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**SB674**

Submitted on: 2/11/2015

Testimony for ENE/CPN on Feb 12, 2015 14:45PM in Conference Room 225

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dr. Jodi Zender	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: SB 674, a ban on Ivory sales in Hawaii... I OPPOSE... Elephant populations in sub-equatorial Africa in areas with good habitat development and game management policies are healthy and increasing in numbers according to the World Wildlife Fund web site, 2015. In impoverished African areas with no political stability elephant populations are threatened with extinction. This bill will not alter poaching in those areas. Bans are price supports for illegal activity there. Confiscated ivory and ivory harvested to protect subsistence farming and habitat degradation should be and is marketed to fund habitat improvement and anti-poaching enforcement. This bill makes criminals of anyone with antique gun grips or sight beads, musical instruments, scrimshaw, hatpins, or jewelry bearing small amounts of ivory from any source harvested long ago and offered for sale or transfer other than by inheritance. Appraisal as an antique, produced before 1989, or lawfully harvested, should be exemptions or represent an affirmative defense.

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

Comments: I oppose this bill because it will make a criminal of anyone with antique gun grips or sight beads, musical instruments, jewelry bearing small amounts of ivory from any source harvested long ago and offered for sale or transfer other than by inheritance.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Todd Rathner	Knife Rights	Oppose	No

Comments: This bill is poorly drafted and will not save the life of one single elephant. The way to reduce the illegal poaching of elephants is to support actual on the ground anti-poaching programs, not by banning the mere possession of ivory. This bill even bans the possession of mammoth ivory, mammoths have been extinct for between 3600 and 10,000 years! How does the ban of the possession of mammoth ivory make any sense at all? Native cultures in Alaska and Canada harvest mammoth ivory from the ground as a means of making a living. The ivory harvested would degrade to dust if it is not recovered. So these native peoples are feeding their families by harvesting it, you will take food off their tables with this bill! This points to just one flaw in this extremely bad bill. This bill would punish folks who may have a piece of ivory that was in their family for many years, it punishes knife makers who use ivory in knife handles and create beautiful artwork with it. It punishes piano makers, guitar enthusiasts as well as antique dealers and collectors. Knife Rights strongly urges that you vote NO on SB674 it is poorly crafted and hurts a lot of innocent people and will not save a single elephant! Sincerely Todd Rathner Knife Rights, Director of Legislative Affairs

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**From:** Abhi Kulkarni <kalifornier@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 12, 2015 1:38 PM  
**To:** ENETestimony  
**Subject:** SB674



Dear Sir/Madam:

I have traveled many times to Hawaii and have always admired the natural beauty, the culture and the people. However, I was shocked to learn that Hawaii is also the 3rd largest retailer of ivory in the nation.

At a time when elephants are being poached in record numbers (some 100,000 over last 4 years) and the illegal proceeds used by terrorists groups to harm US interests, it is our duty to close any loopholes that allow ivory sale.

I support SB674.

Respectfully,  
Abhijeet Kulkarni

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**From:** Rosemary Alles <rosemary.alles@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 12, 2015 1:07 PM  
**To:** ENETestimony  
**Subject:** I support Hawaii SB674, please ensure the passage of this very important bill.

Aloha and I hope this note finds you well.

I am a long time resident of Hawaii (currently in California). I have economic and familial interests on the islands and visit paradise frequently, returning to my home in Honokaa on the Big Island.

I am saddened to know that Hawaii has been qualified as the 3rd largest illegal ivory market in the USA. Elephant populations in Africa have reached a tipping point; there are now more elephants dying and being killed, than are being born; extinction looms within a generation and in localized regions within a decade. It is also well established that poaching and wildlife trafficking literally sponsors international terror and is plunging the African continent into geo political chaos.

I urge you to support HB837 and encourage your colleagues to do so as well. The land of Aloha should play no part in the "business" of supporting the extinction of a sentient species and contributing to global terror.

Mahalo nui.

Warmly,  
rosemary.  
Software Engineer  
NASA/Sofia Mission



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**From:** Lois Olmstead <olmsteadlois@gmail.com> on behalf of Lois Olmstead <lois@pajaro.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 12, 2015 2:02 PM  
**To:** ENETestimony  
**Subject:** SB 674

I'm writing in behalf of SB 674 -- the bill to prohibit the sale of ivory in the State of Hawaii.

I live in Northern California where the City of San Francisco has just passed a resolution in favor of our state's AB 96 which will similarly ban ivory sales here. It was a wonderful moment to hear the unanimous vote of the City's Supervisors. We have every hope that the State of California will follow suit.

It is time to end, once and for all, the sale of ivory. The most significant change in today's ivory market is to eliminate the demand for ivory products. This is a market-based solution and it must be done or we will lose the elephant from our world. Is there any trinket or 'objet d'art' which can replace this iconic creature? No.

The State of Hawaii is the third largest purveyor of ivory in the United States. Please join New York and New Jersey and end ivory sales there.

Thank you.

Lois Olmstead  
3343 Las Huertas Rd.  
Lafayette, CA 94549

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**From:** smithellis <smithellis@frontiernet.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 12, 2015 2:01 PM  
**To:** ENETestimony  
**Subject:** Support for SB674

As a visitor to Hawaii, I would like to voice my support for the passage of SB674. Elephant populations are rapidly dwindling due to an upsurge in illegal poaching and wild populations could disappear in our lifetimes. Much of the money realized from this bloody trade is used to support international terrorism. Please do the right thing for the world and for the state of Hawaii. Pass SB674.

Thank you.

Joan Ellis  
Sacramento CA

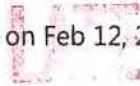
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**SB674**

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

Comments: I strongly support this bill. Extinction is forever. Trinkets and fake cures will cause the elephant and rhinos to be extinct forever at this rate of poaching at about 10-15 years. Please support this bill! Mahalo, Ronnie Perry

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February 9, 2015

RE: Comments on HB837 to Protect Elephants

Dear Chair Yamane, Vice-Chair Cullen and Members of the Water and Land Committee:

On behalf of WildAid, a US-based nonprofit focused on reducing demand for endangered wildlife products, including elephant ivory, I am writing to express our strong support for HB837. We believe the passage of HB837 is a necessary step that would help to reduce the illegal ivory trade in Hawaii, thus decreasing poaching pressure and subsequently preventing the deaths of thousands of elephants throughout their range.

As we have seen in the US and indeed the world, any legal trade in ivory can and has extensively enabled laundering of illegal ivory from poached elephants. In California, a recent study commissioned by the Natural Resources Defense Council found that sales of illegal ivory have doubled in the state over the past eight years. As much as 90% of ivory sold in Los Angeles stores and markets was likely illegal.

We believe that Hawaii faces the same problem. As reported in this [January 28 article](#) in the *Honolulu Star-Advertiser*, an investigation of ivory items sold on Oahu found a high rate of illegal ivory. Consumers are largely unaware of this: Without testing in a laboratory, even experts often have a difficult time distinguishing "old," pre-ban ivory from "new," smuggled African ivory. Vendors may use techniques to stain ivory that gives it an antique appearance. It is also difficult to distinguish one species' ivory from another.

State legislation is necessary to regulate in-state sales and to give wildlife agents authority to enforce laws outside of federal jurisdiction. Hawaii, as the third-largest ivory retailer in the US, has the opportunity to lead the way in elephant conservation and can set a precedent for California and other states with sizable ivory markets that have yet to close decades-old loopholes allowing for illegal ivory sales to flourish.

HB837's senate companion bill number, 674, is so named because of the 674 elephants killed each week on average for their ivory. This rate is both unsustainable and unconscionable. If future generations are to appreciate these magnificent animals, the ivory market that drives this slaughter must be ended. For all the reasons noted above, we strongly urge the committee to support HB837.

Thank you for considering our input.

With best regards,

Peter Knights, Executive Director

WildAid

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**From:** Brian DePalma <bpdepalma@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 12, 2015 2:18 PM  
**To:** ENETestimony  
**Subject:** Please ban ivory trade

Hello,

Please do your part in banning ivory and sharing empathy/love for our fellow innocent creatures

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**From:** Sandra Lee Lawson <sandraleelawson@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 12, 2015 2:17 PM  
**To:** ENETestimony  
**Subject:** Ban Ivory Now

Please ban ivory sales now. Elephants are incredibly intelligent creatures that display tool making, empathy, joy, and grieving. They know each other by "name" and have a complex elephant society. They deserve to be protected and ivory sales are driving them to extinction. Furthermore, the market value of ivory is driving crime and terrorism. Hawaii can make an international impact by banning the ivory sales.

Sincerely,  
Sandra Lee Lawson

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Date: February 12, 2015

To: Senate Committees of Energy and Environment and Commerce and Consumer Protection  
Submitted By: Matt Rossell, Campaigns Director, Animal Defenders International

**Testimony in support of SB 674**

Dear Honorable Chairs Mike Gabbard, Rosalyn Baker, Vice Chairs Josh Green, Brian Taniguchi and members of the committees,

On behalf of Animal Defenders International and our Hawaii supporters and those around the world, we strongly urge your support of SB 674 which is a necessary measure to clear up enforcement issues with current laws and regulations that ivory traffickers have found ways to get around.

This wildlife crisis has drawn an unprecedented public outcry. Last year on October 4th, 2014 people in 137 cities throughout the world participated in marches to save Elephants and Rhinos, including here in Honolulu.

Oregon Congressman Peter DeFazio, who has introduced legislation aimed at curbing the ivory trade, said: "As many as 40,000 elephants were slaughtered in 2013 alone for their tusks and over 1,000 park rangers have been killed trying to protect endangered wildlife. The illegal wildlife trade funds the operations of gun, drug and human trafficking crime syndicates. It also funds extremely dangerous terrorist groups that threaten regional stability in Africa and national security in the United States "

Scientists warn we are on the brink of losing this magnificent species forever. The time to act is now. We do not want to look back and have to say that we didn't do everything we possibly could to protect them.

Thank you.

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**SB674**

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Nelson.C	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I strongly oppose this bill, the end result will be the devaluation and inability to sell current, legally owned pre ban ivory. The major end result of this, will be a higher value of illegal ivory and an increase in poaching. How do you plan to discriminate between legally and illegally purchased and owned ivory, how do you plan to determine when said ivory was brought in, and at who's will would it be to determine what ivory products would be exempt and what would not.

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Testimony of  
Sara S. Marinello  
Executive Director, Government & Community Affairs  
Wildlife Conservation Society  
submitted to the  
Senate Committee on Energy and Environment  
Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection

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February 12, 2015

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony regarding the plight of African elephants due to demand for ivory, and the important role of SB 674 to improve their conservation status in the wild.

My organization, the Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS), saves wildlife and wild places worldwide through science, conservation action, education, and inspiring people to value nature. To achieve our mission, we harness the power of our Global Conservation Program in nearly 60 countries and the world's oceans, and in our five New York City-based wildlife parks, including our Bronx Zoo headquarters. WCS combines its expertise in the field, zoos, and aquarium to achieve its conservation mission.

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. The rise in disposable income in East Asia, coupled with increasing economic and transportation links between Africa and Asia, have been implicated in the rapid recent increases in illegal elephant killing and smuggling of

ivory, becoming especially pronounced from 2007 onwards. Illegal ivory trade and the weight of ivory being traded globally has more than doubled since 2007, and is more than three times greater than it was in 1998. 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. At this rate, African forest elephants could effectively be extinct over the next 10 to 15 years. Large populations of African savannah elephants (*L. a. africana*) formerly thought to be relatively secure are now also experiencing alarming declines. The elephant population in the Selous, Tanzania, numbered around 39,000 animals in 2009, and only 13,084 by 2013 – a loss of 66% in four years.

As one of the world's most lucrative criminal activities, the illegal wildlife trade ranks fourth globally in terms of value, behind the trafficking in drugs, people, and arms. Increasing consumer demand for and markets in carved or worked ivory, particularly in Asia, but also in other parts of the world including the U.S., are causing the price of ivory to skyrocket, thereby driving the illegal trade in elephant ivory and the mass killings of elephants in Africa. Today's ivory traffickers are primarily well-organized syndicates that operate as transnational criminal networks and often participate in other illegal activities, including trafficking in narcotics and weapons, and some have links with terrorist networks.

