primary Federal agency responsible for enforcing U.S. laws and treaties that address international wildlife trafficking and protect U.S. and foreign species, including the species being considered today, from unsustainable trade. Working with shoestring budgets and a special agent workforce that has not grown since the late-1970s, the Service has disrupted large-scale trafficking in contraband wildlife "commodities" that range from elephant ivory and rhino horn to sturgeon caviar and sea turtle skin and shell.

Service special agents utilize both overt and covert investigative techniques to detect and document international smuggling and crimes involving the unlawful exploitation of protected native and foreign species in interstate commerce. An ivory smuggling investigation typically involves securing charges under both the Endangered Species Act (a misdemeanor statute) and the felony wildlife trafficking provisions of the Lacey Act (where the Federal felony violation is predicated on the violation of another Federal, State, foreign or tribal wildlife law). Such investigations also often document and secure felony charges for related crimes such as conspiracy, smuggling, money laundering, false statements, and wire fraud.

Since the mid-1970s, the Service has deployed a force of uniformed wildlife inspectors at major ports of entry across the nation including Honolulu International Airport to check inbound and outbound shipments for wildlife. These 130 officers, five of which are based here in Honolulu, ensure that wildlife trade complies with the CITES treaty and U.S. laws. They also conduct proactive inspections of air cargo warehouses, ocean containers, international mail packages, and international passenger flights looking for smuggled wildlife. Discoveries by wildlife inspectors at the ports may lead to full-scale criminal investigations of wildlife trafficking.

The Service operates the world's first and only full-service wildlife forensics laboratory – a lab that is globally recognized as having created the science of wildlife forensics. Guidance from the lab, for example, aid officers in the field to distinguish and identify various products derived from wildlife.

Service enforcement officers and forensic scientists have provided specialized training to wildlife enforcement counterparts in more than 65 different countries since 2000. These capacity

building efforts have included teaching criminal investigation skills to wildlife officers from Asian and sub-Saharan African countries at the International Law Enforcement Academies in Botswana and Thailand on a twice yearly basis.

Service partners in combating illegal ivory trade and other types of wildlife trafficking include enforcement staff from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Agency, Homeland Security Investigations and U.S. Customs and Border Protection; wildlife and customs enforcement agencies in other countries; regional wildlife enforcement networks (WENs) such as those in Southeast Asia, Central America, and parts of Africa; and multilateral wildlife enforcement working groups associated with the CITES Secretariat and INTERPOL. Partnerships with State wildlife agencies such as Hawaii's Division of Conservation and Resources Enforcement, can be critical for addressing interstate wildlife trafficking within the United States.

*Challenges for Enforcement:* Service investigations have proven time and again that illegal ivory is smuggled to and from the United States and that it enters the domestic marketplace. The Service's decades worth of experience in policing the global black market trade in illegal elephant ivory provides a basis for identifying specific challenges that recur and limit the effectiveness of investigations of ivory trafficking.

- After elephant ivory enters the domestic marketplace, it is difficult, if not impossible, from an enforcement standpoint to separate illegal ivory from legal ivory. These markets thus provide an effective way for smugglers to conceal and launder illegal ivory. It is not possible to accurately quantify the illegal ivory moving through these markets.

No national system of permits or record keeping for domestic sales exists to aid enforcement officers in making a determination of legality (i.e., determining from whom a merchant obtained their inventory or to whom it was sold). Without evidence of smuggling in hand, officers cannot readily determine that the ivory is illegal or prove it in a court of law. In cases where we can link an ivory smuggler to a merchant, there are no record keeping requirements that would produce evidence proving the smuggler's relationship with the merchant or documenting how much ivory the smuggler sold to the merchant.

