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**TESTIMONY OF SCOTT E. ENRIGHT  
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**BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE & ENVIRONMENT**

**APRIL 17, 2018  
12:30 P.M.  
CONFERENCE ROOM 414**

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 75  
REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO ESTABLISH A KAUAI  
INVASIVE SPECIES TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE ISSUES OF INVASIVE ANIMALS  
ON KAUAI**

Chairperson Gabbard and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on HCR 75 that requests the Department of Agriculture to establish a Kauai invasive species task force to study the issues of invasive animals on Kauai. The Department of Agriculture offers comments and makes a recommendation.

The Department supports efforts to address invasive animals and their effects on agriculture around the State, however, this measure does not include the resources to effectively convene this group. Game management, through wildlife control permits through the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR), is an option that agriculturalists may be able to pursue. We recommend the Kauai group behind this resolution work with DLNR to pursue control permits.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this resolution.



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**Testimony of  
SUZANNE D. CASE  
Chairperson**

**Before the Senate Committee on  
AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT**

**Tuesday, April 17, 2018  
12:30 PM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 414**

**In consideration of  
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 75  
REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO ESTABLISH A KAUAI  
INVASIVE SPECIES TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE ISSUES OF INVASIVE  
ANIMALS IN KAUAI**

House Concurrent Resolution 75 requests the Hawaii Department of Agriculture (HDOA) to establish a task force to study the issues of invasive animals on Kauai. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) offers the following comments.**

The Department recognizes that invasive animals on Kauai cause a variety of impacts, including agricultural, economic, and environmental. For farmers who experience damage from non-native animals to crops on private property, the Department has a process in place to issue wildlife control permits. Under Hawaii Administrative Rules Chapter 124-7, permits may be issued for the control of game birds, game mammals, introduced wildlife, and introduced wild birds causing damage to agricultural crops. The Department suggests that as an alternative to creating a formal task force, the Kauai County Farm Bureau work with the the Department to issue control permits where needed.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.

**SUZANNE D. CASE**  
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April 17, 2018

HEARING BEFORE THE  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

**TESTIMONY ON HCR 75**

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO ESTABLISH A KAUAI INVASIVE SPECIES TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE ISSUES OF INVASIVE ANIMALS IN KAUAI.

Room 414  
12:30 PM

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Riviere, 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.

**The Hawaii Farm Bureau supports the intent of HCR 75**, and offers the following comments.

The introduction and proliferation of plant and animal species that harm Hawaii's natural resources, quality of life, and its agricultural sector has become especially problematic and is of great concern to the Hawaii Farm Bureau.

This resolution seeks a way to address invasive animals on Kauai through the formation of a task force that would comprehensively review, prioritize, and make recommendations, and develop a strategy that can be implemented statewide.

This is a complex task since there is a great range of destructive animals (from feral goats, pigs, and deer to wild birds, cats, rats, mollusks, mosquitos, mongoose, fire ants, beetles, and freshwater and marine species) that alter desired habitat, and are destructive not just to agriculture, but to human health, tourism, watersheds, marine resources, and native species. In addition, they are found across a myriad of locations, and each island is likely to have its own invasive animal species problems and priorities.

Our main concern is that for the proposed task force to be effective, it will require funding; however, none is appropriated in this measure.

Thank you for your consideration of this important issue, and for your continued support of Hawaii's farmers and ranchers.

**HCR-75**

Submitted on: 4/16/2018 1:12:54 AM

Testimony for AEN on 4/17/2018 12:30:00 PM

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

Comments:

**HCR-75**

Submitted on: 4/16/2018 1:04:55 PM

Testimony for AEN on 4/17/2018 12:30:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Cathy Goeggel	Testifying for Animal Rights Hawai'i	Oppose	No

Comments:

The proposed Kaua'i Invasive Species Task Force is very definitely over filled with people and agencies that want to destroy non-native species and includes carnivorous predators (read-cats) who heretofore have not been on the state's hit list.

The task force is just another waste of tax dollars. Please do not pass HCR75.

Date: Tuesday April 17, 2018

Time: 12:30 P.M.

Place: Conference Room 414,

State Capital

415 South Beretania Street

My Name: Denise Wilson

House of representatives Twenty-Ninth legislature, 2018

Committee on agriculture and environment

By: Senator Mike Gabbard, Chair

Senator Gil Riviere, Vice Chair

BILL #: HCR 75

Relating to: Invasive Animals in Kauai.

I support Bill # HCR 75 because it's a great subject to focus on due to having a lot of invasive species that have been appearing a lot on the Hawaiian Islands and what it has been adding a lot of issues. Towards people Health, our environment, Threaten toward our native species and habitats. Such as Mongoose eating all of the good things we need on land like our birds, plants, fruits, other reptiles and small mammals even to the sea turtles. They even eat federally listed endangered Hawaiian Birds such as the Nene, Hawaiian crow etc. Even causing \$50 million in damages to Hawaii which is a good example why this bill is an important one to make more rules need to make priorities and make recommendations for these type of invasive animals that can spread worldwide because if we keep being lenient with these type of issues the more problems will occur and to me it's pretty scary to know that more dangerous species can come to Hawaii and make you feel unsafe. So this is why I support this Bill to really control this issue for safety.

*Thank you for the opportunity to submit my testimony*