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TESTIMONY on HB 1607 HD1
RELATING TO RANGE LAND LIABILITY

Hearing: Tuesday, March 1, 2011 @ 2:00 p.m Conference Room 325

Rep. Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair, Committee on Judiciary

Aloha Chairperson and Committee Members

We STRONGLY SUPPORT Bill HB 1607 HD1 Relating to Range Land Liability

My name is Lorie Farrell, Executive Director of the Big Island Farm Bureau. We are directly affiliated with the Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation with 650 members on the Island of Hawaii.

Big Island ranchers and farmers are faced with trespass, theft and liability issues every day. We strongly support but believe it should apply equally to cropland also.....all agricultural land should be protected from liability.

Agriculture sustainability is of great importance to the State of Hawaii; resolving our liability and trespassing issues will help bolster the industries strength to survive.

We respectfully and STRONGLY SUPPORT HB 1607 HD1; Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Lorie Farrell

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