- No simple way exists to determine the age of ivory. Appearances, such as carving style and staining, are regularly faked. Available scientific testing often yields only a range of dates; is expensive (\$500-\$1,000 per test); can take months to provide results; and requires destructive sampling. This last drawback, in particular, limits the utility of age testing since officers generally cannot walk into a store and take a chunk out of an ivory carving for testing for regulatory purposes.
- Most States do not regulate the trade in elephant ivory.
- Weak penalties can also be a hurdle for law enforcement. Strong penalties provide a deterrent and assist the Government in unraveling complex conspiracies and combating trafficking. Offenders facing significant penalties are more likely to become key cooperating defendants than those facing a light penalty.

#### Technical Assistance and Grants to Build In-Country Capacity



The Service has a long-standing history in elephant conservation, including through providing technical assistance and grants to build in-country capacity in Africa and Asia. Through the African Elephant Conservation Fund, the Service annually supports African elephant range states with financial assistance for essential protection activities, especially anti-poaching. In 2013, this involved awarding 26 new grants and three modifications to existing grants totaling \$1,922,777, which was matched by \$4,531,077 in leveraged funds. These funds are now supporting field projects at 23 sites in twelve countries in Africa, as well as one project involving all 37 African elephant range states and two projects in consumer countries.

In 2013, the Service awarded 29 grants from the Asian Elephant Conservation Fund to support conservation, capacity building, law enforcement, education, and elephant health projects in eight Asian elephant range countries. The Service award amount totaled \$1,647,363 (and two modifications for \$32,870) with a non-Federal match of \$2,463,729.

Through the Wildlife Without Borders – Africa Program, the Service in 2013 is supporting 31 new grants and two amendments to existing grants totaling \$8,247,751 and matched by \$10,808,046 in leveraged funds. Many of these projects are geared towards building in-country capacity and providing technical assistance to reduce the impact of poaching for elephants. This includes the work of the Last Great Ape Organization (LAGA), based in Cameroon, which was founded in 2003 to use innovative methods to fight wildlife crime. LAGA works directly with the Cameroonian Government to improve investigations, arrest operations, legal follow-up and media activities. LAGA brought about the first ever wildlife prosecution for the whole of West and Central Africa through fighting corruption. It is credited in shifting Cameroon from a decade long baseline of zero wildlife prosecutions to an arrest and prosecution of a major wildlife dealer at a rate of one per week. This rate was kept stable for the last eight years. After proving the success of the innovative and cost-effective LAGA model, in 2013, LAGA's founder, Ofir Drori, founded the EAGLE network (Eco Activists for Governance & Law Enforcement). Based in Yaounde, the EAGLE network aims to coordinate and strengthen the activities of LAGA replicates. Currently operating in six countries, it has brought about more than 900 arrests and subsequent prosecutions and imprisonments of major wildlife traffickers and has been instrumental in clamping down on criminal syndicates and kingpins in Central and West Africa. The Service has been supporting LAGA since its inception and is now also supporting replicates in Gabon, the Republic of Congo and Togo, all of which have made great strides in clamping down on ivory trafficking.

#### CITES and Elephant Ivory Trade

CITES is an international agreement signed by 179 nations designed to control and regulate global trade in certain wild animals and plants that are or may become threatened with extinction due to commercial trade. More than 35,000 species currently benefit from CITES protection. International trade in plants and animals, whether taken from the wild or bred in captivity, can pose serious risks to wildlife species. Without regulation, international trade can deplete wild populations, leading to extinction. The goal of CITES is to facilitate legal, biologically sustainable trade, whenever possible. But, in some cases, no level of commercial trade can be supported.

In 1989, at the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP7) to CITES, African elephants were granted the highest level of protection under CITES—an Appendix-I listing—and joined Asian elephants, listed in Appendix I since 1975. This Appendix-I listing, which became effective on January 18, 1990, is often referred to as an ivory “ban” or “moratorium”. While there is truth to these statements, they can also be misleading.

After the Appendix-I listing was instituted, and largely as a result of the listing, some populations began to recover and were subsequently transferred to Appendix II, beginning in 1997. The populations were transferred to Appendix II with strict limitations on trade in ivory, but allowed certain other activities. As such, the CITES “ban” on ivory trade has several limitations:

1. It only applies to international trade. CITES provisions apply to the import, export, and re-export of listed species. Domestic markets for ivory are governed by national or local laws.
2. It only applies to ivory acquired after elephants were listed under CITES. Ivory acquired prior to the species being listed under CITES is considered pre-Convention. With proper CITES documentation, pre-Convention ivory can be imported, exported, or re-exported, unless stricter domestic laws prohibit such action. (Note: In the United States, the Endangered Species Act and African Elephant Conservation Act provide for stricter regulation on import, export, and re-export.)
3. Exceptions can be granted for non-commercial purposes, such as science or education. With proper CITES documentation, trade can be allowed as long as its purpose is not primarily commercial.
4. Hunting trophies may be imported/exported. Some elephant range countries have an annual export quota for hunting trophies taken for non-commercial purposes. With proper CITES documentation, hunting trophies, including ivory tusks, can be imported, exported, and re-exported.

Though a long-standing priority for CITES Parties, the focus on combating elephant poaching and illegal ivory trade is more intense than ever before. In March 2013, at the most recent meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP16), eight countries—China, Kenya, Malaysia, the Philippines, Tanzania, Thailand, Uganda, and Viet Nam—identified as significant source, transit, or destination points for illegal ivory trade agreed to develop time-bound action plans to actively address illegal ivory trade.

Also at CoP16, the CITES Parties recognized the importance of the entire crime chain by adopting several decisions to ensure that modern forensic and investigative techniques are applied to the illegal trade in ivory. The CITES Parties agreed to provide more effective control of domestic ivory markets and government-held stockpiles, and to promote public awareness campaigns, including supply and demand reduction strategies.

The decisions agreed upon at CoP16 to address the elephant poaching crisis were a significant step in the right direction. The United States played a major role in the development of all of these decisions and actions, and is committed to playing a significant role in their implementation, including ensuring that countries are held accountable for failure to do so.

## Reducing Consumer Demand for Illegal Wildlife Products

The growing international market for ivory, particularly from Asia, is the major driver of poaching and illegal international trade from Africa. Most Service conservation activities have focused on on-the-ground protection of habitat and populations and enforcement efforts, with the Service providing approximately \$10 million annually to enhance and support wildlife conservation throughout Africa and Asia. In addition, the Service supports government and non-government partners in consumer nations in Asia in awareness and demand reduction campaigns.

Using our extensive network and diverse experience, we are developing a strategy going forward for the Service's role in addressing consumer demand. This includes working with the private sector and governments in key consumer countries; building public awareness about the impacts of illegal trade on wild populations; improving statutory, enforcement and prosecutorial infrastructure to address illegal trade and increase awareness of the repercussions of engaging in such activities; and taking other actions to encourage attitudinal and behavioral shifts, leading to measurable reductions in demand for illegal wildlife products.

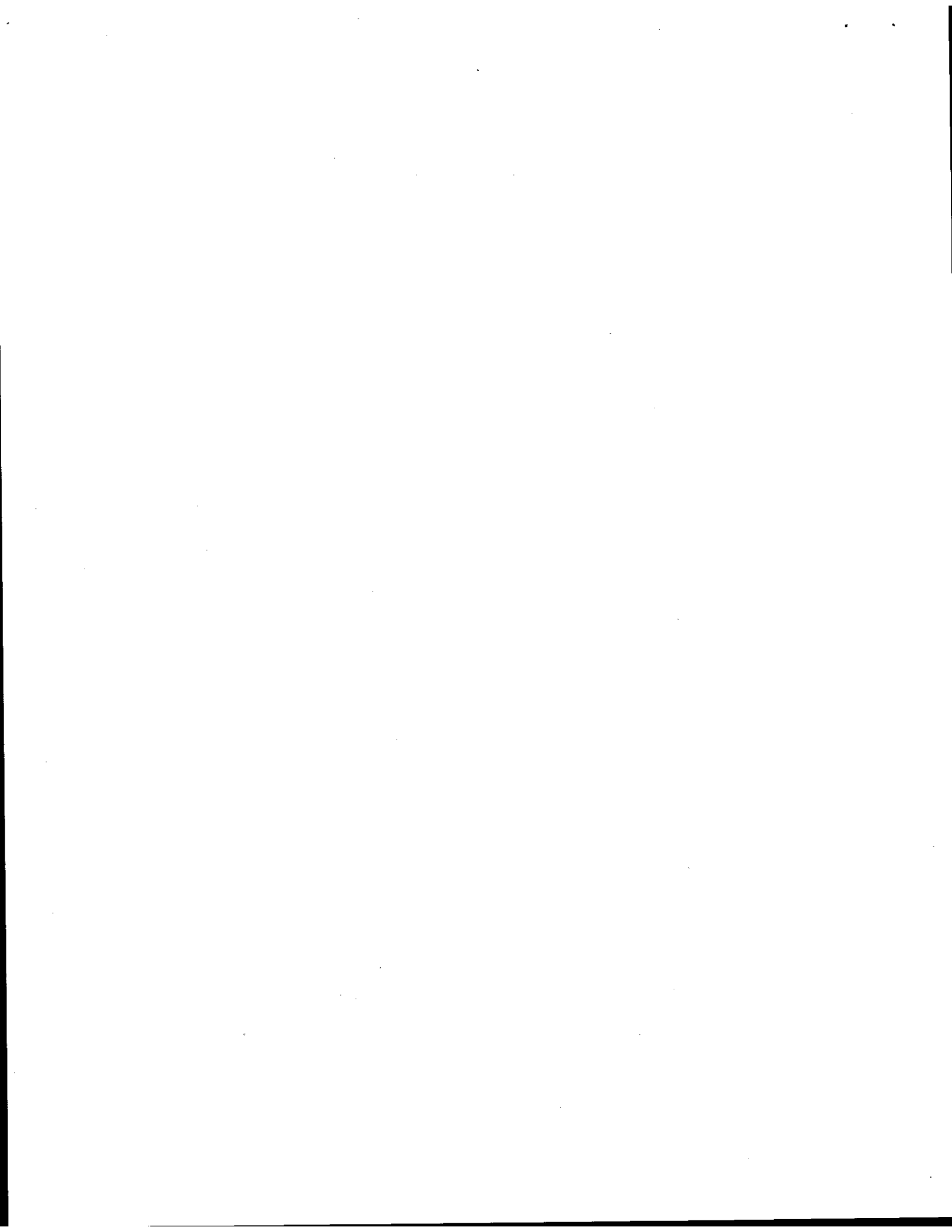
### **U.S. Ivory Crush**

As part of our efforts to combat illegal ivory trafficking, on November 14, 2013, the United States destroyed its six-ton stock of confiscated elephant ivory, sending a clear message that the nation will not tolerate wildlife crime that threatens to wipe out the African elephant and a host of other species around the globe. The destruction of this ivory, which took place near the Service's National Wildlife Property Repository on the Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge near Denver, Colorado, was witnessed by representatives of African nations and other countries, dozens of leading conservationists, and international media representatives.

This ivory crush sparked a new sense of possibility and collaboration—that we can work together effectively to halt this crisis before it is too late. We are now in a much better position to work with the international community to push for a reduction of ivory stockpiles worldwide, and to crack down on poaching and illegal trade. The ivory crush signaled the United States' commitment to combating wildlife trafficking and one of the goals was to encourage other nations to do the same. On January 6, 2014, the People's Republic of China destroyed more than six tons of illegal elephant ivory in the city of Guangzhou, Guangdong Province. China joined the United States, Kenya, Gabon and the Philippines, which have destroyed their illegal ivory, in this fight to save African elephants from poachers and the illegal ivory trade. France also plans to destroy its illegal elephant ivory this year.

### **Conclusion**

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service thanks the Committee for your support for the conservation of elephants and other endangered wildlife and for your interest in examining ways to improve the effectiveness of laws and regulations protecting endangered species. Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony today. I would be pleased to answer any questions that you may have.





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Dear Director Kiprono:

We were deeply saddened to learn of the brutal killing of a Kenya Wildlife Service ranger and his unit commander by poachers at the Kipini Conservancy on July 18, 2013. We join you, your staff, and wildlife law enforcement officers throughout the world in mourning this tragic loss.

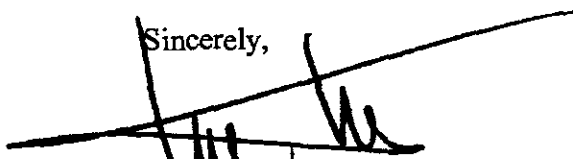
The fact that heavily armed attackers gunned down this ranger and then lay in wait five hours for his commander and comrades to return to retrieve his body testifies to the tragic realities and very real risks of conservation law enforcement in Africa today. The poachers who prey on the continent's elephant populations are clearly intent on pursuing their objective regardless of cost – even the cost of human life.

The deaths of the men only strengthens our resolve to do whatever we can to help curtail the poaching crisis that has taken such a horrendous toll on the people and resources of Kenya and on the Kenya Wildlife Service.

We count you and the officers under your command among our most valued partners in combating wildlife trafficking. We pledge you our continued support in the months ahead as the United States, under President's Obama's direction, mobilizes not only our agents but also resources across the U.S. Government to work with Kenya and the other nations of sub-Saharan Africa to stop the slaughter of wildlife and wildlife officers.

We salute your fallen officers for the courage and commitment they brought to their work. We offer our sincere condolences and those of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to their families, friends, and Nation in the face of this heinous crime.

Sincerely,



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# British pilot killed by poachers in Tanzania; 3 arrested

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JOHANNESBURG — Elephant poachers in Tanzania fired on a helicopter on an anti-poaching mission and killed the British pilot, and authorities said Sunday that they have arrested three suspects.

Roger Gower was shot Friday while flying on a joint operation with Tanzanian wildlife authorities who were tracking the poachers, the Friedkin Conservation Fund, which oversees some wildlife areas in Tanzania, said on its website.

"This tragic event again highlights the appalling risk and cost of protecting Tanzania's wildlife," the Texas-based group said.

Three suspects were arrested, said Jumanne Maghembe, Tanzania's minister for tourism and natural resources. The minister pledged that any other suspects will be arrested in security operations after the attack in Maswa wildlife reserve, near Serengeti National Park.

Lazaro Nyalandu, a former minister of tourism and natural resources, wrote on Twitter that Gower was killed by AK-47 assault rifle fire.

"You loved our country and I knew you on many flights we took together," Nyalandu wrote.

A co-pilot survived with injuries, Tanzanian authorities said.

Britain's Foreign Office confirmed the death of a Briton in Tanzania and said it was "providing assistance to the family at this difficult time."

Rangers discovered the carcasses of three elephants that were killed by the same group of poachers that fired on the helicopter, said Paschal Shelutete, spokesman for Tanzania's parks service.

Maswa, the park where Gower was operating, lies on the southwest boundary of Serengeti. The region's massive wildebeest migration passes through Maswa in January and February, according to the Friedkin Conservation Fund. The park's rangers encounter poachers on a regular basis, it said.

Tanzania has been identified as a key hotspot for elephant poachers. The elephant population declined by 60 percent to about 40,000 since 2009, according to a census announced last year. On Friday while flying on a joint operation with Tanzanian wildlife authorities who were trying to track and arrest the poachers.

The Texas-based group, which oversees a number of wildlife areas in Tanzania, says Gower's death highlights the "appalling risk" of protecting wildlife in a country whose elephant population has been slaughtered in large numbers.

Lazaro Nyalandu, a former Tanzanian minister of tourism and natural resources, wrote on Twitter that Gower managed to land the helicopter despite his fatal wound. He says the shooting happened in Maswa wildlife reserve, near Serengeti park.