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**Testimony of  
SUZANNE D. CASE  
Chairperson**

**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.

**HR-60**

Submitted on: 3/19/2018 8:56:14 AM

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

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

Comments:

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Submitted on: 3/16/2018 8:06:56 AM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
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.

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Submitted on: 3/17/2018 6:13:16 AM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
ROBERT DUERR	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly oppose describing the game animals that feed Kauai as invasive species. Game animals need to be managed. Instead of a Kauai Invasive Specie Task force there should be a Kauai Game Management Plan to identify and solve game problems.

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Submitted on: 3/19/2018 2:27:31 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Javier Mendez-Alvarez	Individual	Support	No

Comments: