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**Testimony of
SUZANNE D. CASE
Chairperson**

**Before the House Committee on
WATER & LAND**

**Friday, March 23, 2018
10:30 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 325**

**In consideration of
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 182/HOUSE RESOLUTION 153
URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO WORK
WITH LOCAL HUNTERS TO ACCOMMODATE TRADITIONAL AND CUSTOMARY
NATIVE HAWAIIAN HUNTING PRACTICES AND CHANGE ITS POLICIES BASED
ON THE CONCERNS OF LOCAL HUNTERS**

House Concurrent Resolution 182/House Resolution 153 urge the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) to work with local hunters to change management policies. **The Department offers the following comments on these measures.**

The Department does not consider goat hunting to be a constitutionally protected traditional and customary Hawaiian practice.

The Department is charged with the responsibility of managing watersheds, endangered species, and native habitats, along with recreational uses, such as hiking, hunting, and camping on public lands. Where management of these resources conflict, the Department relies on best available science, technical expertise, and knowledge of the land to make hard decisions in the best interest of public trust resources. As such, different alternative methods of wild ungulate control are considered before resorting to aerial shooting.

To best manage critical watershed and unique native species found in the Waianae Mountains, the Department has initiated a project to control feral goats that damage these trust resources and put watershed function at risk. Most of the land areas targeted for this work are not designated public hunting areas and/or are remote areas, not readily accessible by the public. The Division of Forestry and Wildlife (DOFAW) identified one area, Makua Keaau, that would be retained as a location to accommodate the goat hunting user group. The Department has proactively engaged

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the local community in the aerial shoot project on Oahu, both before commencement of the project and during the project. Based on community input, DOFAW has adjusted the target control area, issued salvage permits, and issued increased bag limits within the Waianae Kai Forest Reserve. Aerial shooting is a critical tool to control goats in the project area because of the steep, dangerous terrain. The Department considers public hunting the first line of defense for animal damage control, and welcomes the assistance provided by the local hunting community in helping us to achieve our management goals for the people of Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on these measures.

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Submitted on: 3/21/2018 8:19:20 PM

Testimony for WAL on 3/23/2018 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Melodie Aduja	Oahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 3/21/2018 10:24:49 PM

Testimony for WAL on 3/23/2018 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
De MONT R. D. CONNER	Ho'omanapono Political Action Committee (HPAC)	Support	Yes

Comments:

We STRONGLY SUPPORT this resolution. Mahalo.

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HCR-182

Submitted on: 3/22/2018 4:49:30 PM

Testimony for WAL on 3/23/2018 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
muhtadia rice	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please support this sensible measure!

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HCR-182

Submitted on: 3/22/2018 6:54:37 PM

Testimony for WAL on 3/23/2018 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Shyla Moon	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please refer to GMAC for opinions.

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Submitted on: 3/22/2018 7:52:05 PM

Testimony for WAL on 3/23/2018 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Pooya Motlagh	Waianae Hunting Association	Support	No

Comments:

aloha my name is pooya john motlagh. i am president of the waianae hunting association, a local beekeeper and a concerned member of our community. Im writing this testiomy in support of STOPPING ariel shooting of goats. I believe by using the local hunter/ gathers to manage the goat population we can obtain a balence that would benefit the watershed and the community. Goats are a very import resource in our community providing a valuable source of protein for our familys. All we need is obtaining the proper access that will enable us to manage our game mammals. By using the community as a free service to manage the goat population we will also be saving tax payers monies. I was once told how good the "good old days were" but I want to see our future even better.

With humbleness Pooya John Motlagh

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Submitted on: 3/22/2018 8:28:31 PM

Testimony for WAL on 3/23/2018 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Syreen Hostallero	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha please allow the Hunters to hunt the goats and pigs. Shooting the goats and pigs from helicopters cost us tax payers \$12,000. per a flight and leaving the meat to waste is just immoral. If the DLNR could work with the Hunters we could save tax payer money and feed families.

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Submitted on: 3/22/2018 8:48:06 PM

Testimony for WAL on 3/23/2018 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Teresa L. Nakama	BIFA	Support	No

Comments:

Honorable representatives,

We are in support of HRC182 to support our constitutional rights to gather that which has evolved to present modern hunting techniques that is always improving for ecological safety practices and to ensure the abundance of our natural resources.

Please vote in support of HCR182.

Respectfully Submitted,

Teresa L. Nakama

Director of BIFA

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Submitted on: 3/22/2018 10:40:38 PM

Testimony for WAL on 3/23/2018 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Helena	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Supporting the change, to preserve our culture! Mahalo

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Submitted on: 3/22/2018 11:10:47 PM

Testimony for WAL on 3/23/2018 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Tom Lodge	hawaii hunting association	Support	No

Comments:

Hawaii Hunting Association is in support of any effort to encourage DLNR/DOFAW to not only work with Hunters, but to follow the mandates and 183D and the advise of the the Legislature via HCR22 HD1,SD1 which states ""Furthermore, House Concurrent Resolution NO. 22 H.D. 1 S.D. 1. Paragraphs 2 and 3, lines 5-18 state, "... Sustainability introductions, such as goats, sheep and deer are now recognised as game mammal resources and should be included among the game management resources supported to achieve sustainability and food security..." "

We encourage DLNR and all its entities and partnerships to honor committments and work with all the stakeholders which in large measure should involve the communities and the resource users and particularly hunters and their 'Ohana.

Mahalo and Much Aloha,

Tom Lodge

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Submitted on: 3/23/2018 5:52:41 AM

Testimony for WAL on 3/23/2018 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Willie-Joe Camara	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 3/23/2018 8:47:30 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
David	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Hunter / Gathers Manage Goats:

- WITHOUT POSINING OUR LAND AND WATER!
- WITHOUT TAKING LIFE FOR NO PURPOSE
- WITHOUT SPENDING OUR TAX PAYERS DOLLARS

Meanwhile:

- FEEDING OUR COMMUNITY WITH OUR NATURAL RESOURCES
- CREATING STATE REVENUE WITH HUNTING LICENSES AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION STAMPS
- ALLOWING ANIMALS TO CONTROL INVASIVE PLANTS

Right Is Right, And Wrong Is Wrong!

DO NOT POISON AIR, DO NOT POISON LAND, DO NOT POISON WATER, DO NOT POISON LIFE. (There Has To Be Changes Made To Protect Our Land And Water On MANY DIFFERENT LEVELS, This Being One!)

Do Not Kill Without Making Use Of An Animals Life / Body.

Do Not Waste Tax Payers Money, When Our Community Strives To Do The Best With What We Have.

THERE IS NO OTHER WAY TO SEE THIS.

LIVE BY "THE GOLDEN RULE!": TREAT OTHERS THE WAY YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE TREATED

TREAT LIFE IN THE WAY YOU WOULD LIKE YOUR LIFE TO BE TREATED

TREAT THE LAND IN THE WAY YOU WOULD LIKE "YOUR" LAND TO BE TREATED

TREAT THE WATER AS IF IT WERE YOUR HOME.

There Is One Right Way And Many Wrong Ways. This Is Supporting What Is Right.
Plase Make Right!

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Submitted on: 3/23/2018 8:19:55 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Stanley Mendes	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support HRC182

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Submitted on: 3/23/2018 8:51:40 AM

Testimony for WAL on 3/23/2018 10:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Royden Pang	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I believe we as hunters hunters should be able to control population on goats, hunting for some is a way of life a past time taught by elders, if the state decides to eradicate what's left, traditional practices like gathering, will be thrown out the door. To my knowledge, the goats that has been targeted is well out of the watershed. As a hunter on good hunts we can manage to harvest 5-6 goats. If hunters we're allowed more access we should be able to manage problems on our own. Thanks