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Testimony of  
SUZANNE D. CASE  
Chairperson

Before the House Committee on  
FINANCE

Wednesday, April 06, 2022  
1:30 PM

State Capitol, Conference Room 308, Via Videoconference

In consideration of  
SENATE BILL 3179, SENATE DRAFT 2, HOUSE DRAFT 1  
RELATING TO WILDLIFE

Senate Bill 3179, Senate Draft 2, House Draft 1 proposes to appropriate funds to the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) to establish three full-time equivalent technician positions to assist with axis deer populations in Maui County. **The Department supports this bill provided that its passage does not replace or adversely impacts priorities indicated in the Executive Supplemental Budget request.**

The Department understands that the over population of axis deer is a threat to native ecosystems, forested watersheds, agriculture, and public health and safety in Maui County. The establishment of three technician positions would bring capacity to animal damage control operations, as long as it does not replace priorities indicated in the Executive Supplemental Budget request where funding was requested to restore the LNR 172 operating budget, and positions eliminated in LNR 172, 402, 407, and 804. Funds are also being sought to cover the LNR 804 Outdoor Recreation program personnel shortfall and add additional funds for operating the LNR 804 forest and outdoor recreation program. Funds are also requested for forest health and invasive species, which would help with control of deer in high priority forest and watershed areas.

The Department's Division of Forestry and Wildlife manages approximately a quarter of Hawaii's land area (over 900,000 acres) as public hunting lands, yet access to these lands can be a limitation. Oftentimes, public hunting areas are landlocked and public access limited. The establishment of these positions will allow us to work with private landowners to establish hunting programs, develop access agreements, and to assist with control work on ranch lands that harbor deer. Providing the necessary funding and equipment on a recurring basis will enable staff to be successful in carrying out their duties to help manage this invasive species threat.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.

**SB-3179-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/5/2022 10:45:01 AM

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| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Testify</b>       |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|
| Jason Omick         | DLNR                | Support                   | Remotely Via<br>Zoom |

Comments:

I am available for questions to DLNR. Please allow me Zoom access.

DAVID Y. IGE  
GOVERNOR



CRAIG K. HIRAI  
DIRECTOR

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TESTIMONY BY CRAIG K. HIRAI  
DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE  
TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE  
ON  
SENATE BILL NO. 3179, S.D. 2, H.D. 1

**April 6, 2022**  
**1:30 p.m.**  
**Room 308 and Videoconference**

RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Department of Budget and Finance (B&F) offers comments on this bill.

Senate Bill No. 3179, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, appropriates an unspecified amount of general funds for FY 23 to be expended by the Department of Land and Natural Resources to manage the feral axis deer herd population on the islands of Maui, Moloka'i, and Lāna'i, including three full-time technician positions, equipment, and motor vehicles.

B&F notes that, with respect to the general fund appropriation in this bill, the federal Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act requires that states receiving Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) II funds and Governor's Emergency Education Relief II funds must maintain state support for:

- Elementary and secondary education in FY 22 at least at the proportional level of the state's support for elementary and secondary education relative to the state's overall spending, averaged over FYs 17, 18 and 19; and

- Higher education in FY 22 at least at the proportional level of the state's support for higher education relative to the state's overall spending, averaged over FYs 17, 18 and 19.

Further, the federal American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act requires that states receiving ARP ESSER funds must maintain state support for:

- Elementary and secondary education in FY 22 and FY 23 at least at the proportional level of the state's support for elementary and secondary education relative to the state's overall spending, averaged over FYs 17, 18 and 19; and
- Higher education in FY 22 and FY 23 at least at the proportional level of the state's support for higher education relative to the state's overall spending, averaged over FYs 17, 18 and 19.

The U.S. Department of Education has issued rules governing how these maintenance of effort (MOE) requirements are to be administered. B&F will be working with the money committees of the Legislature to ensure that the State of Hawai'i complies with these ESSER MOE requirements.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.



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April 6, 2022

HEARING BEFORE THE  
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

**TESTIMONY ON SB 3179, SD2, HD1**  
RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Conference Room 308 & Videoconference  
1:30 PM

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice-Chair Yamashita, and Members of the Committee:

I am Brian Miyamoto, Executive Director of the Hawai'i Farm Bureau (HFB). Organized since 1948, the HFB is comprised of 1,800 farm family members statewide and serves as Hawai'i's voice of agriculture to protect, advocate and advance the social, economic, and educational interests of our diverse agricultural community.

**The Hawai'i Farm Bureau strongly supports SB 3179, SD2, HD1**, which appropriates funds to and establishes three full-time equivalent technician positions for the department of land and natural resources to manage axis deer populations in Maui county.

Across the State, various invasive species are creating havoc in agriculture as well as the ecosystems in which they exist. Maui County's axis deer population is a good example of nature getting out of control with populations exploding due to abundant forage following rainfall events. They continue to destroy crops and pasture lands by devouring any living vegetation as they continue to spread. The loss of forage for livestock and the production of crops is a likely outcome. While fences help, pressure is increased on other areas, and in extreme cases, fences do not stop starving deer.

Population reduction of the Axis Deer is needed and this measure provides DLNR resources as part of a larger comprehensive management plan.

The Hawai'i Farm Bureau respectfully requests your support of this measure as part of a comprehensive management plan to address the protection of agriculture, natural resources, and our communities

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

**SB-3179-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/5/2022 8:46:46 AM

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| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b>                   | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Testify</b>         |
|---------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| Godfrey Akaka       | The Molokai Bowhunters Club President | Support                   | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

My name is Godfrey Akaka Jr. I am president for the Molokai Bowhunters Club. I support only with amendments

SECTION 3. (1) The division of forestry and wildlife shall issue funds to licensed hunters at a per unit rate to be determined by the division;

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- (E) Any other parameters as necessary.

Further, DLNR has been continuously attempting to fence and irradiate our game animals and not followed their mission statement in the protection and management of our game animals as a resource for the community. Therefore it is in the best interest of the hunting community that the hunters be involved to keep the DLNR honest in fulfilling their responsibilities to the public trust doctrine.

**SB-3179-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/5/2022 9:02:35 AM

Testimony for FIN on 4/6/2022 1:30:00 PM

| Submitted By   | Organization                            | Testifier Position | Testify                   |
|----------------|---|--------------------|---------------------------|
| NELSON RAPANOT | GMAC / MOLOKAI<br>BOWHUNTERS<br>/HUNTER | Support            | Written Testimony<br>Only |

Comments:

MY NAME IS NELSON RAPANOT I AM THE GMAC REPRESENTATIVE FOR MOLOKAI, ALSO REPRESENT MOLOKAI BOWHUNTERS, MOLOKAI OUTFITTERS. I ALSO LEASE FEW PROPERTIES ON MOLOKAI TO DO AXIS DEER HUNTING AND HAVE MANAGEMENT PLANS IN PLACE.

I SUPPORT SB3179. ONLY WITH THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENTS WITH A FEW CHANGES, INSTEAD OF FERAL ANIMALS, SAY AXIS DEER.

ON #2- RULES "A TO E" ADD \*ALL ANIMALS OR CARCASS MUST BE PRESENT.

I SUPPORT THIS BILL, DLNR JOBS IS TO PROTECT OUR RESOURCES BUT ALL THEY DO IS ASK FOR MORE FUNDS TO FENCE AND ERADICATE OUR RESOURCES.

**SB-3179-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/5/2022 9:34:32 AM

Testimony for FIN on 4/6/2022 1:30:00 PM

| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Testify</b>         |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| kevin comcowich     | Kualapu'u Ranch     | Support                   | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

I own a cattle ranch on Moloka'i which has seen the carrying capacity (number of cattle the land can nurture and sustain) be decimated by the over population of axis deer on Moloka'i. I am writing in strong support for SB3179 SD2 HD1, with amendments, that reinserts the intent and purpose of the original bill as introduced, which was to establish a pilot program for the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Division of Forestry and Wildlife) to issue funds to licensed hunters for feral herd population management. Please amend the bill reinserting the following language:

SECTION 3. (1) The Division of Forestry and Wildlife shall issue funds to licensed hunters at a per unit rate to be determined by the division.

(2) The Division of Forestry and Wildlife shall establish rules regarding:

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(E) Any other parameters as necessary.

Axis deer are a vital food source for the Island of Moloka'i, and this program will reduce the population to manageable levels, while ensuring that the meat is utilized by the community. By targeting does (female deer) only -this ensures the most effective population control. Its worth stating that if you have 99 does and one buck (male deer) you will have 99 babies, however if you have 99 bucks and one doe you will only have one baby. Targeted reduction of female deer provides lasting population control while reduction of bucks does very little. A female axis deer will have 4-7 babies in her lifetime, which is why its important to focus on the does.

This hunter focused program is very different than one using helicopters or other less targeted methods which often leaves the animal unremoved in the field, with its meat to going to waste. I am confident that the allocation of funds to a project like this will provided tangible benefits



immediately. The population will be reduced to appropriate levels and the meat will be used for the benefit of the community.

This bill is the most effective program to reduce the axis deer populations. Instead of paying for studies or concepts, it pays for results. Moloka'i needs less talk and more action about reducing the deer population to manageable levels. This bill does that.

Again, I strongly support t SB3179 SD2 HD1, with amendments, that reinserts the intent and purpose of the original bill as introduced.

Kevin Comcowich

**Testimony of The Nature Conservancy  
Supporting SB 3179 SD2 HD1, RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND  
NATURAL RESOURCES.**

**Committee on Finance  
April 6, 2022, 1:30 PM  
Conference Room 308 and via Videoconference**

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita, and Members of the Committee:

The Nature Conservancy (TNC) supports SB 3179 SD2 HD1, Relating to the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR), which would establish three technician positions for the DLNR to manage axis deer populations in Maui County.

TNC manages seven preserves and other sites throughout Maui County, including over 20,000 acres of land. We work to safeguard native forests that are home to native forest birds, preserve local culture and resources, and provide the freshwater that we all drink. The Conservancy also collaborates with government and private partners as members of the East Maui, Mauna Kāhālawai, and East Moloka'i Watershed Partnerships.

Axis deer have overrun Lāna'i, Moloka'i, and both the East and West Maui Watersheds, where impacts have resulted in habitat loss and include direct damage to native plants from browsing, debarking from antler rubbing, increased erosion, and trampling of native ground-nesting seabird burrows.

TNC supports this bill to provide staff and equipment for the management of axis deer in Maui County. Alone, private landowners generally lack the capacity and resources to address this growing problem and a means to increase collaboration between hunters, landowners, and government is welcome. We also support funding for ongoing DLNR efforts to manage axis deer, such as fencing.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide comments on SB 3179 SD1.

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*The Nature Conservancy of Hawai'i and Palmyra is a non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation of the lands and waters upon which all life depends. The Conservancy has helped protect more than 200,000 acres of natural lands in Hawai'i and Palmyra Atoll. We manage 40,000 acres in 13 nature preserves and work in over 50 coastal communities to help protect and restore the nearshore reefs and fisheries of the main Hawaiian Islands. We forge partnerships with government, private parties, and communities to protect forests and coral reefs for their ecological values and for the many benefits they provide to people.*

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**SB-3179-HD-1**

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| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b>                      | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Testify</b>            |
|---------------------|--|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Nathaniel Oswald    | Farm Bureau Molokai<br>Chapter President | Support                   | Written Testimony<br>Only |

Comments:

Strong Support for SB3179 SD2 HD1 **with amendments that reinserts the intent and purpose of the original bill as introduced**, which was to establish a pilot program for the department of land and natural resources division of forestry and wildlife to issue funds to licensed hunters for feral herd population management.

Therefore, amend the bill adding the following language:

SECTION 3. (1) The division of forestry and wildlife shall issue funds to licensed hunters at a per unit rate to be determined by the division.

(2) The division of forestry and wildlife shall establish rules regarding:

(A) Lands on which hunters may operate in cooperation with private land owners;

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(C) Bag limits for hunters to claim per unit rates;

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(E) Any other parameters as necessary.

To Whom It May Concern,

I'm Justin Luafalemana, President of the Molokai Hunting Club (MHC). A non-profit organization here to oppose SB3179 SD2 HD1 – Relating to DLNR.

The Molokai Hunting Club is an amateur hunting organization created by the people of Molokai. Re-established in 2019, when the shared interests and passion for hunting of a group of young individuals became one. Members of the MHC include individuals of a wide variety of different backgrounds such as environmental advocates, conservators, teachers, mechanics, and stay-at-home parents. These individual community enthusiasts have come together, as a group of members under the MHC, to exhibit their appreciation for the island of Molokai and all her resources.

MHC has six main objectives that are utilized to achieve its purpose. Those objectives being, Solid Fundamentals, Quality Instruction, Personal Growth, Teamwork, Life Skills and Lessons, and the Raising of Funds. In addition to these six objectives, the club strives to carry out educational programs that will administer respect for the environment and support legislation, which will benefit wild game and the hunting community as a whole within the State of Hawaii.

With time, the club has grown into a more mature organization, which has allowed it to further extend its influence. As the organization continues to grow, MHC strives to give back to the community by creating new opportunities in the form of service projects. One current service project is the restoration of Pāikalani, a 3-acre taro patch in Honomuni, Molokai. We're here to provide more than hunting, but how the 'aina can provide if we take care of it properly.

The MHC strives to elevate its members through community education and volunteerism. Forest and gun range clean-ups, as well as free food distribution of processed venison and wild pig meat, are some examples of the club's involvement with its community.

This official hunting club has become the embodiment of the shared interests between different individuals who support the practices and beliefs of this club. Those shared interests now serve as a platform to manage, protect, restore, and preserve the natural and cultural resources of Molokai through sustainable practices. Members all share a mutual understanding of giving back to the Molokai community and keeping Molokai in Molokai hands for all generations to come.

MHC was awarded a County of Maui Feral Animal Control Grant in April of 2021 with the fiscal sponsor from Molokai Humane Society. Successfully the club has gained seven trusted private property owners to assist with this grant, Molokai Ranch, Molokai Land Trust, Department of Hawaiian Homestead, Molokai Homestead Livestock Association, The Nature Conservancy, Keawenui Ranch, Kainalu Ranch, and Puu O Hoku Ranch. With a three-month timeline deadline, the club was able to provide the Molokai community with 19,350 pounds of free deer meat, serviced over 282 homes and dispatched 544 axis deer.

After the completion of this grant, MHC still has access to these properties which license club members hunt on weekly to provide food for their families and community all while being a solution to the overpopulation of axis deer.

We're currently working with Sustainable Molokai with provide free deer meat for their programs and still providing valuable free deer meat to our community even after this grant has been completed.

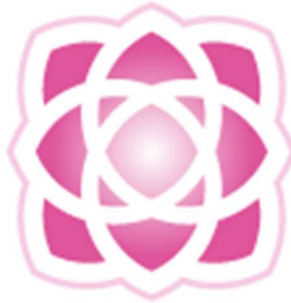
We oppose this bill because the solution to the axis deer management is within our club members and community. Molokai people doing Molokai work. We have well over experienced hunters that are capable of making a difference in the axis deer overpopulation. Our club members are all well-educated and determined to make an impact so that our future is brighter so that our legacy of Molokai people can be sustainable off the land we all love and care for.

This club has a unified voice and it is here to be heard that we all need to be part of the solution and it's the club and its community members that is the solution. We're to help. We're here to take care of the land we cherish. We're to make an impact. We're here to stay.

Mahalo,



Justin Luafalemana  
MHC President



# MAUI

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

VOICE OF BUSINESS

HEARING BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON  
FINANCE  
HAWAII STATE CAPITOL, HOUSE CONFERENCE ROOM 308  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6, 2022 AT 1:30 P.M.

To The Honorable Sylvia Luke, Chair  
The Honorable Kyle T. Yamashita, Vice Chair  
Members of the committee on Finance

## SUPPORT SB3179 SD2 HD1 RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Maui Chamber of Commerce **Supports SB3179 SD2 HD1** which appropriates funds to the Department of Land and Natural Resources to establish three full-time equivalent technician positions for the department of land and natural resources to manage axis deer populations in Maui County.

The Chamber appreciates the inclusion of 3 full-time equivalent technicians, with 1 technician each on Molokai, Lanai and Maui to ensure each island is managed properly. We also value the specific duties for the technicians being defined in the bill.

Axis deer populations on Maui County out of control and are causing damage to our agriculture and ecosystems. Population reduction is needed and this measure provides a tool important as part of a larger comprehensive management plan.

For these reasons, we **support SB3179 SD2 HD1**.

Sincerely,

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.

**SB-3179-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/5/2022 7:00:08 AM

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| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Testify</b>         |
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| Rosie F Davis       | Individual          | Support                   | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Aloha

I support!

Please amend this bill adding the following language

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Mahalo

**SB-3179-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/5/2022 7:41:33 AM

Testimony for FIN on 4/6/2022 1:30:00 PM

| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Testify</b>         |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| Faith Tuipulotu     | Individual          | Support                   | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

I strongly support SB 3179 SD2 HD1, the amendments that reinserts the amendments and intent and purpose of the original bill as it was introduced, which was to establish a pilot program for the department of land and natural resources division of forestry and wildlife to issue funds to licensed hunters for feral herd population management.

Therefore, amend the bill adding the following

language:

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Thank you, Faith Tuipulotu





**SB-3179-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/5/2022 8:01:29 AM

Testimony for FIN on 4/6/2022 1:30:00 PM

| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Testify</b>            |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Gene Ross K. Davis  | Individual          | Support                   | Written Testimony<br>Only |

Comments:

We support axis deer population management, the state needs to do all it can to assist and stop the degradation of our lands by ungulates, and stop deforestation of grasslands and watershed ecosystems. Destruction of the reef system due to excessive runoff will be the results of failure to manage deer populations.

**SB-3179-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/5/2022 10:07:39 AM

Testimony for FIN on 4/6/2022 1:30:00 PM

| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Testify</b>            |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Sherry Sasada       | Individual          | Support                   | Written Testimony<br>Only |

Comments:

Strong Support for SB3179 SD2 HD1 with amendments that reinserts the intent and purpose of the original bill as introduced, which was to establish a pilot program for the department of land and natural resources division of forestry and wildlife to issue funds to licensed hunters for feral herd population management.

**SB-3179-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/5/2022 10:09:06 AM

Testimony for FIN on 4/6/2022 1:30:00 PM

| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Testify</b>            |
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| Ronald Sasada       | Individual          | Support                   | Written Testimony<br>Only |

Comments:

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**SB-3179-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/5/2022 10:56:11 AM

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| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Testify</b>            |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Winona Kaawa        | Individual          | Support                   | Written Testimony<br>Only |

Comments:

I support Bill SB1379 . Mahalo for the efforts that were made  
previously to compensate hunters who assisted in the program.

**SB-3179-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/5/2022 11:24:35 AM

Testimony for FIN on 4/6/2022 1:30:00 PM

| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Testify</b>         |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| Troy Tancayo        | Individual          | Oppose                    | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Aloha, my name is Troy Tancayo and I'm a lifetime resident of Molokai. I have a wife and two daughters. My partner, Justin Luefalemana and I put together a hunting club specifically to address the deer problem here in our community. Our efforts are geared towards game management because for the past two years or so the community have seen more and more deer entering areas they usually don't go. The club organizes hunts on certain properties that agree to have us there and we collect data on all the game gathered. We feel that if the deer are a problem in our community, then our community should be able to come together and solve this problem. Not because we feel we don't need the help from other entities, but because the help that is being proposed does not seem like a feasible and sustainable solution. A few reasons include the fact that the lifetime residents of Molokai have used deer as a vital food source. What better way to resolve the problem than by having our community stock their freezers and feed their families at the same time? Another barrier to managing the deer population is access. Unfortunately many people are against hunting and don't allow access in highly populated areas. Also the largest landowners on the island are limiting access which makes our efforts futile. One more reason is that hunting axis deer on Molokai is a part of our lives, it's not just a hobby. We are knowledgeable of the the land, the animals and how they move because we have been doing this for years. We learned it from our parents, who learned it from theirs and so on. We teach our kids the value of life and land through hunting and preservation. I believe using DLNR would not be the answer for our problem. So I say no to this bill.

Mahalo for your time, Troy Tancayo.

**SB-3179-HD-1**

Submitted on: 4/5/2022 11:54:01 AM

Testimony for FIN on 4/6/2022 1:30:00 PM

| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Testify</b>            |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Alexa VT Dudoit     | Individual          | Support                   | Written Testimony<br>Only |

Comments:

I am supporting the bill to continue to reimburse Hunter  
who are helping their communities to control deer population

Aloha,

Alexa DUDOIT, REYN DUDOIT Drew DUDOIT Reyn DUDOIT Jr

Jewels Dudoit

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RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES

My name is Phillip Stephens, I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Molokai and I represent Kalama‘ula Mauka Homestead Association. Kalamaula Mauka Homestead Associations (KMHA) is a Hawaiian Homestead Beneficiary Association (HBA) as identified under 201.6 of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920 and federally defined Homestead Associations under 43 Code of Federal Regulations. KMHA is located in the Kona district of Molokai, the second largest landowner on the island. Our mission is to serve, protect, and preserve the interest of the Native Hawaiian beneficiaries of the Hawaiian Home Lands trust.

In regards to SB 3179 Relating to DLNR creating positions to manage axis deer population. KMHA requests a friendly amendment that DLNR work with HBA's as defined by the HHCA and 43 CFR to create a deer management plan.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

Phillip Stephens



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Comments:

I support SB3179 SD2 HD1.

Theresa Thompson

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