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**TESTIMONY OF SCOTT E. ENRIGHT
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**BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION**

**MARCH 20, 2018
9:00 A.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 325**

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 75/HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 60
REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO ESTABLISH A KAUAI
INVASIVE SPECIES TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE ISSUES OF INVASIVE ANIMALS
ON KAUAI**

Chairperson Lee and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on HCR 75/HR 60 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.

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
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**Before the House Committee on
ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

**Tuesday, March 20, 2018
9:00 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 325**

**In consideration of
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 75/HOUSE RESOLUTION 60
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/House Resolution 60 request 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 these measures.

HCR-75

Submitted on: 3/19/2018 8:55:31 AM

Testimony for EEP on 3/20/2018 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Melodie Aduja	OCC Legislative Priorities Committee, Democratic Party of Hawai'i	Support	No

Comments:



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Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Inc.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Rep. Chris Lee, Chair

Rep. Nicole E. Lowen, Vice Chair

DATE: Tuesday, March 20, 2018
TIME: 9:00 a.m.
PLACE: Conference Room 325

HCR 75 / HR 6 – REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO ESTABLISH A KAUAI INVASIVE SPECIES TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE ISSUES OF INVASIVE ANIMALS IN KAUAI.

Chair Lee, Vice Chair Lowen, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Dale Sandlin, and I am 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 140+ 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 **supports with comments** HCR75/HR6, as this measure seeks to specifically assist with agricultural production.

Ranchers are constantly having to balance their pasture quality and the rainfall they receive for the use of their cattle. Having the added pressure of deer present on their pastures creates even more challenges ensuring enough forage for both livestock and wildlife. Additionally, the damage to pastures that wild pigs create can lead to an increase in time and cost to restore the pasture conditions for raising the forage that is needed for livestock production.

However, we do ask that an amendment be made to both resolutions regarding the included language, which would better define the concern of controlling these invasive animal species and not ambiguously include other species. Specifically, the use of "ungulates" is too broad of a definition and unintentionally includes cattle in its definition. We ask that the committee replace this general term with "feral pigs, goats and deer."

Also, the resolution includes "carnivorous predators" within the text, but the initial comments are for controlling pigs, goats and deer. These species are primarily herbivores, with swine being omnivores. We ask that this language be removed to prevent confusion. Also, the resolution includes both "non-native animals" and "invasive animals" within the text. We ask that these terms be changed to "feral pigs, goats and deer" to ensure that the focus remain on controlling these problem species and to remain consistent within the text.



The cattle industry is currently being affected by many invasive species including plants and animal species. While we support any efforts to help control feral pigs, goats and deer, we ask for this committee to consider these amendments to the measure. Thank you for giving us the opportunity to testify on this important matter.

HCR-75

Submitted on: 3/16/2018 8:05:50 AM

Testimony for EEP on 3/20/2018 9:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

I'm unsure how this will effect gathering of game. Depends on how this task force is orchestrated and who gets nominated to represent Kauai.

HCR-75

Submitted on: 3/18/2018 8:38:47 PM

Testimony for EEP on 3/20/2018 9:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

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HCR-75

Submitted on: 3/19/2018 3:35:16 PM

Testimony for EEP on 3/20/2018 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Erica Scott	Individual	Support	No

Comments: