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TESTIMONY OF SCOTT E. ENRIGHT
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BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

FEBRUARY 10, 2017
8:30 A.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 312

HOUSE BILL NO 1389
RELATED TO LIVESTOCK HARVEST FACILITIES

Chairperson Creagan and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Bill No. 1389. The bill requests \$ 1.5 million for the planning and design of scalable livestock harvest facilities. The Hawaii Department of Agriculture supports this measure provided it does not impact the Department's priorities listed in the Executive Budget.

The Department recognizes that efficient harvest facilities are a critical component in the protein production chain and is a limiting factor in the consistent availability of locally produced meat products. Properly designed harvest facilities work towards producing safe product efficiently by giving equal attention to employee safety, pre-harvest animal health, product processing regulations and environmental impact.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.





House Committee on Agriculture
Chair Richard P. Creagan
Vice Chair Rep. Lyn DeCoite
Hearing Friday, February 10, 2017
8:30 am, Room 312

Chair Creagan and Members of the Committee

re: HB1389
position: Oppose

In a futile attempt to soften the image of its grisly business, the livestock industry has appropriated the word “harvest” to describe the violent slaughter and exsanguination of sentient beings. Therefore a bill to pour one and one half million taxpayer dollars into slaughterhouses - is entitled for “livestock harvest facilities.”

Every year the taxpayers are dunned by the livestock industry for feed subsidies, excise tax exemptions, loans- and we actually inherited the failed slaughterhouse at Campbell Industrial Park, after pouring millions into Palama Meat which went bankrupt.

How can this be considered sustainable? It is actually corporate welfare for a few large landowners who wish to preserve their rural lifestyle at the expense of the state. Please kill this bill.

Cathy Goeggel
President



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February 10, 2017

HEARING BEFORE THE
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

TESTIMONY ON HB 1389
RELATING TO LIVESTOCK HARVEST FACILITIES

Room 312
8:30 AM

Aloha Chair Creagan, Vice-Chair DeCoite, and Members of the Committee:

I am Randy Cabral, President of the Hawaii Farm Bureau (HFB). Organized since 1948, the HFB is comprised of 1,900 farm family members statewide, and serves as Hawaii's voice of agriculture to protect, advocate and advance the social, economic and educational interests of our diverse agricultural community.

HFB supports HB 1389, which makes an appropriation for the planning and design of scalable livestock harvest facilities to be expended by DOA.

This bill is designed to provide not only needed capacity but also allow a new plant to incorporate new technologies to enhance energy and waste management, food safety and animal welfare. This also provides the potential for new certifications required by retailers and for export certification, which would open foreign markets for Hawaii beef.

The proposed bills would provide a set of architectural plans of a scalable plant that any third-party (investor/group of producers) could adapt to any specific parcel in any county for the purpose of building a processing facility. This plan would:

- a. reduce construction time and cost by having these plans readily available
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- c. safeguard against oversupply while offering adaptability for an undersupply of cattle
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Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Inc.

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE
Rep. Richard P. Creagan, Chair
Rep. Lynn DeCoite, Vice Chair

DATE: Friday, February 10, 2017
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HB 1389 – RELATING TO LIVESTOCK HARVEST FACILITIES.

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Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Dale Sandlin, Managing Director of the Hawaii Cattlemen's Council. The Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Inc. (HCC) is the Statewide umbrella organization comprised of the five county level Cattlemen's Associations. Our 150+ member ranchers represent over 60,000 head of beef cows; more than 75% of all the beef cows in the State. Ranchers are the stewards of approximately 25% of the State's total land mass.

The Hawaii Cattlemen's Council **strongly supports** HB 1389 as this measure provides funds for the planning and design of a scalable livestock harvest facility.

Of the large agrarian enterprises that have been undertaken in Hawaii, only cattle remain. The beef industry represents economic, environmental and cultural sustainability for our state. According to University of Hawaii figures, Hawaii supplies only 6% of the beef consumed in the state. We have great capacity to grow our local market and support Hawaii's economic base. Ranchers are essentially "grass farmers," providing open space, reducing fuel load for wildfires, maintaining our watersheds and utilizing lands that are otherwise unproductive and inaccessible. Lastly, the ability to provide our own food source is an inherent strength in any community, but particularly so in an island state that is so dependent upon imports to feed its population. The increased demand for "farm to fork" products strongly supports agriculture that is locally sourced.

In a recent series of community meetings held across the state, producers identified processing as the major bottleneck for marketing of local beef. The current processing plants have played a vital role in maintaining avenues for our market animals, but they are aging and with the expanding demand for locally raised beef, our current facilities have not been able to accommodate the increased numbers. In keeping with HCC's mission to be an advocate for Hawaii's ranchers, HCC has been working to address specific long and short-term needs. While short-term needs are at a critical stage in some counties, specific issues are being addressed separately. Our long-term success and resilience depends upon our ability to address both needs.



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Hawaii's cattle industry is committed to a robust future and opportunities for continued growth. By supporting this bill, Hawaii's legislators vote to support Hawaii's agriculture and grow a more food-secure community.

We respectfully ask this committee to support this measure and we appreciate the opportunity to testify on this critical matter for our industry.



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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jimmy Gomes	Ulupalakua Ranch	Support	No

Comments:

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Alex Franco	Maui Cattle Company	Support	No

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William G. Jacintho	Maui Cattlemen's Association	Support	No

Comments: STRONGLY SUPPORT

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Warren Watanabe	Maui County Farm Bureau	Support	No

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House Committee on Agriculture and the Environment

Rep. Richard Creagan, Chair and Rep. Lynn DeCoite, Vice Chair

Friday, February 10, 2017, 8:30am

State Capitol, Conference room 312

HB 1389 – Relating to Livestock Harvest Facilities

My name is Sara Moore and I am the current president of the Hawaii Cattlemen's Association (HCA) on the Big Island of Hawaii. Hawaii Cattlemen's Council is the state-wide umbrella organization of which HCA is under.

I am writing in **strong support** of HB 1389.

Many members of HCA attended a recent series of community meetings jointly held across the state by HCC and HDOA. These producers identified livestock harvest and processing as one of the **major** bottlenecks for marketing of local beef.

HCA and HCC's mission is to serve as an advocate for Hawaii's ranchers. In keeping with that mission, HCC has been working to address specific long and short-term needs for livestock harvest. While short-term needs are at a critical stage in some counties, specific issues are being addressed separately. Our long-term success and resilience depends upon our ability to address both needs

As a manager of a large cattle ranch on Hawaii Island, I am continually having trouble getting my livestock processed at the existing processing plants. As HCA president, I hear this problem over and over again. The two facilities that can process animals are running at the maximum capacity possible, with existing aging infrastructure. Although the HDOA has supported the mobile slaughter facility on the Big Island, there is more need by producers, especially beef producers.

This bill will provide funding for the planning and design of a scalable harvest facility that could be used in multiple venues. Once completed, our industry will be in a stronger position to attract potential investors. Hawaii's ranchers firmly believe in our future and the ability of agriculture to remain a relevant part of our economy. HB 1389 represents a great opportunity for Hawaii's lawmakers to advance efforts to provide a more food secure community.

Hawaii's beef industry is at a crossroads. Increased demand for locally-raised beef has challenged our current infrastructure's capacity to meet the growing market. To take the right road, our industry needs to prepare for this expansion. With the funding of HB 1389 and its foresight, Hawaii's ranchers would be uniquely positioned to provide economic, environmental and social sustainability, through the ability to grow our local market.

Hawaii ranchers provide a multitude of ecosystem services including protection of our watersheds, decreased fire load and maintaining aesthetic open spaces. By the efforts to build this industry of providing pasture raised beef to our local consumers, we, as a community, are supporting these ranchers' efforts to maintain these ecosystem services

I respectfully request your support of HB 1389.

Sincerely,

Sara Moore, HCA President

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Harry von Holt	Ponoholo Ranch, Ltd	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Yoshito L'Hote	Aina Ho'okupu o Kilauea	Support	No

Comments: State often too slow and unable using the counties to implement is the logical solution

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Betty Spence	Hawaii Cattle Producers Coop	Comments Only	No

Comments: Hawaii Cattle Producers Cooperative Association strongly supports HB 1389 as it does work towards a long term solution to grow the local beef market in the State of Hawaii and provide feasibility funding for a new much needed livestock harvest and processing facility to benefit local Hawaii ranchers.

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House Committee on Agriculture and the Environment
Rep. Richard Creagan, Chair and Rep. Lynn DeCoite, Vice Chair
Friday, February 10, 2017, 8:30am
State Capitol, Conference room 312
HB 1389 – Relating to Livestock Harvest Facilities

My name is Jim Greenwell and I represent Palani Ranch Company in Kona. I am a member of Hawaii Cattlemen's Council (HCC) and I am writing in **strong support** of HB 1389. Hawaii Cattlemen's Council is the state-wide umbrella organization comprised of the four county level Cattlemen's Associations. HCC's mission is to serve as an advocate for Hawaii's beef industry and all of Hawaii's ranchers. In keeping with that mission, HCC has been working to address specific long and short-term needs for livestock harvest.

In a recent series of community meetings held across the state in concert with the Department of Agriculture, producers identified livestock harvest and processing as one of the major bottlenecks for marketing of local beef. While short-term harvest and processing needs are at a critical stage in some counties, these specific issues are being addressed separately. Our long-term success and resilience Statewide depends upon our ability to address both short and long term needs and to be planning today for what needs to be in place within the foreseeable future.


The increased demand for locally-raised beef has challenged our current infrastructure's capacity to meet the growing market. Our industry is at a crossroads as we need to prepare for this expansion if we are to build our local production capacity and reduce the number of cattle produced locally but exported to be finished on the mainland. Hawaii's ranchers are uniquely positioned to provide economic, environmental and social sustainability. Hawaii currently produces only 6% of the beef consumed within our state. With the rising demand for locally sourced food, there is much capacity to grow our local market if we have the necessary infrastructure available to all producers.

It is worth noting that Hawaii ranchers provide a multitude of ecosystem services that are often taken for granted by agriculture's urban neighbors including the protection of vast watersheds, soil conservation, management of habitat, decreased fire load and the maintenance and management of tens of thousands of acres of aesthetic open spaces and view planes. In many areas Statewide, it is beef production and ranching that is keeping country Country! So keeping our local beef industry healthy and well positioned for its future needs is not only about providing more pasture raised beef to our communities that is a healthy, nutritionally wholesome protein source at a reasonably price, but it is also about underwriting the long term responsibly managed use of almost a million acres of grazing land which today remains in livestock production.

This bill will provide funding for the planning and design of a scalable harvest facility that could be used in multiple venues as each major island has a long term need for improved harvest and processing infrastructure. The development today of plans for a universally applicable harvest and processing facility that could be scaled and adapted to the needs of each island's local production needs would provide the industry with a valuable planning tool and design specs to assist us in attracting the necessary investors including stakeholders from within our industry to develop the infrastructure needed to keep our local beef industry viable and sustainable for decades to come. Once the plans for this prototype plant are completed, our industry will be in a stronger position to attract potential investors. Hawaii's ranchers firmly believe in its future and the ability of agriculture to remain a relevant part of our economy. HB 1389 represents a great opportunity for Hawaii's lawmakers to advance efforts to provide a more food secure community.

I respectfully request your support of HB 1389.

Sincerely,


James S. Greenwell

TESTIMONY OF KEOKI WOOD, LIVESTOCK MANAGER, PARKER RANCH, INC. TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE
ON AGRICULTURE
February 10, 2017
8:30 am
Conference Room 312

MEASURE: H.B. No. 1389

TITLE: RELATING TO LIVESTOCK HARVEST FACILITIES

Representative Creagan, Representative DeCoite, and members of the Agriculture Committee:
Parker Ranch, Inc. fully supports House Bill 1389.

Livestock harvest facilities are critically important to supporting the cattle industry within the State. First, local harvest facilities provide ranches the opportunity to hold cattle back from shipment to the mainland to meet local demand and expand our local food system. Additionally, harvest facilities are imperative in providing stability within livestock operations given the need to cull cattle and mitigate losses in drought conditions.

The two existing harvest and packaging facilities on Hawai'i Island both are reaching the end of their estimated remaining useful life. The next five to ten years are important for the industry as it prepares for the inevitable retirement of these facilities. Planning and anticipating these changes is important for all ranches in the State, but especially on the Big Island which is home to 75% of Hawaii's total pasture, estimated by UH researcher Jeff Melrose to be close to 555,000 acres. This bill provides the needed resources to design and plan for the future growth and stability for the industry throughout the State. In addition to the estimated remaining useful life for Big Island harvest facilities, current capacity constraints at these facilities limit the volume of local beef that can be harvested and therefore limits the expansion of our local food system. It is important for all ranches, operators, and industry leaders to work together to plan and design a model for a harvest facility that can grow alongside our evolving industry.

