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TESTIMONY OF PHYLLIS SHIMABUKURO-GEISER
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BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

JANUARY 29, 2020
8:30 A.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 312

HOUSE BILL NO. 1898
RELATING TO LIVESTOCK TRANSPORTATION

Chairperson Creagan and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Bill 1898, relating to livestock transportation. House Bill 1898 proposes to amend HRS 141-2 that requires the Department of Agriculture to adopt rules that regulate the welfare of livestock being transported to, from or between any island in the State by sea vessel; provided that any rule governing the welfare of livestock shall be consistent with Code 9 of the Federal Regulations Part 91.

The department does not support HB 1898. HRS 141-2 regulates and safeguards the State's plant industries and flora and promotes Hawaii's plant industries. Therefore, amending HRS 141-2 is not appropriate. Furthermore, 9 Code of Federal Regulations Part 91 regulates the international shipment of livestock to and from the United States. No other State in the nation is subject to these regulations when transporting their livestock and poultry interstate and intrastate. These regulations would place added costs and burdens on Hawaii's livestock industries and add stress to the livestock from additional handling and inspections the federal regulations require. Due to the need to utilize high cost ocean and air transportation to move animals and products to markets, Hawaii's livestock industries are already at a significant economic



disadvantage. Additional resources in funding for positions and operations will also be necessary to accomplish the inspections contained in the proposed regulations.

HRS 142-2, is primarily focused on preventing, controlling and eradicating diseases of domestic animals. The department believes HRS 142-2 currently contains language which may allow the department to adopt rules to require any vessel, aircraft and vehicle carrying animals into or within the State to report on the number and class of animals carried, names of owners and consignees, origin and destination, the manner of handling the animals, the number and cause of any injuries or death occurring, and other matters which may be deemed necessary by the department for a comprehensive record of the shipping and handling of animals. Furthermore, the department believes that monitoring these criteria will allow recognition of acceptable livestock shipping parameters thereby allowing the department to investigate and work with producers and shippers to take corrective measures that ensure the wellbeing of livestock being transported.

The department will commence amending administrative rules pertaining to the various species of livestock it regulates containing sections pertaining to the responsibilities of the carriers of livestock. During the public hearing process the division will be seeking input from the various livestock industries, livestock shippers and others with concerns and interest.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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January 28, 2020

TO: Honorable Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite and
Members of the Committee

FROM: Yuki Lei K. Sugimura
Councilmember, Upcountry Maui

DATE: January 29, 2020

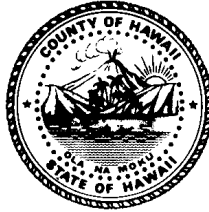
SUBJECT: **HB 1898 RELATING TO LIVESTOCK
TRANSPORTATION**

I agree with the intent of HB 1898, addressing the welfare of livestock during transportation. I am in support of the position of the Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, requesting a deferral at this time.

I understand that the Cattlemen are in conversation with the affected parties to develop a pragmatic solution.

Please **defer** this measure to give parties an opportunity to resolve this issue. Thank you for this opportunity to provide my opinion on this matter important to our ranchers on Maui.

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January 28, 2020

House Committee on Agriculture
Honorable Representative Richard P. Creagan, Chair
Honorable Representative Lynn DeCoite, Vice Chair
Submission via online testimony

RE: Opposition of HB 1898
Hearing Date/Time: January 29, 2020 at 8:30 a.m.

Dear Representatives:

My name is Herbert M. "Tim" Richards, III, DVM. I am a rancher and livestock veterinarian with over 35 years of livestock medicine here in Hawai'i. With my experience and background I have authored or co-authored many of the best management practices used in our state shipping protocols for air and ocean transportation of livestock.

The American Association of Bovine Practitioners (AABP) is a professional organization representing some 6,000 cattle veterinarians with membership in Canada and overseas. In August 2019 its Animal Welfare Committee adopted a Transportation and Fitness recommendation/best management practices policy for the transportation of cattle. I am a member of AABP and have co-authored the portion concerning cattle destined for ocean and air transportation. Additionally, I have co-authored and implemented many of the standard shipping practices in the Hawai'i livestock industry that we use today. These protocols have also been reviewed and accepted by the world-renowned Dr. Temple Grandin as being humane.

I am currently a sitting County Councilman for the County of Hawai'i chairing the Committee on Agriculture, Water, Energy and Environmental Management. I support all forms of agriculture.

I oppose House Bill 1898 for several reasons:

1. Concerns raised by this bill are not unknown or ignored by the industry and have been being attended to and resolved for well over 25 years. A great deal of scientific work has been done to explore and refine the protocols. Further regulation is unwarranted.

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Honorable Representative Richard P. Creagan, Chair
Honorable Representative Lynn DeCoite, Vice Chair
Opposition of HB 1898 – Page 2

2. I understand that currently under HRS 142-2 the authority for Department of Agriculture already exists for rulemaking. The process for reviewing these administrative rules has already begun and is moving forward.
3. Some of the provisions within the bill would put overburdensome requirements upon the animal industries while not actually accomplishing any benefit for those animals.
4. Animal industries are already watchful and stewarding the needs of the animals in its care. Further regulation is unwarranted.

Please feel free to contact me should you need to discuss my position and knowledge of this matter further.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Herb M. Richards III". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized initial "H" at the end.

HERBERT M. "TIM" RICHARDS, III
Hawai'i County Council, District 9

xc: Aaron S. Y. Chung, Chair – Hawai'i County Council



Animal Welfare Institute

900 Pennsylvania Avenue, SE, Washington, DC 20003

To: The Honorable Richard P. Cregan, Chairman
House Committee on Agriculture

From: Dena Jones, M.S., Director, Farm Animal Program
Animal Welfare Institute

Subject: **HB1898, Bill Relating to Livestock Transportation**

Hearing: Wednesday, January 29, 2020, 8:30 PM
Conference Room 312, State Capitol

Thank you for the opportunity to testify today in support of HB1898, which requires the Hawai'i Department of Agriculture to adopt rules for the care of livestock transported to, from, or between the islands of Hawai'i. The Animal Welfare Institute, founded in 1951 and headquartered in Washington DC, is dedicated to reducing animal suffering and advancing the welfare of all animals, including those raised for food. As part of our mission we work to improve conditions for farm animals, including during transport.

The Animal Welfare Institute strongly supports HB1898, a modest measure which if adopted would provide needed protections to farm animals during transportation. Currently, there are no regulations governing the care of livestock transported between the islands and from Hawai'i to the mainland. A tragic incident last November highlights the need for the regulations. Twenty-one cattle died while being transported on a barge from Honolulu to Kauai. Prior to departure, the Department of Agriculture veterinarians inspected the animals for parasites and diseases, but did not ensure the conditions on the vessel were suitable for the humane transport of the animals. Unfortunately, the containers holding the animals were placed too closely together, limiting ventilation and causing the cattle to slowly die of suffocation during their journey to Kauai. The hours of suffering endured by these animals, which eventually led to their deaths, is unacceptable and preventable.

HB1898 offers a framework based on the federal government's international animal export regulations, and would improve the care of animals transported by sea and prevent similar types of incidents as the one noted above. These basic provisions provide for access to food and water, proper ventilation, care for sick animals, and other requirements to make sure the vessels are suitable for transporting animals. These requirements ensure that animals do not suffer or die from preventable causes, like the twenty-one cattle who did last November. The bill also gives the Department of Agriculture the flexibility to provide for unique circumstances that exist for shipments involving Hawai'i. Finally, because the Department typically inspects for parasites and diseases at present, only a modest amount of resources investment would be necessary, as inspectors are already making inspections prior to transport. The measure would merely broaden this oversight.

Animals traveling from Hawai'i to destinations like California face journeys of over 2,000 miles, and need basic care. As we have recently seen, even animals traveling short distances can be faced with disaster. With the passage of this bill, Hawai'i would hold a unique position of being the nation's leader in ensuring animals transported by sea vessel are properly cared for. We respectfully request that you support HB1898. Thank you for your consideration.



Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Inc.

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE
Rep. Richard P. Creagan, Chair
Rep. Lynn DeCoite, Vice Chair

HB1898

Requires the Department of Agriculture to adopt rules to protect the welfare of livestock transported to, from, or between any island of Hawaii. Requires the department to adopt interim rules.

Wednesday, January 29, 2020, 8:30 am.
Conference Room 312, State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

Chair Creagan, Vice Chair Decoite, and members of the Committee on Agriculture,

My name is Nicole Galase and I am the Managing Director for the Hawaii Cattlemen's Council. We are writing to oppose HB1898 relating to livestock transportation, as this issue is currently being addressed by the combined efforts of our Department of Agriculture, industry association leadership and transportation partners.

In 2020, Hawaii Cattlemen's Council continues to focus on establishing a safe, secure and sustainable food source for Hawaii. Interisland transportation is critical to achieving this goal.

Since 1990, HCC's Animal Health and Well-being Committee has regularly published guidelines for the movement of livestock, specifically by ocean transport. This work is continually reviewed and evolves with changes in technology and methods. In addition, the National Cattlemen's Beef Association also provides Beef Quality Assurance, a training program that demonstrates proper management techniques and promotes a commitment to quality within every segment of the beef industry.

Although rare, in an instance in which animals are injured or die during shipment, HCC investigates and uses this information to identify and address factors which lead to the event. Communication between producers, shippers and receivers is vital to the safe transport of our livestock. HCC leadership has met with Young Brothers and Matson Navigation to develop a livestock advocacy position within their organizations. We are committed to working with all our transportation partners to place the highest priority on animal welfare.

Hawaii's State Department of Agriculture, Animal industry Division, is in the process of amending its administrative rules that contain sections regarding carrier responsibilities. HCC will collaborate with DOA to ensure that carriers transport our livestock in a safe manner that meets and reflects best management practices and the core values of our community. We understand the need to build and maintain public trust in our stewardship. We are committed to productive dialogue that moves us closer to providing safe, secure and wholesome food for our community.

We oppose HB1898 relating to livestock transportation and respectfully ask that this bill be deferred, as this issue is currently being addressed by the combined efforts of our Department of Agriculture, industry association leadership and transportation partners.



HB-1898

Submitted on: 1/27/2020 11:00:52 AM

Testimony for AGR on 1/29/2020 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
George Wood	Parker Ranch	Oppose	No

Comments:

Current industry guidelines coupled with DoA recommendations make HB 1898 unnecessary.

HB-1898

Submitted on: 1/27/2020 12:40:16 PM

Testimony for AGR on 1/29/2020 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Erin Sutherland	Animal Welfare Institute	Support	No

Comments:

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My name is Lisa Wood and I am a practicing veterinarian on the Big Island. I have worked with our island ranches for over 30 years and regularly inspect cattle for shipment. Ocean transport is a vital part of the livestock industry and we have worked very hard to develop guidelines to ensure the safety and welfare of our animals. These guidelines address everything from food, water and space requirements to preconditioning of animals, sorting, and communication. We continually refine these guidelines and share them with our ranchers and transportation partners. No one is more concerned about the welfare of our animals than the people who care for them daily.

Although rare, in an instance in which animals are injured or die during shipment, our practice investigates and uses this information to identify and address factors which lead to the event. Communication between producers, shippers and receivers is vital to the safe transport of our livestock. Our veterinarians are actively involved with Hawaii Cattlemen's Council and have met with Young Brothers and Matson Navigation to develop a livestock advocacy position within their organizations. We are committed to working with all our transportation partners to place the highest priority on animal welfare.

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I oppose HB 1898 as this issue is currently being addressed at the grassroots level by the combined efforts of our local producers, veterinarians, Department of Agriculture, industry association leadership and transportation partners.



Maui County

January 29, 2020

HEARING BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

TESTIMONY ON HB1898: RELATING TO LIVESTOCK TRANSPORTATION

Conference Room 312
8:30 am

Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite and Members of the Committee:

I am Warren Watanabe, Executive Director of the Maui County Farm Bureau. We are a County Chapter of the Hawaii Farm Bureau, representing 180 farm families and organizations on the island. Our mission seeks to protect and increase the viability of farms and ranches while ensuring the social and environmental wellbeing of the island.

The Maui County Farm Bureau opposes and requests a deferral of this measure. The Hawaii Cattlemen's Council has been and continues to address this issue with the Department of Agriculture and the transportation companies. These discussions should continue so an amicable resolution can be agreed to. Therefore, we support the position of the HCC.

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to provide our thoughts on this matter.

January 29, 2020

TO: Honorable Chair Creagan and House Agriculture Committee Members
AGR Committee 1-29-20, 830am

FROM: Inga Gibson, Pono Advocacy, on behalf of Animal Welfare Institute
PonoAdvocacy@gmail.com; 808.922.9910

**RE: STRONG SUPPORT FOR HB1898: RELATING TO LIVESTOCK
TRANSPORTATION**

There are currently no laws or rules that govern standards for livestock (cattle, sheep, goats, swine) shipped inter-island or to/from the mainland. As covered by Hawaii News Now last month (see below), in November of 2019 twenty-one pregnant cows suffocated to death because a shipping company did not even know live animals were aboard their vessel.¹ This incident exposed the need for basic regulations for animals transported on sea vessels.

HB1898 requires the Hawai'i Department of Agriculture (HDOA) to enact rules governing the transport of animals on sea vessels. The rules would be modeled after federal animal export regulations, which include animal care standards consistent with 9 Code of Federal Regulations, part 91. This regulation includes requirements for inspection of animals and vessels; pens, ramps doors and passageways; positioning of animals and use of halters and ropes; feed and water; ventilation; waste management; lighting; bedding; cleaning; vessel stability; personnel qualifications; resources for managing sick or injured animals; means of humane euthanasia; life support systems; and accommodation for humane transport of livestock in vessels using containers, including minimum space requirements. HB1898 also allows HDOA to consider additional standards, such as those voluntarily implemented by the Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, or other provisions and conditions that may be specifically relevant to Hawai'i.

Current HDOA regulations *only* govern animal health (issuance of health/vaccination certificates) and seek to prevent the introduction of disease and/or parasites from animals aboard shipments to, from, and between the islands of Hawai'i.² The modest standards proposed in the bill are necessary for ensuring that animals on sea vessels do not perish or suffer from preventable causes. These standards are based upon those created by the United States federal government to comply with international standards set by the World Organization for Animal Health (known by its French acronym the "OIE"). The federal standards only apply to shipments from the US to foreign ports, even though animals could be transported on much longer journeys such as those from Hawai'i to the mainland.

Following discussions with HDOA and Hawaii Cattlemen's Council veterinarians, we request your consideration of the below proposed amendments to HB1898, which include removing poultry (these animals are not regularly shipped via sea vessel), removing the requirement for interim rules in favor of an extended formal rule date of January 1, 2022, changing the term

¹ <https://www.hawaiinewsnow.com/2019/12/06/critics-deaths-cattle-barge-bound-kauai-cruel-inhumane/>.

² Hawai'i Animal Industry Regulations, Title 4, chapters 16, 17, 20, 23, 28, <https://hdoa.hawaii.gov/admin-rules/>.

“welfare” to “care” as this is consistent with current DOA verbiage, and allowing HDOA its discretion on amending existing rules if preferable to enacting new rules.

We respectfully request your support to protect animals and build public confidence in the carriers transporting Hawaii’s animals.

Proposed amendments to HB1898: Livestock Transportation

Page 4, line 16 & 19, delete “welfare” replace with “care”

Page 4, line 17, delete chickens and turkeys

Page 6, line 3, change January 1, 2021 to January 1, 2022

Page 6, line 4, delete without regard to the notice and public hearing requirements of chapter 91

Page 6, line 6 delete “interim rules” and add “or amend existing rules”

Page 6, line 9, delete section (b) related to interim rules

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16 (7) The ~~welfare~~ care of livestock, including cattle, sheep,
17 goats, swine, ~~chickens, and turkeys~~, transported to,
18 from, or between any island of the State by sea
19 vessel; provided that any rules governing the ~~welfare~~ care
20 of livestock shall be consistent with 9 Code of
21 Federal Regulations Part 91, and include:

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1 (A) Inspection of animals and vessels;
2 (B) Pens, ramps, doors, and passageways;
3 (C) Positioning of animals and use of halters and
4 ropes;
5 (D) Feed and water;
6 (E) Ventilation;
7 (F) Waste management;
8 (G) Lighting;
9 (H) Bedding;
10 (I) Cleaning;
11 (J) Vessel stability,
12 (K) Personnel qualifications;
13 (L) Resources for managing sick or injured animals;
14 (M) Means of humane euthanasia;
15 (N) Life support systems;
16 (O) Accommodations for humane transport of livestock
17 in vessels using containers, including minimum
18 space requirements; and
19 (P) Additional conditions deemed relevant to the
20 department.

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1 All rules adopted under this section shall have the force
2 and effect of law.

3 SECTION 2. (a) No later than January 1, 2021~~22~~, the
4 department of agriculture, ~~without regard to the notice and~~
5 ~~public hearing requirements of chapter 91, Hawaii Revised~~
6 ~~Statutes~~, shall adopt ~~interim~~ rules, **or amend existing rules**, to effectuate the amendments
7 made to section 141-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, in section 1 of
8 this Act.

9 (b) ~~The interim rules adopted pursuant to this Act shall~~
10 ~~remain in effect until January 1, 2022, or until rules are~~
11 ~~adopted, in accordance with chapter 91, Hawaii Revised Statutes,~~
12 ~~to replace the interim rules, whichever occurs sooner.~~

13 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
14 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

15 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval

<https://www.hawaiinewsnow.com/2019/12/06/critics-deaths-cattle-barge-bound-kauai-cruel-inhumane/>

Critics: Deaths of 21 cattle on barge bound for Kauai ‘cruel and inhumane’

State Agriculture Department officials said 21 cattle died on Nov. 19 while they were being shipped to Kauai. (Source: None)

By [Rick Daysog](#) | December 5, 2019 at 4:57 PM HST - Updated December 5 at 5:03 PM HONOLULU, Hawaii (HawaiiNewsNow) - State Agriculture Department officials said 21 cattle died while they were being transported on a Young Brothers barge bound for Kauai last month.

Critics expressed outrage about the way the shipping company handled the livestock. “This is an inexcusable failure in the process on the dock,” said environmental activist Carroll Cox.

“Yes, they are destined for the slaughterhouse but they should not be subjected to cruel and inhumane treatment.”

According to inspection reports filed by the Agriculture Department, the dead animals were part of a shipment of 53 heifers that were being transported from Idaho to Kauai by Hawaii Meats on Nov. 19.

The reports indicate that Agriculture Department’s veterinarians inspected the animals at their Halawa facility on Nov. 16 for parasites and diseases such as tuberculosis.

The reports indicated that the animals were in good health at the time.

Jason Moniz, veterinarian program manager for the Department of Agriculture's Animal Disease Control Branch, said he was told that when cattle were loaded into cargo containers that were stacked too closely together.

"What was reported to us is that the assumption (by the barge crews) was that there were no livestock in the containers," he said.

"They were loaded and stacked close together and they had inadequate ventilation."

But Young Brothers said it's still investigating how the animals died.

Over the past 10 years, the company has transported over 4,700 shipments of livestock. It said it had only one previous death, and that was during stormy conditions.

"We at Young Brothers take seriously our responsibility to safely transport our customers' cargo – especially the livestock that we carry," said Chris Martin, director of terminal operations for Young Brothers.

The shipping company said it works closely with industry groups like the Hawaii Cattlemen's Council to develop safety protocols for the shipping of livestock.

Those protocols include limits on the number of cattle per container and ventilation requirements for containers.

"Over the many years of shipping livestock, incidents where animals perish while shipping are rare but nonetheless unacceptable," said Nicole Galase, the council's managing director.

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More on Long Distance Transport of Livestock here:

<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2020/jan/20/live-export-animals-at-risk-as-giant-global-industry-goes-unchecked?CMP>

Testimony of Ku'uhaku Park
On Behalf of Matson
Opposition to HB1898
Before the Committee on Agriculture
January 29, 2020

Dear Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite, and Members of the Committee,

Matson respectfully opposes HB1898, Relating to Livestock Transportation. This measure requires the Department of Agriculture to adopt rules to protect the welfare of livestock transported to, from, or between any island of Hawaii. It also requires the Department of Agriculture to adopt interim rules.

There are many regulations in place to ensure the safety and welfare of livestock throughout the shipping process. Federal rules set forth many requirements for shipping livestock, including inspection of livestock, facilities in which the livestock are held, and the vessel on which the livestock will be transported; mandatory rest periods for livestock prior to shipping; and provision of adequate feed and water. (*See* 9 CFR 91). There are also state administrative rules in place.

The American Association of Bovine Practitioners issued best management practices, which include procedures for cattle destined for air and ocean transportation with input from Hawaii's cattlemen. The American Association of Bovine Practitioners' membership consists of approximately 6,000 veterinarians and their best management practices are recognized nationally and internationally.

Matson takes great care in following existing law and best management practices. Requiring the Department of Agriculture to adopt new rules in addition to the existing federal and state rules and well-recognized best management practices is not necessary.

Thank you for considering this testimony in opposition.

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE
Rep. Richard P. Creagan, Chair
Rep. Lynn DeCoite, Vice Chair

HB1898

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Wednesday, January 29, 2020, 8:30 am.
Conference Room 312, State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite, and members of the Committee on Agriculture,

My name is Betty Spence and I serve as co-chair of the Transportation Committee within Hawaii Cattlemen's Council. I am writing to oppose HB1898 relating to livestock transportation as this issue is currently being addressed by the combined efforts of our Department of Agriculture, industry association leadership and transportation partners.

Our members are responsible for the daily transportation of hundreds of thousands of animals. The welfare and the safety of their cargo is of the utmost importance to livestock transporters. It is their job to ensure that the animals arrive to their destination in the best condition possible. HCC's Animal Health and Well-being Committee has regularly published guidelines for the movement of livestock, specifically by ocean transport. This work is continually reviewed and evolves with changes in technology and methods.

HCC has spent the last thirty years charting a course for the long-term health and vitality of Hawaii's livestock industry. They have always had an expert team investigate should an issue arise with a shipment and will address the factors surrounding the event. There is a high level of communication at every leg of the shipment between producers, shippers and receivers that is vital to the safe transport of our livestock. As an HCC Transportation Committee member, we have met often with Young Brothers and Matson Navigation to develop strong transportation standards within their organizations. We are committed to working with all our transportation partners to place the highest priority on animal welfare.

Hawaii's State Department of Agriculture, Animal Industry Division, is in the process of amending its administrative rules that contain sections regarding carrier responsibilities. HCC will collaborate with DOA to ensure that carriers transport our livestock in a safe manner that meets and reflects best management practices and the core values of our community.

I oppose HB1898 relating to livestock transportation and respectfully ask that this bill be deferred, as this issue is currently being addressed by the combined efforts of the Department of Agriculture, industry association leadership and transportation partners.

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From: Thomas Rayson <thomchas77@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 28, 2020 1:52 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: HB1861 HB1887 HB1897

Aloha Hawaii State capital personnel!

As a member of the Kona coffee farmers Association I am strongly encouraging to please help HB 1861 and HB 1887 in HB 1897 to get out a committee to pass into law these changes to encourage support of Hawaii Kona coffee growers here on the big island so that blended labels are clearly labeled in small package quantity sold two hotels as well as continued subsidy of the CBB program and To ensure that green coffee imported into Hawaii is tested and free Of pest and fungus allowing a fumigation of imported coffee into our state. These three bills are important to ensure quality Kona coffee is available on the world market as a pure and sustainable resource.

Mahalo!

Dr Thomas Rayson

Boardmember Kona Coffee Farmer's Association

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HB-1898

Submitted on: 1/28/2020 5:59:04 PM

Testimony for AGR on 1/29/2020 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Cathy Goeggel	Animal Rights Hawai'i	Support	Yes

Comments:

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Senate Committee on Agriculture
Hearing : January 29, 2020 at 8:30 am
Room 224
Hawai'i State Legislature
January 29, 2020

In re: HB1898
Position: support

Chair Creagan, and members of the House Agriculture Committee:

I am Cathy Goeggel, President and Co-Founder of Animal Rights Hawai'i. I am pleased to ask your support for HB 1898.

ARH has been monitoring livestock transport for over 25 years. We have found the Dept. Of Agriculture to be unwilling to provide information regarding several issues, including transport documentation. We recently discovered through a whistle blower that 21 pregnant heifers perished on a Young Bros. barge in November, 2019. The value of these pregnant heifers was \$5,000 each. The torture that those cows suffered whilst suffocating is unimaginable, and yet the DoA did nothing to address this lapse in animal care. We would like to know more about the transport in order to ensure welfare protection for the animals. The rancher was reimbursed - nothing was done to ensure that this will not happen again.

Using UIPA, we were able to access mortality data for pigs shipped to Hawai'i; we have been unable to access information regarding out shipments of cattle (the main animals sent live to the US mainland.) The pig imports ceased two years ago. There had been

many deaths en route over the years. There are no data available for outbound or inter island shipments for any livestock in Hawai'i

The Cattlemen's Council has established guidelines for preparation and shipping of cattle inter island and to the mainland. These are merely suggested guidelines. There is no State regulation regarding the welfare of livestock . We have no access to the mortality records from Young Brothers or Matson.

The President of the Hawai'i Cattlemen's Council, Jason Moniz, DVM, also is an employee of the Hawai'i DoA. We have concerns about this nexus. Dr. Moniz has stated several times that animal welfare is not his brief. You, the Legislature, can make humane treatment of livestock a priority and bring Hawai'i into the 21st century by requiring the DoA to do the right thing-

We urge this committee to pass this bill- the federal guidelines for livestock export should be applied to Hawai'i because we are an island state; animals transported between islands or to the US mainland deserve the same protection as those exported by sea.

Respectfully submitted,
Cathy Goeggel

HB-1898

Submitted on: 1/27/2020 10:53:25 AM

Testimony for AGR on 1/29/2020 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Gregory Friel	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

HB-1898

Submitted on: 1/28/2020 7:32:36 AM

Testimony for AGR on 1/29/2020 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Willie-Joe Camara	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill.