



COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT
Senator Mike Gabbard, Chair
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SCR164/SR133

Monday, March 17, 2025, 1:01 PM
Conference Room 224 & Videoconference

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

The Hawaii Cattlemen's Council **supports SCR164/SR133** which requests the Department of Agriculture to adopt rules authorizing rodeos on lands zoned for agricultural use.

Rodeo values and skills are closely intertwined with paniolo cattle production. These events serve all ages and teach the participants responsibility and love of the land, while providing the community with a way to connect more closely to the hard work that goes into producing the food on their plate. Moreover, these rodeos often serve as fundraising events for the community. We support DOA adopting rules to authorize rodeos on agricultural land.

We appreciate the opportunity to testify on this measure. 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.

Nicole Galase
Hawaii Cattlemen's Council
Managing Director



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Submitted on: 3/16/2025 8:55:45 AM

Testimony for AEN on 3/17/2025 1:01:00 PM

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

Comments:

Please support this important measure

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Submitted on: 3/16/2025 6:52:29 AM

Testimony for AEN on 3/17/2025 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lani Petrie	Testifying for Kapapala Ranch	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

The ranching culture should be shared with a greater audience as a rodeo can provide. When ranchers brand and work cattle it is a time for families to come together sharing their horsemanship and roping skills. Because liability issues are of great concern today, more and more ranches cannot allow friends and friends of friends to freely participate like years gone by.

I strongly support SR133 and SCR164



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REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO ADOPT RULES AUTHORIZING RODEOS ON
LANDS ZONED FOR AGRICULTURAL USE

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

My name is Charles F. Stevens, I am the owner of SC Ranch Company, Inc. and I am submitting this testimony in **SUPPORT of SCR164/SR133**. SCR164/SR133 requires the Department of Agriculture to adopt rules authorizing rodeos on lands zoned for agricultural use.

The SC Ranch Company, Inc. was established over 50 years ago, by the late Dutch Schuman and Gordan Cran. I purchased the ranch in 2012, and I operate the ranch alongside my family - providing Hawai'i's households with over 350,000 lbs of beef annually. Additionally, SC Ranch Company, Inc. is an AQHA Ranch Heritage Breeder, with a distinguished horse program. We breed, train, and offer a variety of seasoned horses and prospects suited for every western discipline.

Rodeos and horse shows are cultural and a critical element to our business. The significance of our cultural connection is documented in history, and is immediately evident as you enter the town of Kamuela. Both competitive events provide us an opportunity demonstrate the excellence of our training and breeding program. Almost every event in the rodeo, and cutting and cowhorse events, highlight the athletic ability of the horse, and the skills of the rider, to do their job on the ranch.

Please accept my testimony in **SUPPORT of SCR164/SR133**. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this important matter.

Charles F. Stevens
SC Ranch Company, Inc.

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Submitted on: 3/17/2025 8:59:44 AM

Testimony for AEN on 3/17/2025 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Sara Moore	Testifying for Kealia Ranch	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please support SR133 allowing development and use of arenas and rodeo infrastructure on agricultural use lands.

These activities were born from and perpetuate the culture and skills of livestock handling for ranching. By authorizing rodeos on lands zoned for agricultural use, it honors the State's rich ranching history and paniolo culture, and allows a venue to pass on skills and knowledge to the future generation of livestock handlers in the State of Hawaii. It is an appropriate use of Ag lands for livestock and their handlers.

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Submitted on: 3/14/2025 2:21:59 PM

Testimony for AEN on 3/17/2025 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lu Ann Mahiki Lankford-Faborito	Testifying for Miss Rodeo Hawaii Program	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

support, current venues are ag zoned ranches. comment: hoping this won't lock into only ag venue, should a professional rodeo come to hawaii and book the blaisdell.

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Submitted on: 3/15/2025 6:34:25 AM

Testimony for AEN on 3/17/2025 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jason Moniz	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Strongly support this resolution. Skills required during the preparation and participation in rodeo and other equestrian events are imperative in the development and maintenance of the workforce required to support our livestock industries, particularly the beef cattle industry.

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Submitted on: 3/15/2025 5:18:25 PM

Testimony for AEN on 3/17/2025 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
james earl duffy	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am greatly in favor of this bill as the rodeo is an important part of our paniolo culture and heritage and is loved by the people of Hawaii.

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Submitted on: 3/15/2025 6:15:15 PM

Testimony for AEN on 3/17/2025 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Keith	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support SR133. Keith Unger

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Submitted on: 3/16/2025 6:59:34 AM

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

Comments:

I Strongly Support SR133.

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Submitted on: 3/16/2025 8:04:00 AM

Testimony for AEN on 3/17/2025 1:01:00 PM

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

Comments:

Strong support

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Submitted on: 3/16/2025 8:57:24 AM

Testimony for AEN on 3/17/2025 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Bud & Katy Gibson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

We support the bill SR133/SCR164 and we testify in support of those bills.

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Submitted on: 3/16/2025 2:21:31 PM

Testimony for AEN on 3/17/2025 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
J Ashman	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this measure.

Where appropriate, rodeos should also be permitted as an accessory use in State agricultural land leases.

Thank you.