The planning and design for a scalable harvest facility provides an opportunity to research integrated features and engage designers and experts to consider a harvest facility that can be adapted to various natural resources, pasture resources, and herd sizes around the State. Current designs around the country and world have successfully integrated renewable energy, on-site wastewater treatment, cold storage, modular floor design, and anaerobic digestion. These design principles, among others, should be explored and further defined as plans for innovative facilities are developed.

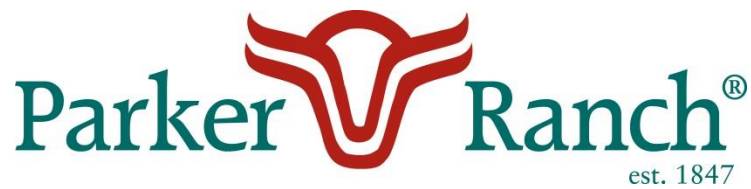
Parker Ranch believes that there is a great need for harvest facilities around the State to support the vibrant cattle industry in Hawaii. Increasing local food production and supporting our State's ranching heritage and industry is important to increasing the sustainability of Hawaii's food system. Working with designers and engineers to understand the ideal design and feasibility for harvest facilities is an important step towards realizing sustainability for the future of Hawaii's cattle industry.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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TESTIMONY OF JASON VAN TASSELL, LIVESTOCK MANAGER, PANIOLO CATTLE COMPANY, LLC, A
SUBSIDIARY OF PARKER RANCH, INC. TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

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House Conference Room 312

MEASURE: H.B. No. 1389
TITLE: RELATING TO LIVESTOCK HARVEST FACILITIES

Representative Creagan, Representative DeCoite, Representative Evans, and all members of the Agriculture Committee:

Paniolo Cattle Company (PCC) fully supports House Bill 1389.

PCC was established with the mission of supporting statewide local beef production to meet the demand for high-quality, affordable, and locally raised beef. Supporting this market to respond to local demand provides ranches with the opportunity to hold cattle back from shipment to the mainland and expand our local food system. As such, livestock harvest facilities are critically important to supporting local food production in Hawaii.

Consumer demand for local, grass-fed products in Hawaii has increased in recent years, following national trends. The Wall Street Journal reported in 2016 that “sales for grass-fed beef rose nearly 40% over the year before, while conventional beef only grew 6.5% during the same period.”¹ Based on average beef consumption for both residents and tourists in Hawaii, the University of Hawaii, College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources (CTAHR) estimates that total statewide demand is over 89 million pounds of beef per year, or roughly 198,000 market cattle. Currently UH researchers estimate that local supply only meets 6.2% of local demand. This percentage has an opportunity to increase as local programs like PCC that are utilizing Hawaii’s pasture forage become more established.

Harvest facilities are vital to that growth and providing the equipment and processes that align with current safety and handling standards required by retailers sourcing and selling local beef products. Retailers that PCC are working with, such as Safeway and other distributors, are responding to industry demands to comply with GAP and other humane animals handling and food safety practices. Designing and planning for a harvest facility with these capabilities from the start will streamline these processes and requirements for operators and ranches moving forward.

On Hawai’i Island, there are two existing harvest and packaging facilities for cattle with an estimated remaining useful life of less than 10 years. Within these facilities, given nameplate capacity, there are constraints on the volume of local beef that can be harvested which therefore limits expansion of our network of local ranches participating in and helping to grow PCC and other local programs.

¹ Wall Street Journal. *Why grass fed beef is on a roll*. Accessed from: <http://www.wsj.com/articles/why-grass-fed-beef-is-on-a-roll-1474388110>

The planning and design for a scalable harvest facility provides an opportunity to consider the unique natural resources, pasture resources, and herd sizes around the State and align those conditions to meet the growth opportunities that local program like PCC have. Using our partnership with Safeway as a benchmark, there has been great response by consumers throughout the State to local, pasture raised beef products. In order to build on this momentum and further develop our local markets, ensuring processing slots and volume on a week to week basis is critical. Harvest facilities that can expand and contract should be a key design question and consideration to adequately align with market conditions.

As a growing company, PCC believes that there is a great need for additional, state of the art harvest facilities to support ranches establishing local, pasture raised programs. Increasing local food production and supporting ranches in this way will increase the sustainability of Hawaii's food system and a harvest facility gets us closer to that goal.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.

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Nancy Redfeather	Hawaii Island School Garden Network	Support	No

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OUR MISSION

HCIA is a Hawaii-based non-profit organization that promotes modern agriculture to help farmers and communities succeed. Through education, collaboration and advocacy, we work to ensure a safe and sustainable food supply, support responsible farming practices and build a healthy economy.

TESTIMONY FROM BENNETTE MISALUCHA, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

In Support of HB 1389

Relating to Livestock Harvest Facilities

**Makes an appropriation for the planning and design of
scalable livestock harvest facilities to be expended by DOA**

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

February 10, 2017, 8:30 a.m.

Conference Room 312

Chair Creagan and members of the committee:

The Hawaii Crop Improvement Association (HCIA) is a Hawaii-based non-profit organization that promotes modern agriculture to help farmers and communities succeed. Through education, collaboration, and advocacy, we work to ensure a safe and sustainable food supply, support responsible farming practices, and build a healthy economy.

HCIA **supports HB 1389**, which would allocate \$1.5 million to the Hawaii Department of Agriculture to plan and design scalable livestock harvest facilities.

As we understand it, many of the existing livestock harvest facilities on the islands are not equipped to handle the recent resurgence of cattle production. This is a problem, especially when you consider Governor Ige's goal to double local food production by 2020. Hawaii cattle ranchers need our help and support to remain competitive and continue to serve local markets.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.

Respectfully submitted,

Bennette Misalucha
Executive Director

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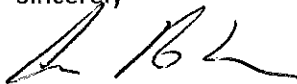
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My name is Alan Robinson and I am the Vice President and Ranch Manager of Gay & Robinson. I am submitting testimony in favor of HB 1389 relating to Livestock Harvest Facilities. The cattle industry plays an important role in the state of Hawaii. There are many hurdles that we as ranchers face in maintaining our ranching operations. A critical element to our success is in our ability to market our animals so that they will return the best value to our operations. We are limited in our marketing options of either keeping the animals here in the state and finishing them here or sending them to the mainland to be incorporated into programs of our choosing up there. There are issues that we deal with in keeping the animal's home and a major one is lack of harvesting facilities available to the Hawaii Ranchers.

We at G & R have recently built our own facility to allow us the flexibility of keeping our animal's home to be marketed locally. We are committed to following this path keeping our animals home and believe that a State wide harvesting facility would encourage more ranchers to follow this path if they so choose. This facility would most certainly remove a major road block that is now in place of limited harvesting operations. Since we now have our own facility I can speak with firsthand knowledge the difficulty in maintaining profitability in a low volume facility and this larger facility would lower unit cost tremendously with a much higher volume being put through.

For the above reasons I again strongly support this bill.

Sincerely

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Alan Robinson	Gay & Robinson	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Alan Gottlieb	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: My name is Alan Gottlieb. I am a member of Hawaii Cattlemen's Council (HCC) and I am writing in strong support of HB 1389. Hawaii Cattlemen's Council is the state-wide umbrella organization comprised of the four county level Cattlemen's Associations. In a recent series of community meetings held across the state, producers identified livestock harvest and processing as one of the major bottlenecks for marketing of local beef. HCC's mission is to serve as an advocate for Hawaii's ranchers. In keeping with that mission, HCC has been working to address specific long and short-term needs for livestock harvest. While short-term needs are at a critical stage in some counties, specific issues are being addressed separately. Our long-term success and resilience depends upon our ability to address both needs Hawaii's beef industry is at a crossroads as increased demand for locally-raised beef has challenged our current infrastructure's capacity to meet the growing market. Our industry needs to prepare for this expansion. Hawaii's ranchers are uniquely positioned to provide economic, environmental and social sustainability. Hawaii currently produces only 6% of the beef consumed within our state. With the rising demand for locally sourced food, there is much capacity to grow our local market. Hawaii ranchers provide a multitude of ecosystem services including protection of our watersheds, decreased fire load and aesthetic open spaces. By providing pasture raised beef to our communities, the beef industry supplies a healthy, nutritionally wholesome protein source at a reasonably price to our island residents. This bill will provide funding for the planning and design of a scalable harvest facility that could be used in multiple venues. Once completed, our industry will be in a stronger position to attract potential investors. Hawaii's ranchers firmly believe in its future and the ability of agriculture to remain a relevant part of our economy. HB 1389 represents a great opportunity for Hawaii's lawmakers to advance efforts to provide a more food secure community. I respectfully request your support of HB 1389.

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britt craven	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Roman Dycus	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support HB 1389 as this measure provides funds for the planning and design of a scalable livestock harvest facility.

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I strongly support this bill HB 1389. There are many small ranchers like myself in the State of Hawaii. Especially on Hawaii Island, there is a lack of slots or a 6 month waiting time for animals that will be ready for processing. There is so much beef that is imported into the State, it only makes sense to try to grow and process animals locally. This bill would help us to do this.

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Robert H. Ferreira	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I Robert H. Ferreira manager for Kaupo Ranch Ltd. a member of Maui Cattle Company strongly support Bill HB1389. It is needed for the survival of our Hawaii Cattle Industry.

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Tamara Paltin	Individual	Support	No

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megan powers	Individual	Support	No

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Tracy E Mills	Individual	Support	No

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Deborah Davis	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
vicki levin	Individual	Support	No

Comments: strongly support this bill

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Denise Key	Individual	Support	No

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Brian Murphy	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please, ban all GMOs!

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Renee Riley	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Grants counties more authority to eradicate invasive species. Let's take care of the problems when they are small.

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Mary Overbay	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sara Moore	Individual	Support	No

Comments: As manager of a large cattle ranch on Hawaii Island, I am continually having trouble getting my livestock processed at the existing processing plants. The two that can process animals are running at the maximum capacity that they can, with existing infrastructure. Although the HDOA has supported the mobile slaughter facility on the Big Island, there is more need by producers, especially beef producers. I support this effort to fund plans and designs to make private initiatives more affordable. Please choose to support the funding of this bill that will have a positive impact on animal agriculture and Hawaii's local food industry. Mahalo

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jason Moniz	Individual	Support	No

Comments: As a cattle producer on the Big Island for the past 28 years I strongly support this Bill.

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Taylor Kellerman	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ranae Ganske-Cerizo	Individual	Support	No

Comments: A scalable livestock harvest facility is greatly need for the future of Agriculture in the State of Hawaii. We must process our own livestock for the people of our state.

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

Comments: Aren't these just slaughterhouses? Is "livestock harvest" a nicer, kinder way of saying that or does it include something else? The purpose section isn't clear about what the difference is, if there is a difference.

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

Comments: I oppose this bill. For a few reasons. 1 being animal agriculture is the leading cause of global warming. 2 being there are people who don't even consume animal products and they would be contributing to this with their own hard working money through taxes. Lastly, there is so much pain and suffering in the world, why do we need to contribute to more pain and suffering by killing these innocent animals? I completely and whole heartedly oppose this bill.

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

Comments: As a taxpayer, I don't think that our money should be going to supporting these expensive slaughterhouses. It is already expensive to live in Hawaii and as a struggling parent and homeowner, I do not want to have my hard earned money going towards something like this, a slaughterhouse.

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Alexis Thomas	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Stephanie Kim	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am submitting testimony in opposition to HB1389 as I do not believe a slaughterhouse belongs in Hawaii. If tax subsidies are required to support the beef industry then it is not the way for Hawaii to achieve self-sufficiency. The waste created by the slaughterhouse would pollute our environment and the livestock industry use up a significant share of our clean water. I personally do not eat meat since the negative health impact is not worth the taste, not to mention the cruelty involved in the raising and killing of animals. Please do not use our tax dollars to support animal agriculture of any kind in our islands.

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Andrea Ferriera	Individual	Oppose	No

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Jaci	Individual	Oppose	No

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Laurie Ho	Individual	Support	No

Comments: thank you for the opportunity to SUPPORT HB1389 ~ we can raise the animals ~ we are challenged in processing them to get them to the local consumers. Aloha.

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COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Rep. Richard Creagan, Chair; Rep. Lynn DeCoite, Vice Chair; and Committee Members
Public Hearing, February 10, 2017 at 8:30 a.m., Conference Room 312

**TESTIMONY of WILLIAM F. ANONSEN
MANAGING PARTNER/PRINCIPAL of THE MARITIME GROUP, LLC
IN SUPPORT of H.B. 1389 (LIVESTOCK HARVEST FACILITIES)**

My name is William Anonsen and I am the Managing Partner/Principal of THE MARITIME GROUP, LLC. We strongly support the intent of H.B. 1389 which would provide for an appropriation for the planning and design of scalable livestock facilities to be expended by the State Department of Agriculture.

Hawaii's cattle industry continues to suffer from many constraints; to include the high cost of imported feed, limited suitable grazing lands, expensive shipping costs, coupled in recent years with multiyear droughts which has contributed to the shrinking of herds by 30% state wide. For many years, the vast majority of calves born in Hawaii have been shipped to feedlots on the mainland, where they are matured, and then slaughtered, with the processed beef being shipped back to Hawaii.

Hawaii ranches give birth to about 40,000 calves each year, with only 4,000 cows slaughtered in Hawaii. We import over 90% of our beef and 80% of our milk consumption, which significantly contributes to our State's significant reliance on out-of-state food sourcing, contributing to increased cost to our ranchers and farmers and puts at risk food shortages in the event of a natural disaster, service disruption and other external factors that are beyond the State's control.

We are pleased to see the proactive collaboration of Hawaii's cattle industry who are aggressively seeking to increase the number of cattle herds in Hawaii. The industry is to be commended for its cooperative efforts to adapt to changing market conditions and to find cost effective and operational efficiencies that will permit the industry to grow to meet the local beef market with local raised and slaughtered herds that contribute to Hawaii's sustainability.

We commend this committee and the legislature for introducing this bill in an effort to work to find solutions that will most appropriately and timely, further address this local sustainability and economic issue in Hawaii.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide recommended amendments to this bill

Sincerely,

William F. Anonsen

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Willie-Joe Camara	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Pamela Miedtke-Wolf	Save An Animal	Oppose	No

Comments: Please oppose this bill! The cattle industry is a "for profit" industry and needs to be funded by their own groups! It is not right to ask for public monies to support businesses such as this. Cattle are also not a sustainable product and should be phased out. They are a major source of pollution, and are one of the major causes of heart disease and other diseases.

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House Committee on Agriculture and the Environment

Rep. Richard Creagan, Chair and Rep. Lynn DeCoite, Vice Chair

Friday, February 10, 2017, 8:30am

State Capitol, Conference room 312

HB 1389 – Relating to Livestock Harvest Facilities

My name is Christopher English and I represent PRL English, LLC. I am a member of Hawaii Cattlemen's Council (HCC) and I am writing in **strong support** of HB 1389. Hawaii Cattlemen's Council is the state-wide umbrella organization comprised of the four county level Cattlemen's Associations.

In a recent series of community meetings held across the state, producers identified livestock harvest and processing as one of the major bottlenecks for marketing of local beef.

HCC's mission is to serve as an advocate for Hawaii's ranchers. In keeping with that mission, HCC has been working to address specific long and short-term needs for livestock harvest. While short-term needs are at a critical stage in some counties, specific issues are being addressed separately. Our long-term success and resilience depends upon our ability to address both needs

Hawaii's beef industry is at a crossroads as increased demand for locally-raised beef has challenged our current infrastructure's capacity to meet the growing market. Our industry needs to prepare for this expansion.

Hawaii's ranchers are uniquely positioned to provide economic, environmental and social sustainability. Hawaii currently produces only 6% of the beef consumed within our state. With the rising demand for locally sourced food, there is much capacity to grow our local market. Hawaii ranchers provide a multitude of ecosystem services including protection of our watersheds, decreased fire load and aesthetic open spaces. By providing pasture raised beef to our communities, the beef industry supplies a healthy, nutritionally wholesome protein source at a reasonably price to our island residents.

This bill will provide funding for the planning and design of a scalable harvest facility that could be used in multiple venues. Once completed, our industry will be in a stronger position to attract potential investors. Hawaii's ranchers firmly believe in its future and the ability of agriculture to remain a relevant part of our economy. HB 1389 represents a great opportunity for Hawaii's lawmakers to advance efforts to provide a more food secure community. I respectfully request your support of HB 1389.

Sincerely,

Christopher S. English

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represent Small Kine Farm.

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Fung Yang

2/9/17

Senate Committee on Agriculture and the Environment
Senator Mike Gabbard, Chair and Senator Gil Riviere, Vice Chair

Monday, February 13, 2017, 1:15pm

State Capitol, Conference room 224

SB 1257 – Relating to Livestock Harvest Facilities

My name is Fung Yang and I
represent Small Kine Farm.

I am a member of the Ag Leadership Class XV and I am writing on behalf of Hawaii Cattlemen's Council and am in **strong support** of SB 1257. Hawaii Cattlemen's Council is the state-wide umbrella group comprised of the four island associations.

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Sincerely,

Fung Yang

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