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**TESTIMONY OF PHYLLIS SHIMABUKURO-GEISER
CHAIRPERSON, BOARD OF AGRICULTURE**

BEFORE THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

**FEBRUARY 24, 2020
11:00 A.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 312**

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1654 HD2
RELATING TO AGRICULTURE**

Chairperson Luke and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Bill 1654 HD2, relating to feral swine control. The bill proposes to appropriate funds to the Department of Agriculture for fiscal year 2020-2021 for feral pig control, including: grants for fencing; grants for corral traps; and a program to reduce feral pig populations.

The department supports the bill's intent to provide funds for feral swine control and provides the following comments: Article VII, section 4, of the State Constitution provides that no grant of public money or property shall be made except pursuant to standards provided by law. Therefore, because this bill does not include any standards by which these grants shall be made, the DOA will not be able to expend the funds appropriated should this measure be enacted. We suggest deleting the word "grants for" in lines 5 and 6 of the bill, in order to allow the DOA to expend the funds for fencing and corral traps (just not in the form of grants).

Fencing and trapping are useful means to reduce the effects of feral swine on farms. The most effective use of these control measures is when they are integrated into a



focused control program. Design of a control program to reduce feral swine populations is best directed by other agencies such as DLNR and USDA APHIS Wildlife Services that have extensive experience with design and managing feral swine control programs. The Department notes that a similar measure, SB2719 SD1, funds to the Department of Agriculture to work in collaboration with the Department of Land and Natural Resources to increase feral pig control.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



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February 24, 2020

HEARING BEFORE THE
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

TESTIMONY ON HB 1654, HD2
RELATING TO AGRICULTURE

Room 308
11:00 AM

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 1,800 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 HB 1654, HD2, 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.

HB-1654-HD-2

Submitted on: 2/21/2020 4:29:56 PM

Testimony for FIN on 2/24/2020 11:00:00 AM

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

Comments:



HAWAII CROP IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

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TESTIMONY FROM THE HAWAII CROP IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

In Support of HB1654
RELATING TO AGRICULTURE

House Committee on Finance
Monday, 02-24-20 11:00 AM
House conference room 308

Chair Luke, Vice-Chair Cullen, and members of the committee:

The Hawaii Crop Improvement Association (HCIA) is in support of HB1654, which would appropriate funds to the Department of Agriculture for feral pig control.

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 has grown and extended beyond the wild and into urban areas.

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 and implement a much-needed control plan to limit the negative impacts produced by these animals.

HCIA respectfully requests that this committee vote in support of HB1654 to help local farmers protect their businesses and livelihoods.

Mahalo for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

Emmanuel Zibakalam
Program 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.

HB-1654-HD-2

Submitted on: 2/21/2020 3:51:06 PM

Testimony for FIN on 2/24/2020 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Daniel Nellis	Dole Food Co. Hawaii	Support	No

Comments:

I am Daniel Nellis, General Manager of Dole Food Co. Hawaii. Dole is in support of this bill. Feral pigs are more than just a nuisance for farmers. They destroy crops, including Dole pineapple, and introduce more invasive weeds to the farm. The most costly damage from pigs is the food safety audit failures which will occur if wildlife control measures are evaluated as ineffective by the auditor. Failed audits means no sale of product. An effective control program by Dept of Ag as funded by this bill will be an excellent benefit to Hawaii's agricultural economy and to Hawaii's ability to be food secure.

Thank you.

HB-1654-HD-2

Submitted on: 2/23/2020 10:24:13 AM

Testimony for FIN on 2/24/2020 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Nicole K Galase	Hawaii Cattlemen's Council	Support	No

Comments:

HB-1654-HD-2

Submitted on: 2/22/2020 9:59:34 PM

Testimony for FIN on 2/24/2020 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ann Attenasio	CITO Farm	Support	No

Comments:

I support feral pig control measures, especially in areas where hunting is prohibited. Feral pigs damage crops and pose sanitation issues, especially around harvest times.

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HB1654hd2, Relating to Agriculture
Hse FIN Hearing
Monday, February 24, 2020 -Agenda 1
11:00 am
Conference Room 308

Testimony by: Larry Jeffs
Position: Support

Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen, and Members of the House FIN Committee:

I am Larry Jeffs, owner and operator of Larry Jeffs Farms, LLC, which is part of our family-run business of farms on Oahu and Molokai, under the administrative umbrella of Sugarland Growers, Inc. We have more than 35 years of Hawaii farm experience on Molokai and Oahu. I am a volunteer director for the West Oahu Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD).

Feral pigs have gotten out of control, moving from forests to agricultural lands and urban areas as they seek food. Through their aggressive rooting for food, almost all aspects of agriculture are destroyed, from crops, pasture grasses, trees and shrubbery, to the tearing up of irrigation lines, nets, and other agricultural structures. The damage to soil and root systems opens the way for bacterial and fungal infection of plants.

Clearly, funds are needed for the control of feral pigs. Please support HB1654hd2.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.

HB-1654-HD-2

Submitted on: 2/22/2020 1:52:36 PM

Testimony for FIN on 2/24/2020 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Keith	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

From: [Susan Cabral](#)
To: [FINtestimony](#)
Subject: I support HB1654 HD2
Date: Friday, February 21, 2020 4:20:04 PM

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Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony!

Mahalo!

Sincerely,

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From: [Randy Cabral](#)
To: [FINtestimony](#)
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Date: Friday, February 21, 2020 4:10:05 PM

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Mahalo!

Sincerely,

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From: [Laurie Yoshida](#)
To: [FINtestimony](#)
Subject: I support HB1654 HD2
Date: Friday, February 21, 2020 4:00:14 PM

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Mahalo!

Sincerely,

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From: [Alika Napier](#)
To: [FINtestimony](#)
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Mahalo!

Sincerely,

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From: [Eric Allen](#)
To: [FINtestimony](#)
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Mahalo!

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From: [Robert Main](#)
To: [FINtestimony](#)
Subject: I support HB1654 HD2
Date: Friday, February 21, 2020 4:00:11 PM

Dear Chairwoman Luke,

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice-Chair Cullen, and members of the committee,

As a Coffee farmer in Holualoa, feral pigs have created unsafe and dangerous working conditions within my orchard to the point the entire property had to be fenced, and then that fence had to be reinforced to prevent them from digging under. Before that immeasurable hours were spent repairing the damage to coffee trees and the walking paths. There needs to be more done to cull these invasive pests from agricultural areas where hunting is not feasible. I here by support HB1654 HD2, appropriates funds to the Department of Agriculture for feral pig control.

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Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony!

Mahalo!

Sincerely,

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From: [Alan Gottlieb](#)
To: [FINtestimony](#)
Subject: I support HB1654 HD2
Date: Friday, February 21, 2020 3:50:06 PM

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Mahalo!

Sincerely,

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From: [Kylie Matsuda-Lum](#)
To: [FINtestimony](#)
Subject: I support HB1654 HD2
Date: Friday, February 21, 2020 3:50:05 PM

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Mahalo!

Sincerely,

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From: [Megan Kono](#)
To: [FINtestimony](#)
Subject: I support HB1654 HD2
Date: Friday, February 21, 2020 3:40:08 PM

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Mahalo!

Sincerely,

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From: [Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Takamiyashiro](#)
To: [FINtestimony](#)
Subject: I support HB1654 HD2
Date: Friday, February 21, 2020 3:40:04 PM

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Sincerely,

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From: [Dexter Jacinto](#)
To: [FINtestimony](#)
Subject: I support HB1654 HD2
Date: Friday, February 21, 2020 4:30:05 PM

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Sincerely,

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From: [Robert Main](#)
To: [FINtestimony](#)
Subject: I support HB2035 HD1
Date: Friday, February 21, 2020 4:30:05 PM

Dear Chairwoman Luke,

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice-Chair Cullen, and members of the committee,

I support HB2035 HD1, which requires DLNR to transfer to DOA specified non-agricultural park lands by a specified deadline. It also clarifies the care and production of pasture land constitutes an "agricultural activity".

This bill reinforces Act 90, enacted 2003, which authorizes the transfer of certain non-agricultural park lands from DLNR to DOA. Farmers and ranchers have been waiting 17 years for the transfer of their leases and believe the management of their lease within DOA is best suited for their operations.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Mahalo!

Sincerely,

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From: [Stephen Stefanko](#)
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Sincerely,

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From: [Joni Kamiya](#)
To: [FINtestimony](#)
Subject: I support HB1654 HD2
Date: Friday, February 21, 2020 5:10:04 PM

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Sincerely,

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From: [Jim Bates](#)
To: [FINtestimony](#)
Subject: I support HB1654 HD2
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Sincerely,

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From: [Robert Morris](#)
To: [FINtestimony](#)
Subject: I support HB1654 HD2
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From: [Alvin Tsuruda](#)
To: [FINtestimony](#)
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Sincerely,

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From: [Donald Lau](#)
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Sincerely,

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From: [Sandi Kato-Klutke](#)
To: [FINtestimony](#)
Subject: I support HB1654 HD2
Date: Friday, February 21, 2020 7:20:03 PM

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Sincerely,

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From: [PHIL BECKER](#)
To: [FINtestimony](#)
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Date: Friday, February 21, 2020 7:10:04 PM

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From: [Jerry Nishek](#)
To: [FINtestimony](#)
Subject: I support HB1654 HD2
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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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From: [John Gordines](#)
To: [FINtestimony](#)
Subject: I support HB1654 HD2
Date: Sunday, February 23, 2020 12:40:04 PM

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From: [Melvin Matsuda](#)
To: [FINtestimony](#)
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Mahalo!

Sincerely,

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From: [Aaron Moeller](#)
To: [FINtestimony](#)
Subject: I support HB1654 HD2
Date: Sunday, February 23, 2020 9:20:02 AM

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Mahalo!

Sincerely,

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From: [Robert Paull](#)
To: [FINtestimony](#)
Subject: I support HB1654 HD2
Date: Sunday, February 23, 2020 9:00:09 AM

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Mahalo!

Sincerely,

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From: [Antje Kersten-Gardner](#)
To: [FINtestimony](#)
Subject: I support HB1654 HD2
Date: Sunday, February 23, 2020 8:10:05 AM

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Sincerely,

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From: [County Farm Bureau](#)
To: [FINtestimony](#)
Subject: I support HB1654 HD2
Date: Sunday, February 23, 2020 7:30:08 AM

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Mahalo!

Sincerely,

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From: [LUANA BECK](#)
To: [FINtestimony](#)
Subject: I support HB1654 HD2
Date: Saturday, February 22, 2020 10:20:04 PM

Dear Chairwoman Luke,

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Sincerely,

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From: [Justin Cadiz](#)
To: [FINtestimony](#)
Subject: I support HB1654 HD2
Date: Saturday, February 22, 2020 4:20:06 PM

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Sincerely,

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From: [Verna Eguires](#)
To: [FINtestimony](#)
Subject: I support HB1654 HD2
Date: Saturday, February 22, 2020 9:20:03 AM

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Sincerely,

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From: [Philippe Visintainer](#)
To: [FINtestimony](#)
Subject: I support HB1654 HD2
Date: Saturday, February 22, 2020 8:50:03 AM

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Sincerely,

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From: [Brad Seymour](#)
To: [FINtestimony](#)
Subject: I support HB1654 HD2
Date: Saturday, February 22, 2020 7:40:08 AM

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From: [MARIO GAGGERO](#)
To: [FINtestimony](#)
Subject: I support HB1654 HD2
Date: Saturday, February 22, 2020 2:50:04 AM

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Mahalo!

Sincerely,

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From: [Caroline Wong](#)
To: [FINtestimony](#)
Subject: I support HB1654 HD2
Date: Friday, February 21, 2020 10:50:05 PM

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Sincerely,

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From: [Guy Ward](#)
To: [FINtestimony](#)
Subject: I support HB1654 HD2
Date: Friday, February 21, 2020 10:30:07 PM

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Sincerely,

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From: [Frederick Mencher](#)
To: [FINtestimony](#)
Subject: I support HB1654 HD2
Date: Friday, February 21, 2020 10:00:03 PM

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From: [James Tavares](#)
To: [FINtestimony](#)
Subject: I support HB1654 HD2
Date: Friday, February 21, 2020 9:10:03 PM

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Mahalo!

Sincerely,

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From: [John Giblin](#)
To: [FINtestimony](#)
Subject: I support HB1654 HD2
Date: Friday, February 21, 2020 9:10:03 PM

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Sincerely,

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From: [Richard Ogoshi](#)
To: [FINtestimony](#)
Subject: I support HB1654 HD2
Date: Friday, February 21, 2020 8:50:05 PM

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LATE

From: tyler_yonemori
To: [FINtestimony](#)
Subject: I support HB1654 HD2
Date: Monday, February 24, 2020 7:30:13 AM

Dear Chairwoman Luke,

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From: [James Gomes](#)
To: [FINtestimony](#)
Subject: I support HB1654 HD2
Date: Monday, February 24, 2020 9:30:08 AM

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From: [Diane Chuensanguansat](#)
To: [FINtestimony](#)
Subject: I support HB1654 HD2
Date: Monday, February 24, 2020 7:40:08 AM

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