

DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor

JOSH GREEN  
Lt. Governor



PHYLLIS SHIMABUKURO-GEISER  
Chairperson, Board of Agriculture

GLENN K. MURANAKA  
Deputy to the Chairperson

State of Hawaii  
**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**  
1428 South King Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96814-2512  
Phone: (808) 973-9600 FAX: (808) 973-9613

TESTIMONY OF PHYLLIS SHIMABUKURO-GEISER  
CHAIRPERSON, BOARD OF AGRICULTURE

BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

MARCH 28, 2019  
3:00 P.M.  
CONFERENCE ROOM 308

SENATE BILL NO. 1150 SD2  
RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Chairperson Luke and Members of the Committee:

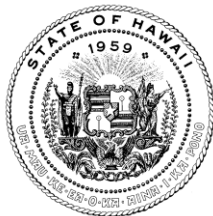
Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony on Senate Bill 1150 SD2 which appropriates funds to the Department to develop an effective control plan for reducing the population of feral pigs statewide. The Department of Agriculture supports the intent of this bill provided it does not impact the 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.



DAVID Y. IGE  
GOVERNOR OF  
HAWAII



**STATE OF HAWAII  
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

POST OFFICE BOX 621  
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96809

**SUZANNE D. CASE**  
CHAIRPERSON  
BOARD OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES  
COMMISSION ON WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

**ROBERT K. MASUDA**  
FIRST DEPUTY

**M. KALEO MANUEL**  
DEPUTY DIRECTOR - WATER

AQUATIC RESOURCES  
BOATING AND OCEAN RECREATION  
BUREAU OF CONVEYANCES  
COMMISSION ON WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT  
CONSERVATION AND COASTAL LANDS  
CONSERVATION AND RESOURCES ENFORCEMENT  
ENGINEERING  
FORESTRY AND WILDLIFE  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION  
KAHOOLAWE ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION  
LAND  
STATE PARKS

**Testimony of  
SUZANNE D. CASE  
Chairperson**

**Before the House Committee on  
FINANCE**

**Thursday, March 28, 2019  
3:00 PM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 308**

**In consideration of  
SENATE BILL 1150, SENATE DRAFT 2  
RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

Senate Bill 1150, Senate Draft 2 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.

**SB-1150-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/27/2019 1:50:33 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/28/2019 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
HERBERT M. "TIM" RICHARDS, III	Hawaii County Council	Support	No

Comments:



March 25, 2019

Representative Sylvia J. Luke, Chair  
Representative Ty J.K. Cullen, Vice-Chair  
House Committee on Finance

**Support of SB 1150, SD2 Relating to the Department of Agriculture (DOA)  
(Appropriates funds to the DOA for feral pig control.)**

**Thursday, March 28, 2019, at 3:00 p.m., in Conference Room 308**

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, SD2.**

**SB 1150, SD2.** 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, SD2 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 the establishment and operation 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, SD2** and respectfully urges your favorable consideration.

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



P.O. Box 253, Kunia, Hawai'i 96759  
Phone: (808) 848-2074; Fax: (808) 848-1921  
e-mail [info@hfbf.org](mailto:info@hfbf.org); [www.hfbf.org](http://www.hfbf.org)

March 28, 2019

HEARING BEFORE THE  
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

**TESTIMONY ON SB 1150, SD2**  
RELATING TO AGRICULTURE

Room 308  
3:00 PM

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen, 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, SD2**, 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.

**SB-1150-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/27/2019 10:49:30 AM

Testimony for FIN on 3/28/2019 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Warren Watanabe	Maui County Farm Bureau	Support	No

Comments:



PO BOX 1206  
Kekaha, HI 96752  
[Kaniwildlifecontrol@outlook.com](mailto:Kaniwildlifecontrol@outlook.com)  
(808)754-3960

## Senate Bill 1150 - Notice of Support

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen & members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony relating to SB1150.

We sincerely ask for your support of SB1150. Although protecting agriculture is a pillar of our business, we support this measure which can mitigate agricultural yield reduction and resource loss and thus protect the agricultural sustainability of Hawaii.

We fully support funding for this measure as we see first hand the negative impacts that feral hogs have on agriculture. Please support SB1150.

Mahalo for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Janoah Young". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline.

Janoah Young  
Owner



**SB-1150-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/26/2019 5:53:54 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/28/2019 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
bruce corker	Rancho Aloha	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Chair Luke and Committee Members:

I am a coffee and avocado farmer in Holualoa, Hawaii County, and testify in support of HB1150.

Feral pig damage to farms in Holualoa the past two years has been worse than at any point in the last 20 years—and it is getting worse. Depending on the amount of resources dedicated to addressing the problem, HB1150 would be a step in the right direction.

A suggestion: add a provision requiring the Hawaii Department of Agriculture to submit a written report to the House and Senate Agriculture Committees, and to issue the report with a press release to state media outlets, describing how these resources were used during the preceding fiscal year and describing measurable indicators of success or lack of success—the report to be submitted within 60 days of the end of each fiscal year for which the funds are appropriated.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony,

Bruce Corker

Rancho Aloha

**SB-1150-SD-2**

Submitted on: 3/26/2019 4:56:14 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/28/2019 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Glenn shinsato	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

As a retired hog farmer, I understand the real threat that feral hogs pose to the livestock producers. The feral hog population is a reservoir for diseases that have the possibility to decimate commercial herds.

The feral hog may be a game animal to some or one of the wild creatures of nature to others, but to a livestock producer it is a threat to food production and food security.

Thank You

FIN-Jo

---

From: Tane Datta <adaptations@igc.org>  
Sent: Tuesday, March 26, 2019 5:36 PM  
To: FINtestimony  
Subject: I Support SB 1150, SD 2

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen & members of the committee,

I support SB 1150, SD 2, 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.

I live in Honaunau and herds as large as 15 regularly upturn many things on my farm including new plantings. My daughter lives in Captain Cook and had to pay a lot to fence in her property to make it safe for her young children. Right next to our main grocery store and Post Office, we sometimes have to wait for 10 or more large pigs to cross the road before we can go. It is far to large a problem for private landowners to fence here and there

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

Mahalo!

FIN-Jo

---

From: Valerie Kaneshiro <valeriekaneshiro@mac.com>  
Sent: Tuesday, March 26, 2019 2:11 PM  
To: FINtestimony  
Subject: I Support SB 1150, SD 2

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen & members of the committee,

I support SB 1150, SD 2, which appropriates funds to the department of agriculture for feral pig control.

As one who farms hogs, I'm constantly hearing from people who want to use our domestic bloodlines to mix with the feral pigs. They want the feral pigs to be bigger, and meatier— which means they would grow faster and be even more destructive. Many of these guys want the ferals to be a bigger, more prolific hunting challenge. Some are charging tourists to take them hunting. It's common practice to feed the feral pigs. Many of our own friends and relatives can't see how feeding them only makes them healthier and proliferates the problem. Feral pigs are a growing menace to agriculture, landowners, and the environment in many ways. I suggest an easy first way to address the growing menace is public education in the form of PSAs. Get the word out. Stop feeding feral pigs!

Thank you for your support!

FIN-Jo

---

From: Roy Oyama <royamafarm@gmail.com>  
Sent: Tuesday, March 26, 2019 1:18 PM  
To: FINtestimony  
Subject: I Support SB 1150, SD 2

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen & members of the committee,

I support SB 1150, SD 2, which appropriates funds to the department of agriculture for feral pig control.

Also reambersment to equipment in field control control such as electric fencing installation of 20 percent rebate receipt submittance.

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.

Mahalo!

FIN-Jo

---

From: Kaniela Young <kaniwildlifecontrol@outlook.com>  
Sent: Tuesday, March 26, 2019 11:53 AM  
To: FINtestimony  
Subject: I Support SB 1150, SD 2

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen & members of the committee,

I support SB 1150, SD 2, which appropriates funds to the department of agriculture for feral pig control.

As owner/operator of a family owned wildlife control business on the island of Kauai, fielding and addressing numerous calls and complaints on a weekly basis regarding feral hog nuisance on residential, commercial, and agricultural properties, I highly support SB 1150 and commend those who introduced this extremely necessary and long overdue bill for the state of Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

Mahalo!

From: Donald Hartung <don.hartung@hartungbrothers.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, March 27, 2019 9:04 AM  
To: FINtestimony  
Subject: I Support SB 1150, SD 2

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen & members of the committee,

I support SB 1150, SD 2, 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.

Mahalo!

From: Barry Kim <kimn001@hawaii.rr.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, March 27, 2019 6:19 AM  
To: FINtestimony  
Subject: I Support SB 1150, SD 2

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen & members of the committee,

I support SB 1150, SD 2, 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.

Mahalo!



FIN-Jo

---

From: Donald Hartung <don.hartung@hartungbrothers.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, March 27, 2019 9:04 AM  
To: FINtestimony  
Subject: I Support SB 1150, SD 2

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen & members of the committee,

I support SB 1150, SD 2, 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.

Mahalo!

FIN-Jo

---

From: Barry Kim <kimn001@hawaii.rr.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, March 27, 2019 6:19 AM  
To: FINtestimony  
Subject: I Support SB 1150, SD 2

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen & members of the committee,

I support SB 1150, SD 2, 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.

Mahalo!

FIN-Jo

---

From: Lorie Obra <lorie@rustyshawaiian.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, March 27, 2019 5:49 AM  
To: FINtestimony  
Subject: I Support SB 1150, SD 2

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen & members of the committee,

I support SB 1150, SD 2, 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.

Mahalo!

FIN-Jo

---

From: Melvin Matsuda <melvin@kahukubrand.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, March 27, 2019 4:33 AM  
To: FINtestimony  
Subject: I Support SB 1150, SD 2

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen & members of the committee,

I support SB 1150, SD 2, 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.

Mahalo!

FIN-Jo

---

From: Kaluna Manoi <kalunamanoi@gmail.com>  
Sent: Tuesday, March 26, 2019 8:31 PM  
To: FINtestimony  
Subject: I Support SB 1150, SD 2

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen & members of the committee,

I support SB 1150, SD 2, 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.

Mahalo!

FIN-Jo

---

From: Frederick Mencher <fmencher@hawaii.rr.com>  
Sent: Tuesday, March 26, 2019 8:29 PM  
To: FINtestimony  
Subject: I Support SB 1150, SD 2

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen & members of the committee,

I support SB 1150, SD 2, 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.

Mahalo!

FIN-Jo

---

From: Jennifer Robinson <ms.jenrose@gmail.com>  
Sent: Tuesday, March 26, 2019 5:09 PM  
To: FINtestimony  
Subject: I Support SB 1150, SD 2

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen & members of the committee,

I support SB 1150, SD 2, 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.

Mahalo!

FIN-Jo

---

From: Kiana Young <kypulelehua@gmail.com>  
Sent: Tuesday, March 26, 2019 4:09 PM  
To: FINtestimony  
Subject: I Support SB 1150, SD 2

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen & members of the committee,

I support SB 1150, SD 2, 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.

Mahalo!



FIN-Jo

---

From: Llewelyn Young <llewelynyoung@gmail.com>  
Sent: Tuesday, March 26, 2019 3:55 PM  
To: FINtestimony  
Subject: I Support SB 1150, SD 2

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen & members of the committee,

I support SB 1150, SD 2, 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.

Mahalo!

FIN-Jo

---

From: Roderick Kanoa <rkonoa36@gmail.com>  
Sent: Tuesday, March 26, 2019 3:46 PM  
To: FINtestimony  
Subject: I Support SB 1150, SD 2

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen & members of the committee,

I support SB 1150, SD 2, 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.

