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**Testimony of
SUZANNE D. CASE
Chairperson**

**Before the Senate Committee on
WAYS AND MEANS**

**Tuesday, February 12, 2019
10:00 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 211**

**In consideration of
SENATE BILL 1150, SENATE DRAFT 1
RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

Senate Bill 1150, Senate Draft 1 proposes to provide funds to the Hawaii Department of Agriculture (DOA) to assist farmers in the exclusion or control of feral pigs impacting agricultural lands. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports this measure provided that its passage does not replace or adversely impact priorities indicated in the Executive Budget request and offers the following comments.**

The Department recognizes feral pigs as both an invasive species and a game mammal in Hawaii. The Department has a long history of excluding or controlling pigs from native forests in Hawaii in order to support watershed function and supports similar efforts by DOA to minimize the impacts of feral pigs on agricultural lands. The Department defers to the DOA on the best approach to support farmers and can assist the DOA with provision of permits for wildlife control where necessary.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.

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**TESTIMONY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS & MEANS**

**FEBRUARY 12, 2019
10:00 A.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 211**

**SENATE BILL NO. 1150 SD1
RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

Chairperson Dela Cruz and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony on Senate Bill 1150 SD1 which appropriates funds to the Department to develop an effective control plan for reducing the population of feral pigs statewide. The Department of Agriculture supports the intent of this bill provided it does not impact the Department's priorities listed in the Executive Budget.

Feral pigs can have devastating impacts on farmers statewide. From crop loss to irrigation damages, these feral animals can subject farmers to additional costs associated with agricultural production. Game management, through wildlife control permits through the Department of Land and Natural Resources, is an option that agriculturalists may be able to pursue. With the funding allotted in this measure, the Department will work with the community to determine effective control measures to reduce costs to the agricultural community.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.





February 8, 2019

Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice-Chair
Senate Committee on Ways and Means

**Support of SB 1150, SD1 Relating to the Department of Agriculture (DOA)
(Appropriates funds to the DOA for feral pig control.)**

Tuesday, February 12, 2019, 10:00 a.m., in Conference Room 211

The Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii (LURF) is a private, non-profit research and trade association whose members include major Hawaii landowners, developers and a utility company. LURF's mission is to advocate for reasonable, rational and equitable land use planning, legislation and regulations that encourage well-planned economic growth and development, while safeguarding Hawaii's significant natural and cultural resources, and public health and safety.

LURF appreciates the opportunity to express its **support of SB 1150, SD1.**

SB 1150, SD1. This bill proposes to appropriate funds for the DOA in its efforts to reduce the population of feral pigs.

LURF's Position. LURF understands that feral pigs are destructive animals, destroying farm crops throughout the State, and now extending their reach into urban areas. These invasive animals destroy agriculture crops by digging up the soil for food and creating niche spaces for other non-native species.

Invasive species and animals such as insects, disease-bearing organisms, snakes, weeds, and other pests pose the greatest threat to Hawaii's economy, tourism, agriculture, the natural environment, and to the health and lifestyle of Hawaii's people, and already cause millions of dollars in crop losses, the extinction of native species, the destruction of native wet, moist and dry land forests, and the spread of disease. More harmful animals and pests increasingly threaten to invade all the Hawaiian Islands and wreak further damage.

Support of and assistance to local farmers is essential to mitigate the threats and impacts of invasive animals in Hawaii and to effectively protect Hawaii's natural resources and native species. SB 1150, SD1 will assist local agricultural stakeholders by appropriating funds for the DOA in its efforts to control the population of feral pigs, including grants for fencing and corral traps; and introduction of a program to reduce feral pig populations, thereby aiding in the prevention and control of these invasive animals and ultimately, the protection of Hawaii's environment and economy.

For the above reasons, LURF **supports SB 1150, SD1** and respectfully urges your favorable consideration.

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony regarding this matter.

SB-1150-SD-1

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Testimony for WAM on 2/12/2019 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Caroline Kunitake	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please support SB1150 SD1. We need to reduce feral pig populations across the state.

Mahalo,

Caroline Kunitake

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Executive Director

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TESTIMONY OF JAMES J. NAKATANI
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
AGRIBUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

BEFORE THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
Tuesday, February 12, 2019
10:00 a.m.

SENATE BILL NO. 1150
RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Chairperson Dela Cruz and Members of the Committee:

My name is James Nakatani, Executive Director of the Agribusiness Development Corporation ("ADC"). The ADC supports Senate Bill No. 1150, which appropriates funds for feral pig control.

Feral pigs are, and continue to be, a nuisance to agriculture operations across the State. A prime example is the destruction to agriculture caused by feral pigs on ADC lands in Kalepa, Kauai. An added danger is the trespassing by hunters on State lands as they track the animals. As such, the ADC fully supports the Department of Agriculture in developing and implementing an effective control plan to reduce the populations of feral pigs.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify, and for your consideration of this bill.

Multiple Testifiers:

Francesca Koethe
Luana Beck
Roy Oyama
Charles King
Matt Lyum
Laurie Ho
Frederick Mencher
Jari Sugano
Stephanie Whalen
Dustin Alderks
Daphne Ramsbottom
James Tavares
Roxann Parran
Loreto Obra
Sandi Kato-Klutke
Robert Paull
Donald Sommer
J Ashman
Tane Datta
Clyde Fukuyama
Robert Paull
Donald SOMmer
Bronson Yadao

Aaron Todd
Jeff Tupea
Arumuganatha Swami
Roderick Kanoa
Paul Troy
Sharon Iwasaki
Rodney & Karol Haraguchi
Nicole Correa
Carolynn Lum
Laila Jayyousi
Melvin Kunitake
Randy Cabral
Mark Philipson
Reid Yoshida
Dana Christiansen
Thomas Kafsack
Phil Becker
Sharon Mees
Kiana Young
Daisy Valiente
Joni Kamiya
Kaluna Manoi
Meagan Todd
John Gordines

Dear Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, & members of the committee,

I support SB 1150, SD 1, which appropriates funds to the department of agriculture for feral pig control.

As feral pig populations continue to grow across the state, problems relating to feral pigs have drastically increased, affecting farmers and ranchers. Feral pigs destroy agricultural crops by digging up the soil for food and creating niche spaces for other non-native species. This will be an ongoing problem unless feral pig populations are reduced.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



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February 12, 2019

HEARING BEFORE THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

TESTIMONY ON SB 1150, SD1
RELATING TO AGRICULTURE

Room 211
10:00 AM

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committee:

I am Brian Miyamoto, Executive Director 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 SB 1150, SD1, which appropriates funds to the department of agriculture for feral pig control.

Feral pigs can cause major damage to property, agriculture (crops and livestock), Hawaii's native species and ecosystems, and Hawaii's cultural and historic resources. Feral pigs can also threaten the health of people, wildlife, pets, and other domestic animals. As Hawaii's feral pig populations continue to expand, these damages, costs, and risks will only keep rising.

Feral pigs cause tremendous damage to agriculture, including crops, nursery, livestock, and pasture. They damage crops by consuming them or by their rooting and trampling of crops. They will eat almost any crop. Feral pigs damage pasture grasses, killing desired plant species and often encouraging the growth of undesired weed species. They can also devastate orchards by consuming fruit, citrus, and nuts and their rooting can severely damage, or even kill saplings, shrubs, and vines directly or by facilitating the spread of soil-based fungal diseases. Feral pigs can also break irrigation lines, rip or tear nets, drying racks, and other agricultural structures and equipment.

Hawaii's farmers and ranchers appreciate any effort to help control the feral pig population and the negative impacts that feral pigs have on Hawaii's agriculture industry.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify on this important subject.



**Board of Directors
2018 - 2020**

TESTIMONY FROM BENNETTE MISALUCHA, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

In Support of SB1150, SD1
Relating to the Department of Agriculture

President
Joshua Uyehara

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
February 12, 2019, 10:00 a.m.
Conference Room 211

Vice-President
Warren Mayberry

Secretary
Dawn Bicoy

Chair Dela Cruz and members of the committee:

Treasurer
Laurie Yoshida

The Hawaii Crop Improvement Association (HCIA) is in support of SB1150, SD1 which appropriates funds to the Department of Agriculture to develop an effective control plan for reducing the population of feral pigs statewide.

Directors-at-Large
Alan Takemoto
Adolf Helm
Leslie Campaniano
Dan Clegg
Joshua Uyehara
Warren Mayberry

Feral pigs are a substantial threat to agriculture in Hawaii. Over the years, local farmers have watched as the population of these environmental and agricultural pests have grown. The risk to agricultural crops and livestock is substantial. Invasive feral hogs destroy agriculture crops by digging up the soil for food and creating niche spaces for other non-native species. The requested funding will allow the Department of Agriculture to develop a much-needed control plan to limit the negative impacts produced by these animals.

President Emeritus
Alan Takemoto

HCIA respectfully requests that this committee vote in support of SB1150, SD1 to help local farmers protect their businesses and livelihoods.

Executive Director
Bennette Misalucha

Mahalo for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

Bennette Misalucha
Executive Director, Hawaii Crop Improvement Association

The Hawaii Crop Improvement Association 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.



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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
VOICE OF BUSINESS

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**HEARING BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
HAWAII STATE CAPITOL, SENATE CONFERENCE ROOM 211
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2019 AT 10:00 A.M.**

To The Honorable Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair;
The Honorable Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair; and
Members of Committee on Ways and Means;

**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB 1150 RELATING TO
THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

Aloha, my name is Pamela Tumpap and I am the President of the Maui Chamber of Commerce, with approximately 650 members. I am writing share our support of SB 1150.

Invasive species affect both residents and visitors and are detrimental to our various industries, our ecosystem and our quality of life. Since the closing of HC&S on Maui, feral pigs have become a problem Upcounty and are affecting farmers, businesses, homeowners, and more. We are even starting to see feral pigs on the roadways, which is a danger for drivers. Therefore, we support SB 1150 to appropriate funds to reduce the population of feral pigs.

We appreciate the opportunity to testify on this matter and ask that this bill be passed.

Sincerely,

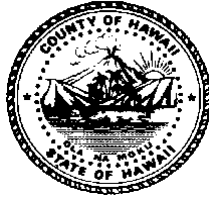
Pamela Tumpap

Pamela Tumpap
President

To advance and promote a healthy economic environment for business, advocating for a responsive government and quality education, while preserving Maui's unique community characteristics.

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February 11, 2019

Senate Committee on Ways and Means

Senator Donovan Dela Cruz, Chair
Senator Gilbert Keith-Agaran, Vice-Chair

**RE: Support for SB1150
relating to Feral Pig Control**

Aloha, Senators:

In 2008, the Department of Agriculture launched a yearlong Feral Pig Control Pilot Project on Hawai'i Island; \$250,000 was allocated for the program that managed a list a of vetted hunters who would trap feral pigs reported on private property. I strongly support SB1150, which would appropriate much needed funds to reduce the feral pig populations. I encourage the DOA to work in partnership with the local hunting community to create and implement the feral pig reduction program.

Thank you for recognizing the threats feral pigs pose. Please support investment in the feral pig issue so we can protect our state's agriculture, environment and economy.

Mahalo nui loa,

Ashley Lehualani Kierkiewicz
Hawai'i County Council, District 4

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Testimony for WAM on 2/12/2019 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dale Sandlin	Testifying for Hawaii Cattlemens Council	Support	No

Comments: