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**TESTIMONY OF SHARON HURD
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**BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND
ENVIRONMENT, WATER AND LAND**

**FEBRUARY 10, 2023
1:00 PM
CONFERENCE ROOM 224**

**SENATE BILL NO. 1486
RELATING TO MEAT PROCESSING**

Chairperson Gabbard and Inouye and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Senate Bill 1486. The bill requires the Department of Agriculture, in collaboration with the Hawai'i Interagency Council on Homelessness; Department of Land and Natural Resources, Division of Forestry and Wildlife; and Department of Health, Food Safety Branch, in consultation with the County of Maui Axis Deer Task Force, to develop and implement a plan to expand the meat processing capacity in the State to allow for meat from axis deer and other wild game to be processed for distribution by nonprofit food distribution services by 7/1/2024. The bill also appropriates money. The Department supports the measure to promote the processing and donation of meat in the state.

The Department wishes to clarify that while it intends to pursue and fully comply with the provisions of this measure, implementing a plan by 7/1/2024 may be challenging due to the multiple agencies and regulations involved. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.





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TESTIMONY

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT
COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

February 10, 2023
1:00 PM
Conference Room 224

SB 1486

RELATING TO MEAT PROCESSING

Chair Gabbard, Chair Inouye and Members of the Committee:

Maui County Farm Bureau (MCFB) appreciates this opportunity to testify on this important issue. MCFB is a general agriculture advocacy organization representing farm and ranch families and organizations on the island of Maui.

MCFB STRONGLY SUPPORTS SB1486, seeking to develop a process to utilize feral animal meats for food as a long term sustainable solution to manage feral animal populations.

Everyone recognizes that we have a axis deer overpopulation problem. In defense, fences are being erected to protect property. However, this does not address the need to reduce populations. Concurrently, there is a public desire to utilize the animals for beneficial use. Other states have developed programs such as "Farmers & Hunters Feeding the Hungry" <https://feedingthehungry.org/> that work and can be utilized as templates for a program for Hawaii.

These programs address the gap between the hunter and distribution to the needy. The process will require coordination as well as development of sustainable funding mechanisms. This proposal seeks to develop such a working group. A side benefit from this effort will be addressing the need for additional meat processing capacity in Hawaii, especially for multi species needs of our smaller farmers and ranchers. Cattle past their prime processing time loses value. Currently ranchers often suffer significant loss waiting for processing opportunity. Maui has a hog processing plant that will cease when the current operator retires due to conditions of the land use permit. Expansion of processing capacity will help address this problem.

Covid demonstrated the need for smaller plants. Federal funding is available for CIP needs while programs such as Feeding the Hungry provide templates for long term operation. Hawaii needs a long term strategy to manage feral wildlife populations. This is a step in that direction. MCFB respectfully requests your strong support of this measure and assistance in identifying workable strategies.

SB1486 includes a very important aspect in addressing the problem which is development of grassroots support. The measure defines the process by which the program is to be developed, recognizing the role of the various parties. It additionally addresses funding needs.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide our opinion on this matter. Please contact Warren Watanabe at 8082819716 if there are any questions.

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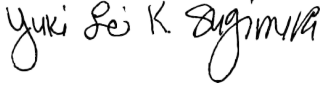
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February 8, 2023

TO: Honorable Mike Gabbard, Chair
Committee on Agriculture and Environment
Honorable Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair
Committee on Water and Land

FROM: Yuki Lei Sugimura 
Councilmember

DATE: February 8, 2023

SUBJECT: **SUPPORT OF SB 1486, RELATING TO MEAT PROCESSING**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of this important measure. The purpose of this measure is to require the Department of Agriculture, in collaboration with the Hawaii Interagency Council on Homelessness; Department of Land and Natural Resources, Division of Forestry and Wildlife; and Department of Health, Food Safety Branch, in consultation with the County of Maui Axis Deer Task Force, to develop and implement a plan to expand the meat processing capacity in the State to allow for meat from axis deer and other wild game to be processed for distribution by nonprofit food distribution services by 7/1/2024.

I support this measure for the following reasons:

1. The explosion of the axis deer population in Maui County has devastated our crops and vegetation and threatens our environment. The need to mitigate the deer population has reached critical levels.
2. There is a tremendous need for expanded meat processing capacity in the state, especially in Maui County where the scarcity of processing facilities severely impacts the small ranchers and hunters.
3. The resulting plan allows for economic development, protection of our environment, and presents an opportunity to provide a viable food source to under-resourced communities.

For the foregoing reasons, I support this measure.



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February 10, 2023

HEARING BEFORE THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

TESTIMONY ON SB 1486
RELATING TO MEAT DONATIONS

Conference Room 224 & Videoconference
1:00 PM

Aloha Chairs Gabbard and Inouye, Vice-Chairs Richards and Elefante, and Members of the Committees:

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 supports HB 1486, which requires the Department of Agriculture, in collaboration with the Hawai'i Interagency Council on Homelessness; Department of Land and Natural Resources, Division of Forestry and Wildlife; and Department of Health, Food Safety Branch, in consultation with the County of Maui Axis Deer Task Force, to develop and implement a plan to expand the meat processing capacity in the State to allow for meat from axis deer and other wild game to be processed for distribution by nonprofit food distribution services.

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. Feral pigs 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.

These and other feral populations can pose a danger, especially as populations grow and their health is put into jeopardy due to inadequate food. Diseases that they normally

tolerate will become serious debilitating illnesses that could put our domestic livestock industry in jeopardy. Such fears are not unreasonable, as incidences such as bovine tuberculosis spread from feral pigs have been documented in Molokai.

Hawai'i's farmers and ranchers are working to provide Hawai'i with an increased level of self-sufficiency, but will not be able to do so if their products are consumed or damaged by feral animals. Axis Deer, feral pigs, and other invasive species can cause major damage to property, agriculture (crops and livestock), Hawai'i's native species and ecosystems, and Hawai'i's cultural and historic resources. They can also threaten the health of people, wildlife, pets, and other domestic animals. As Hawai'i's feral animal populations continue to expand, these damages, costs, and risks will only keep rising

Current state law specifically prohibits the inclusion of meats as a donation. Wild game can be a significant source of protein for Hawai'i's residents in need. Wild game can provide a beneficial outlet for meat harvested from invasive species and provide a tool for long-term sustainable invasive management for Axis Deer and Feral Pigs.

Several states have amended their Good Samaritan laws to use them as a tool for invasive white-tail deer management programs. Wild game meat donated under this provision does not need to undergo antemortem inspection requirements as long as stated conditions are met. Conditions for donations can be specified to allow the donation of this important protein source for our neighbors in need. Utah is the most recent state that passed such a measure and can be used as a model for Hawai'i.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

SB-1486

Submitted on: 2/9/2023 4:51:12 AM

Testimony for AEN on 2/10/2023 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| Keith Unger | Testifying for McCandless Ranch | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Support.

SB-1486

Submitted on: 2/9/2023 5:38:39 AM

Testimony for AEN on 2/10/2023 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| Alan Gottlieb | Testifying for Ponoholo Ranch Limited | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Please support SB 1486

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Submitted on: 2/7/2023 2:17:38 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/10/2023 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| ROBERT DUERR | Testifying for Albatross News | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Albatross News - Hilo. Strongly Supports SB1486. Hawaii game mammals do not and should have a comprehensive national standards DLNR Game Management Plan. This Game Management Plan would see that game populations are managed sustainability and do not cause nuisance damage.

A portable processing plant for deer is needed as well as processing for nuisance pigs, goats and sheep. Food security is humane and not wasteful.



Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Inc.

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND
ENVIRONMENT

Senator Mike Gabbard, Chair
Senator Herbert M. "Tim" Richards, III, Vice Chair

SB1486

RELATING TO MEAT PROCESSING

Friday, February 10, 2023, 1:00 PM
Conference Room 224 & Videoconference

Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Richards III, and Members of the Committee,

The Hawaii Cattlemen's Council (HCC) is the Statewide umbrella organization comprised of the four county-level Cattlemen's Associations. Our member ranchers represent over 60,000 head of beef cows; more than 75% of all the beef cows in the State. Ranchers are the stewards of over 750 thousand acres of land in Hawaii, or 20% of the State's total land mass. We represent the interests of Hawaii's cattle producers.

The Hawaii Cattlemen's Council **supports SB1486** which requires the Department of Agriculture, in collaboration with the Hawai'i Interagency Council on Homelessness; Department of Land and Natural Resources, Division of Forestry and Wildlife; and Department of Health, Food Safety Branch, in consultation with the County of Maui Axis Deer Task Force, to develop and implement a plan to expand the meat processing capacity in the State to allow for meat from axis deer and other wild game to be processed for distribution by nonprofit food distribution services by 7/1/2024.

Expanding access to processing and allowing for the donation of wild game to under-resourced communities allows us to feed these communities high quality sources of protein, while also creating an outlet for efforts to remove invasive species such as deer, goat, and pigs from the environment. Unmanaged ungulates damage our ecosystems and cause detriment to farming and ranching operations. Expanding access to meat processing will help us to meet both environmental and social needs.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

Nicole Galase
Hawaii Cattlemen's Council
Managing Director



SB-1486

Submitted on: 2/9/2023 9:16:06 AM

Testimony for AEN on 2/10/2023 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| Yoshito L'Hote | Testifying for Aina Ho'okupu o Kilauea | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

As a Processor and farmer, And CEO for AHK, a non profit that distribute food boxes on a weekly basis, I strongly support this measure to expand the meat processing capacity in general and especially in this case for wild game and deer.

Without processing, we are unable to use the wild game, and local livestock and the construction of a slaughterhouse is so expansive, that we need to support mobile slaughter and allow wild meats on the market as they will, at the same time, reduce the out of control invasive species like deer , pigs, goats and mouflon. .



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Aloha Chairs Gabbard & Inouye, Vice Chairs Richards & Elefante, and Members of the Senate Agriculture and Environment & Water and Land Committees,

The Hawaii Farmers Union United (HFUU) is a 501(c)(5) agricultural advocacy nonprofit representing a network of over 2,500 family farmers and their supporters across the Hawaiian Islands. **HFUU supports SB1486.**

We recognize the dire need for options to reduce reliance upon conventional protein sources, particularly in light of the climate emergency. Expanding and diversifying access to locally-sourced protein through initiatives like SB1486 are essential in order to build a more agriculturally-resilient and resource-secure food system.

The development and implementation of a plan to expand the meat processing capacity in the State to allow for meat from axis deer and other wild game to be processed for distribution by nonprofit food distribution services will advance the goals of sustainability and food security for Hawaii. Given the current circumstances, it is urgent that we act now to develop reliable, resilient, and secure sources of food. Furthermore, it will help to create job and training opportunities in rural communities and create economic opportunities in areas that have been disproportionately hard hit by the pandemic.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

Kaipo Kekona, President HFUU/HFUF

SB-1486

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Testimony for AEN on 2/10/2023 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| Susan Shaheen Mulkern | Testifying for Mulkern Landscaping & Nursery | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Aloha Chairs Gabbard and Inouye, Vice-Chairs Richards, and Elefante, and Members of the Committees:

I support allowing the processing of wild game through proper channels. It will help contribute to our food security and control a major invasive pest problem, especially feral pigs.

We recently had an issue with feral pigs at our Waimanalo nursery; they wiped out over \$2,000.00 of our plants, our popular and valuable lotus. We worked with several hunters to trap them and dispose of them. One of the hunters invited us to sample a cooked pig, and we were impressed with his ability to safely process and cook it; it was delicious.