A major challenge to halting the ivory trade and thereby the slaughter of elephants is the lack of effective law enforcement controls along the trade chain from Africa, through the transit countries, and to the end consumer markets. This challenge is compounded by the high levels of corruption at many points in the trade chain. Given the involvement of criminal enterprises along the whole commodity chain, from elephant range countries to the main ivory consumer countries, corruption enables the laundering of illegal ivory into legal or potentially legal markets. Furthermore, only 10% of illegal ivory is seized at a country's borders and 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. CITES only regulates international trade – it is up to individual countries to control their domestic markets in protected species.

Among many others, Africa's leaders recognize this, and several have appealed to the world's ivory consuming nations to work together with them to help save their elephants. As part of a Clinton Global Initiative commitment to save Africa's elephants, since September 2013, the leaders of 14 countries – Botswana, Burkina Faso, Côte D'Ivoire, Gabon, Kenya, Liberia, Malawi, South Sudan, Sri Lanka, Tanzania, Uganda, U.S., Vietnam, and Zambia – have come together to call upon governments around the

world to join them in halting the ivory trade by implementing domestic moratoria on all imports, exports and domestic sales and purchases of all elephant ivory and ivory products.

Within the U.S., research has shown that New York, California and Hawaii have the three largest markets, where the legal domestic trade serves as a cover for the laundering of illegal ivory. While the new U.S. federal ivory ban makes it illegal to import, export and trade ivory between states with only a few exceptions, the need for state level bans remains to stop the trade at the point of retail sale within states. Last year, New York and New Jersey passed strong ivory bans and several other states including California are pursuing similar bans this year.

Through SB 674, Hawaii has the opportunity to help shut down this illegal trade locally and lead the way during this critical time for elephants. Other key consumer countries are watching closely. Action needs to be taken now if we hope to save elephants for future generations.



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**From:** Raye Lynn Thomas <rayelynt4@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 12, 2015 4:50 PM  
**To:** ENETestimony  
**Subject:** Hawaii SB674 legislation

Dear legislators,

Please pass SB674. I can provide many arguments and will, below, but the bottom line is the first sentence. '

We cannot turn our backs to the tragedy befalling this magnificent species. It is heartbreaking to consider the statistics on poaching mortality--all for knick knacks. Decorative items do not take the place of these items. Ways must be found to redirect the poachers, and the loss of an international market is one of the most effective deterrents.

Please, please, consider the urgency of this issue and act accordingly.

Raye Lynn Thomas  
Retired librarian, Sonoma State University  
Rohnert Park, CA. 94928

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**From:** Janet Buckley <janetbuckley@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 12, 2015 3:51 PM  
**To:** ENETestimony  
**Subject:** Ivory trade

Elephants are beautiful and intelligent animals, and they have the right to live their full life in their natural environment. I strong urge you to pass Hawaii SB674 which will prohibit people from the sale and trade of ivory. Ivory belongs to elephants and rhino... not people.

Janet Buckley  
Berkeley, CA

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**From:** jennifer marler <jennifermarler@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 12, 2015 3:50 PM  
**To:** ENETestimony  
**Subject:** SUPPORT SB674 to Protect Elephants and Rhinos

Aloha, I am re-sending with the correct senate bill identifier (my apologies). I previously sent this letter to address the bill in the House. My sentiments remain the same, I feel very strongly that ivory and rhinoceros horn sales and trade within Hawaii (and everywhere, for that matter) should be banned and am requesting your support. My original letter with the updated senate bill number is below:

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I am a concerned citizen writing to request your support of SB674, which would ban ivory and rhinoceros horn sales and trade within Hawaii. I am a physician with a deep respect for life and a commitment to minimizing suffering, as well as an individual deeply concerned about the legacy we are leaving future generations. The toll the ivory and rhino horn trades (both cruel, inhumane and utterly unnecessary) have taken is far too great. Elephants are on a 10-year timeline to extinction. Rhinos are on an even faster track to this end. And all this in the name of ivory trinkets and quack medical rituals void of supporting evidence (note that rhino horns are made of keratin, the same type of protein that makes up our human fingernails and hair). It is an embarrassing and shameful reflection of our species that we've allowed it to get to this point.

Elephants are extremely intelligent with complex social structures. They are known to mourn their dead, with documentation of annual multi-mile pilgrimages back to the death sites of perished herd members in remembrance and honor. They are excellent and devoted parents, and form lifelong friendships demonstrating commitment and loyalty. Elephants and rhinos are key contributors to healthy eco-systems in their native habitats. Finally, the funds from the ivory and rhino horn trade have repeatedly been linked back to funding terrorist operations; individuals involved in this trade are not upstanding, well-intentioned people. Or even just people trying to survive. They are unscrupulous thugs and murderers whose maleficence extends far beyond killing animals.

Hawaii's current ivory and rhino horn policy directly contributes to the march towards extinction of these magnificent and important species and enables terrorists to profit and advance their agendas. Please put an end to this.

Please support SB674 .

Mahalo,

Jennifer Marler, MD

**From:** jennifer marler <jennifermarler@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 12, 2015 3:35 PM  
**To:** ENETestimony  
**Subject:** FW: SUPPORT HB837 to Protect Elephants and Rhinos



Dear Chair Yamane, Vice-Chair Cullen and Water and Land Committee Members,

I am a concerned citizen writing to request your support of HB837, which would ban ivory and rhinoceros horn sales and trade within Hawaii. I am a physician with a deep respect for life and a commitment to minimizing suffering, as well as an individual deeply concerned about the legacy we are leaving future generations. The toll the ivory and rhino horn trades (both cruel, inhumane and utterly unnecessary) have taken is far too great. Elephants are on a 10-year timeline to extinction. Rhinos are on an even faster track to this end. And all this in the name of ivory trinkets and quack medical rituals void of supporting evidence (note that rhino horns are made of keratin, the same type of protein that makes up our human fingernails and hair). It is an embarrassing and shameful reflection of our species that we've allowed it to get to this point.

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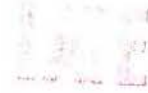
Please support HB837.

Thank you,  
Jennifer Marler, MD

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**From:** Julie Callahan <jcstars@earthlink.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 12, 2015 3:15 PM  
**To:** ENETestimony  
**Subject:** Hawaii SB674



Hello,

I am a California resident who plans to travel to Hawaii in the near future. I am sending this email to urge you to support SB674 to prohibit the trade and sale of ivory in Hawaii.

Hawaii has been qualified as the 3rd largest illegal ivory market in the USA. As per a statement by the Humane Society of the United States, of more than 1,600 ivory items offered for sale in Hawaii, 89 percent were of unknown or likely illegal origin.

Elephant populations in Africa have reached a tipping point; there are now more elephants dying and being killed, than are being born; extinction looms within a generation and in localized regions within a decade. It is also well established that poaching and wildlife trafficking (literally) sponsors international terror and is plunging the African continent into geo-political chaos.

Many states are in the process of passing similar legislation. New York and New Jersey were the first two states in North America to do so. Please join them and support SB674. Thank you.

Best regards,  
Julie Callahan  
1342 Orchard Drive  
Santa Cruz, CA 95060  
408-981-4134



**IN DEFENSE OF ANIMALS**

**TO: Honorable Chairs Gabbard and Baker and Committee Members Senate Energy and Environment and Commerce and Consumer Protection February 12, 2015**

**FROM: Toni Frohoff, Ph.D. , Elephant Scientist, In Defense of Animals, [toni@idausa.org](mailto:toni@idausa.org)**

**RE: COMPLETE SUPPORT of SB674, Relating to Wildlife Protection**

In Defense of Animals, a non-profit organization with 200,000 supporters, enthusiastically urges Committees support for SB674, which would prohibit any person from selling, offering to sell, or possessing with intent to sell, any ivory product (teeth or tusks) or rhino horn. While we are a California-based organization, as you know, there is much traveling between Hawaii and California with many shared residents and travelers.

Support of this bill is crucial for protecting, rather than continuing to participate in the devastation of elephant populations worldwide. It would not prohibit the continued lawful possession of ivory items, their use for educational purposes in museums, or for research for legitimate scientific purposes.

You may know that 2014, New York and New Jersey enacted legislation to prohibit the sale of ivory and rhino horns. We earnestly hope that Hawaii will join at least six other states that are currently considering similar measures.

We see Hawaii as an environmentally conscientious state and urge you to please support this most important bill to the fullest extent possible - for Hawaii and for the world's elephants and rhinos. Please consider the great loss to the world that would be incurred should trade in illegal ivory continue to threaten the continued existence of elephants on this planet.

In Defense of Animals is grateful for the opportunity to strongly support SB674. Thank you.

**In Defense of Animals**  
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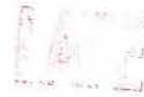
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**From:** Sandy Ritzo <Sandy.Ritzo@ucop.edu>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 12, 2015 2:59 PM  
**To:** ENETestimony  
**Subject:** Please sign SB674 Prohibit Trade/Sale of of Ivory in Hawaii

Please sign SB674 to prohibit the sale of ivory. Elephants are magnificent animals who have strong family units, which stay together for lifetimes. They mourn their dead, they care for each other's children, they speak to each other and many, many other attributes. No one NEEDS ivory. They make trinkets, piano keys, gun handles, jewelry ... nothing of any earth shattering consequence. Please help to put an end to the slaughter of an elephant every 15mins, that's 96 a day ... for what? If we want to continue to live in a world that has these beautiful creatures, I beg you to sign this bill.

With Respect,  
Sandy Ritzo  
Berkeley, CA 94704





**From:** Judy Brey <jbrey.design@ymail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 12, 2015 2:52 PM  
**To:** ENETestimony  
**Subject:** RE: Testimony for Hawaii SB674 Bill



**Dear Legislators:**

**Please pass the Hawaii SB674 bill that will prohibit the trade & sale of ivory in the Aloha state.**

Hawaii has been qualified as the 3rd largest illegal ivory market in the USA. Elephant populations in Africa have reached a tipping point; there are now more elephants dying and being killed, than are being born; extinction looms within a generation and in localized regions within a decade.

It is also well established that poaching and wildlife trafficking (literally) sponsors international terror and is plunging the African continent into geo political chaos. Local economies and humans are suffering incredible losses in life, property and peace.

Please pass this bill to protect the elephant species and local communities.

Thank you,

Judy Brey

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**From:** Ann Marie Davis <hazeloutlaw@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 12, 2015 2:41 PM  
**To:** ENETestimony  
**Subject:** Ban the Ivory trade



I support **Hawaii SB674**.

Elephants are on the brink of extinction in Africa because of illegal poaching. Elephants are intelligent, feeling beings who deserve to live. No species should have to suffer and die out for trinkets. Your state is the 3rd largest illegal ivory market in the US. I urge you to do the right thing. Pass this bill

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Ann Marie Davis

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**From:** Tamara Birdsall <birdsalltamara@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 12, 2015 2:30 PM  
**To:** ENETestimony  
**Subject:** Hawaii must ban the ivory trade



Dear Hawaii officials,

I'll start by sharing a Humane Society statistic -- that Hawaii is the third largest retailer of ivory and ivory products in the nation (USA). Of more than 1,600 ivory items offered for sale in Hawaii, 89 percent were of unknown or likely illegal origin.

While I don't live in Hawaii my entire family visits several times a year. We've had weddings, family reunions and great vacations all over your fine state. But something has to change. 96 elephants are slaughtered every day just to meet the demand for meaningless ivory trinkets.

I live in California, the second largest market for ivory in the country, and am working very hard to remove us from this despicable trade.

Please do not bow to pressure from special interest groups who choose to ignore the plight of Earth's megafauna. It's well known that the ivory trade funds Al Shabab and Boco Haram. It must end.

We'll be watching! Respectfully,  
Tamara Birdsall

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