Mahalo!

FIN-Jo

---

From: MELISSA MONCATA <lucky\_star96734@yahoo.com>  
Sent: Tuesday, March 26, 2019 2:39 PM  
To: FINtestimony  
Subject: I Support SB 1150, SD 2

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen & members of the committee,

I support SB 1150, SD 2, 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.

Mahalo!

FIN-Jo

---

From: Francis Mission <bully\_77@mail.com>  
Sent: Tuesday, March 26, 2019 2:26 PM  
To: FINtestimony  
Subject: I Support SB 1150, SD 2

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen & members of the committee,

I support SB 1150, SD 2, 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.

Mahalo!

FIN-Jo

---

From: Fred Oligo <fred.oligo@hartungbrothers.com>  
Sent: Tuesday, March 26, 2019 2:25 PM  
To: FINtestimony  
Subject: I Support SB 1150, SD 2

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen & members of the committee,

I support SB 1150, SD 2, 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.

Mahalo!

FIN-Jo

---

From: Pamela Takamiyashiro <pamtaka14@gmail.com>  
Sent: Tuesday, March 26, 2019 1:55 PM  
To: FINtestimony  
Subject: I Support SB 1150, SD 2

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen & members of the committee,

I support SB 1150, SD 2, 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.

Mahalo!

FIN-Jo

---

From: Mark Willman <mkwill2017@gmail.com>  
Sent: Tuesday, March 26, 2019 1:46 PM  
To: FINtestimony  
Subject: I Support SB 1150, SD 2

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen & members of the committee,

I support SB 1150, SD 2, 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.

Mahalo!

FIN-Jo

---

From: Robert Paull <robertepaull@gmail.com>  
Sent: Tuesday, March 26, 2019 1:42 PM  
To: FINtestimony  
Subject: I Support SB 1150, SD 2

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen & members of the committee,

I support SB 1150, SD 2, 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.

Mahalo!



FIN-Jo

---

From: Rodney/Karol Haraguchi <karol@haraguchiricemill.org>  
Sent: Tuesday, March 26, 2019 12:17 PM  
To: FINtestimony  
Subject: I Support SB 1150, SD 2

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen & members of the committee,

I support SB 1150, SD 2, 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.

Mahalo!

FIN-Jo

---

From: Stephanie Mock <stephanie.k.mock@gmail.com>  
Sent: Tuesday, March 26, 2019 12:06 PM  
To: FINtestimony  
Subject: I Support SB 1150, SD 2

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen & members of the committee,

I support SB 1150, SD 2, 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.

Mahalo!

FIN-Jo

---

From: Eric Yamanaka <yamanakae002@hawaii.rr.com>  
Sent: Tuesday, March 26, 2019 12:04 PM  
To: FINtestimony  
Subject: I Support SB 1150, SD 2

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen & members of the committee,

I support SB 1150, SD 2, 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.

Mahalo!

FIN-Jo

---

From: Leann Lum <mauiflorist@yahoo.com>  
Sent: Tuesday, March 26, 2019 11:58 AM  
To: FINtestimony  
Subject: I Support SB 1150, SD 2

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen & members of the committee,

I support SB 1150, SD 2, 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.

Mahalo!

FIN-Jo

---

From: Justin Cadiz <justin.cadiz16@gmail.com>  
Sent: Tuesday, March 26, 2019 11:50 AM  
To: FINtestimony  
Subject: I Support SB 1150, SD 2

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen & members of the committee,

I support SB 1150, SD 2, 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.

Mahalo!

FIN-Jo

---

From: Joni Kamiya <jonikamiya@gmail.com>  
Sent: Tuesday, March 26, 2019 11:29 AM  
To: FINtestimony  
Subject: I Support SB 1150, SD 2

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen & members of the committee,

I support SB 1150, SD 2, 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.

Mahalo!