Thank you for your consideration.

Susan Mulkern

SB-1486

Submitted on: 2/10/2023 7:37:20 AM

Testimony for AEN on 2/10/2023 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
|---------------|------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| Scott Hopkins | Testifying for Feed My Sheep | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

I serve Maui based non profit Feed My Sheep as Executive Director and have been with the organization since 2008. In my position at Feed My Sheep, providing nutrition assistance to thousands of Maui residents, I have long held that the axis deer population is a reservoir of nutrition for our residents, particularly those in greatest need. As the situation stands, a number of barriers to employing this meat for its highest and best use are unresolved. Vulnerable households suffer for lack of access. For this reason, I support SB1486 “to expand the meat processing capacity in the State to allow for meat from axis deer and other wild game to be processed for distribution by nonprofit food distribution services.”

I have witnessed axis deer becoming a growing problem to the Maui agriculture industry for well over a decade. As early as 2012 I have advocated before the Maui County Council that axis deer should be addressed not only as a nuisance to farmers, but also as an asset for Hawaii's poor. Charitable organizations such as Feed My Sheep lean heavily on the profitability of local food producers whether in better pricing or more abundant donations. Numerous times, donating farmers and vendors have informed us they would have more food for us if not for axis deer destroying product.

Harvesting the axis deer would leave more undamaged produce for donation and lower costs to farmers. Processing axis deer meat and other wild game would open up a new stream of vitamin-rich protein and eliminate nutritional gaps for thousands of Hawaii Residents.

Unfortunately, the processing capacity does not match supply or demand. During the COVID pandemic Feed My Sheep was fortunate to work with the Maui County Mayor’s office administering CAREs act funds for local nutrition sourced from local producers. This included beef from independent Maui cattle ranchers. We discovered Maui meat processors struggled following decades of out-of-state competition and lack of skilled workers. Cattle farmers with essential product outstripped the capacity of meat processing facilities and this friction harmed all parties

With no other assistance or relief, simply requiring existing facilities to process axis deer would compete for capacity with local ranchers and compound existing issues. Action from the State of Hawaii with input from the agencies identified in the bill, is a promising pathway for a sustainable, fair and legitimate solution.

I look forward to seeing axis deer meat employed as a resource for the poor while also relieving problems for ranchers and food producers who have supported Maui for generations and I support SB1486 in light of those potential benefits.



MAUI

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

VOICE OF BUSINESS

**HEARING BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON
AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT and WATER AND LAND
HAWAII STATE CAPITOL, SENATE CONFERENCE ROOM 224
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2023 AT 1:00 P.M.**

To The Honorable Senator Mike Gabbard, Chair
The Honorable Senator Herbert M. "Tim" Richards, III, Vice Chair
Members of the Committee on Agriculture and Environment
The Honorable Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair
The Honorable Brandon J.C. Elefante, Vice Chair
Members of the Committee on Water and Land

SUPPORT FOR SB1486 RELATING TO MEAT AND POULTRY INSPECTION

The Maui Chamber of Commerce would like testify in **support for SB1486** which requires the Department of Agriculture, in collaboration with the Hawai'i Interagency Council on Homelessness; Department of Land and Natural Resources, Division of Forestry and Wildlife; and Department of Health, Food Safety Branch, in consultation with the County of Maui Axis Deer Task Force, to develop and implement a plan to expand the meat processing capacity in the State to allow for meat from axis deer and other wild game to be processed for distribution by nonprofit food distribution services by 7/1/2024

The Chamber would like to point out that axis deer, an invasive species that poses a continuing threat to Hawaii's environment, could provide significant quantities of meat as a protein source for nonprofit food distribution services, such as the State's network of food banks and Feed My Sheep, Inc. of Maui County. However, there is a gap between the hunters and the retailers and nonprofit services because the meat requires processing prior to distribution. For meat donation, other states such as Wisconsin and Michigan offer models that Hawaii can assess to develop processes for plan implementation and program funding, including licensing fees and other funding sources managed by wildlife agencies or nonprofits.

This bill will be one of a few major tools in controlling the over-population of Axis deer on all islands.

For these reasons, we **support SB1486**.

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-1486

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Testimony for AEN on 2/10/2023 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| B.A. McClintock | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Please support this bill.

SB-1486

Submitted on: 2/8/2023 8:34:13 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/10/2023 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| Randy Cabral | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Strongly support

SB-1486

Submitted on: 2/9/2023 4:29:24 AM

Testimony for AEN on 2/10/2023 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| Taylor Kellerman | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Aloha,

Great way to help bolster Hawaii's need for both invasive species control as well as food security.

Mahalo

Taylor Kellerman

SB-1486

Submitted on: 2/9/2023 5:35:01 AM

Testimony for AEN on 2/10/2023 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| Woody Child | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

I support SB1486.

SB-1486

Submitted on: 2/9/2023 9:37:15 AM

Testimony for AEN on 2/10/2023 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| Gary R Ueunten | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

We support SB 1486 and the processing for sale of deer meat and other wildlife threatening agriculture in Hawaii. Our farm is constantly affected by wild hogs damaging crops, uprooting recent plantings and threatening food safety. The reduction in the wildlife population affecting agriculture and increase in the local food supply is a win-win for the community.

Wildlife control requires a comprehensive response by all stakeholders. We urge the development of control plans by DLNR.

SB-1486

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Testimony for AEN on 2/10/2023 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| Hugh Starr | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Aloha Chairs Gabbard and Inouye:

I write to express my full support for SB 1486; this Bill accurately reflects exactly the sentiment that our Maui Ag Community has been discussing for a while now. Thank you in advance for your support of this timely legislation.

Hugh Starr, Momona Farm

Olinda, Maui

SB-1486

Submitted on: 2/9/2023 10:50:43 AM

Testimony for AEN on 2/10/2023 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| Alex Franco | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

I support SB1486. We need to do all we can to control deer numbers, the severe impact that is being felt by farmers and ranchers today has reduced the number of cattle that ranchers can raise and farmers overall production. Moreover the overgrazing being caused by large deer numbers has caused significant soil erosion and increased the spread of invasive plants.

SB-1486

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Testimony for AEN on 2/10/2023 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| Jimmy Gomes | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

I support SB1486 as per Hawaii Cattlemen's Council testimony submitted.

SB-1486

Submitted on: 2/9/2023 6:00:23 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/10/2023 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| Keomailani Hanapi Hirata | Individual | Oppose | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

I OPPOSE SB1486.

I am a resident of the island of Molokai, which is apart of Maui County. I have made numerous attempts to find out who is the "County of Maui Axis Deer Task Force" and who is the representative for the island of Molokai. I have been unable to get a response. Axis deer is a free food source to the people of Molokai, who live on an exconomically depressed island. Molokai needs an active, neutral representative on this Maui County axis deet ask force. I am agaisnt commercializing axis deer at a larger scale here on Molokai.

SB-1486

Submitted on: 2/9/2023 7:20:27 PM

Testimony for AEN on 2/10/2023 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| Brendan Balthazar | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

It is about time we are able to donate meat to the food bank and others . Lots of states have programs call hunt for the hungry. They have no problem taking there catch to a processing plant and the state pays for processing and gives it to the poor.

Brendan

SB-1486

Submitted on: 2/10/2023 7:35:45 AM

Testimony for AEN on 2/10/2023 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| Kristin Mack Almasin | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

I support SB 1486 because increased capacity for the processing of venison from wild deer is needed. Modifying restrictions on the donation of wild venison is also important in order to allow the meat to serve populations in need and give hunters the ability to harvest more deer while hunting.