FIN-Jo

---

From: James Tavares <tavaresjam@gmail.com>  
Sent: Tuesday, March 26, 2019 11:16 AM  
To: FINtestimony  
Subject: I Support SB 1150, SD 2

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen & members of the committee,

I support SB 1150, SD 2, 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.

Mahalo!

FIN-Jo

---

From: David Rietow <david@agroresources.com>  
Sent: Tuesday, March 26, 2019 11:03 AM  
To: FINtestimony  
Subject: I Support SB 1150, SD 2

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen & members of the committee,

I support SB 1150, SD 2, 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.

Mahalo!



FIN-Jo

---

From: John Gordines <gordines@kauaiflowers.com>  
Sent: Tuesday, March 26, 2019 10:39 AM  
To: FINtestimony  
Subject: I Support SB 1150, SD 2

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen & members of the committee,

I support SB 1150, SD 2, 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.

Mahalo!

FIN-Jo

---

From: Francis Takahashi <francist@hawaii.edu>  
Sent: Tuesday, March 26, 2019 10:31 AM  
To: FINtestimony  
Subject: I Support SB 1150, SD 2

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen & members of the committee,

I support SB 1150, SD 2, 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.

Mahalo!

FIN-Jo

---

From: Winifred Marcos <w1n1marc@gmail.com>  
Sent: Tuesday, March 26, 2019 10:28 AM  
To: FINtestimony  
Subject: I Support SB 1150, SD 2

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen & members of the committee,

I support SB 1150, SD 2, 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.

Mahalo!

FIN-Jo

---

From: Sylvia Smith <dsmith013@hawaii.rr.com>  
Sent: Tuesday, March 26, 2019 10:24 AM  
To: FINtestimony  
Subject: I Support SB 1150, SD 2

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen & members of the committee,

I support SB 1150, SD 2, 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.

Mahalo!

FIN-Jo

---

From: Nicole Correa <doubledfarmandranch@gmail.com>  
Sent: Tuesday, March 26, 2019 10:19 AM  
To: FINtestimony  
Subject: I Support SB 1150, SD 2

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen & members of the committee,

I support SB 1150, SD 2, 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.

Mahalo!

FIN-Jo

---

From: Patty Martin <martinc007@hawaii.rr.com>  
Sent: Tuesday, March 26, 2019 10:10 AM  
To: FINtestimony  
Subject: I Support SB 1150, SD 2

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen & members of the committee,

I support SB 1150, SD 2, 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.

Mahalo!

FIN-Jo

---

From: James Hartung <james.hartung@hartungbrothers.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, March 27, 2019 10:07 AM  
To: FINtestimony  
Subject: I Support SB 1150, SD 2

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen & members of the committee,

I support SB 1150, SD 2, 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.

Mahalo!

**LATE**

From: Steven Hartung <steve.hartung@hartungbrothers.com>  
Sent: Thursday, March 28, 2019 5:31 AM  
To: FINtestimony  
Subject: I Support SB 1150, SD 2

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen & members of the committee,

I support SB 1150, SD 2, 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.

Mahalo!





From: Aileen Yeh <akfwyeh@gmail.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, March 27, 2019 8:34 PM  
To: FINtestimony  
Subject: I Support SB 1150, SD 2

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen & members of the committee,

I support SB 1150, SD 2, 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.

Mahalo!

From: MICHAEL Faye <kekahaagassociation@gmail.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, March 27, 2019 7:40 PM  
To: FINtestimony  
Subject: I Support SB 1150, SD 2

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen & members of the committee,

I support SB 1150, SD 2, 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.

Mahalo!



**MAUI**  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
VOICE OF BUSINESS

**LATE**

**HEARING BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE  
HAWAII STATE CAPITOL, HOUSE CONFERENCE ROOM 308  
THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 2019 AT 3:00 P.M.**

To The Honorable Sylvia Luke, Chair;  
The Honorable Ty J.K. Cullen, Vice Chair; and  
Members of the Committee on Finance;

**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 Upcountry 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.