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Written Comments

HCR318

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS
TO CONVENE A TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF
DEVELOPING AN ARENA AND TESTING AND INSPECTION FACILITY ON
HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS ON MOLOKAI FOR THE PURPOSE OF TESTING
BACKYARD POULTRY FLOCKS FOR AVIAN DISEASES

Comments by the Legislative Reference Bureau Charlotte A. Carter-Yamauchi, Acting Director

Presented to the House Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

Wednesday, March 30, 2010, 8:30 a.m. Conference Room 329

Chair Hanohano and Members of the Committee:

The Bureau appreciates the opportunity to comment on this measure.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 318, among other things, requests the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to convene a task force to study the feasibility of developing an arena and testing and inspection facility on Hawaiian Home Lands on Molokai as a pilot project for the purpose of testing backyard poultry flocks for avian diseases.

The measure also directs the Legislative Reference Bureau to assist the task force in drafting any legislation proposed by the task force; "provided that the chairperson of the task force submits a draft of the task force's proposals to the Legislative Reference Bureau for drafting in sufficient time to meet the task force's deadline for submittal of its report."

The Bureau takes no position on the merits of the measure, but notes that, as the measure is presently drafted, the duties requested of the Bureau appear to be manageable and we would undertake them to the best of our ability.

We do, however, recommend and request two amendments that we believe will assist the Bureau and the task force in exercising and completing the requested duties:

(1) That the deadline for submitting the task force's recommendations to the Bureau be specified as not later than November 1, 2011. There are a number

of other measures outstanding that request or require the Bureau to assist various task forces and working groups -- all of whom will be completing their work during the later part of the year. In addition, the Bureau is concerned that assisting these various task forces with their reports will impede the Bureau's ability to respond to legislative requests for research and bill drafting in preparation for the upcoming session. A November 1, 2011, deadline will help to ensure that the report can be submitted to the Legislature in a timely manner; and

(2) That the task force be dissolved after the adjournment of the 2012 Regular Session of the Legislature, rather than when the report is submitted. The report is supposed to be submitted before the convening of the 2012 Regular Session. If the task force is dissolved at that time, its members will only be available to answer questions or otherwise work with the Legislature in their capacities as individuals. The task force will not be able to respond to legislative inquiries as an entity, as it will no longer exist.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide written comments on this measure. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Bureau at 587-0666.

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Testimony in Support in SUPPORT OF HCR 318

Aloha Representative Hanohano and Committee Members,

On behalf of the Molokai Homestead Farmers Alliance, my name is Lynn DeCoite and we support HCR 318. We are an organization made up of approximately 20 homestead farmers that feel strongly about keeping our farms disease free. Some of those farmers which raise sweet potatoes, taro, bananas, citrus plants, egg plant, papaya, tongan yams, chickens for poultry operation etc. Prevention of disease from further outbreak keeps us sustainable. Growing food for people across the state or just for consumption is our number one priority. This resolution is a stepping stone in the right direction for Molokai.

We stand in support of this measure and thank you for the opportunity to give testimony.

If you should have any questions feel free to contact me at 808-336-0070.

Mahalo, Lvnn DeCoite Molokai Homestead Farmers Alliance, President

Jennifer Wilbur

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Aloha, my name is Lynn DeCoite and I am a third generation sweet potato farmer on the island of Molokai and I support HCR 318. I am also a chicken farmer as well as a chicken enthusiast, and a rancher. I have been farming for over 25 years. I am well of aware of what disease can do to farmers as well as ranchers. I've seen what TB has done to the island of Molokai. It wiped out our entire population of beef at one time, setting many ranchers back more so food.

I believe a testing facility such as this could prevent avian disease, or the spread of other types of diseases coming into our island. There are many good things that can help the community of Molokai by having a testing facility, prevention of outbreaks, production of more egg layers and poultry, as well as create jobs and have a positive economic impact in the State of Hawaii.

For those reasons I Support HCR 318.

Mahalo,

Lynn DeCoite

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Aloha, my name is Raymond Gomes III born and raised here on the Friendly island of Moloka'i and being of hawaiian decent. I am raising chickens for play

and food for the table. My chickens provides me with eggs to eat and the manure to make my plants strong and healthy. I strongly approve of this testing and inspection facility to test poultry. It would be a big benefit for our island of Moloka'i. This facility will help us be aware of all the different diseases. Due to the facts that, there are alot of farmers here on Moloka'i. We take this seriously!! Once our cows were wiped out, due to the TB scare. Now I can say, they are back, nice and healthy cows. It would be a positive impact in our community for our farmers and non farmers with animals.

Mahalo Raymond Gomes III

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Aloha Representatives,

I am Rosie F. Davis, and live on Kalamaula Homestead, I married a third generation born and raised Molokai farmer. I strongly support HCR 318.

If, we look at the entire picture or for better words (the full circle), many operational items and tools are included for sustainability to be a survivor on Molokai. It is without a second thought or doubt to pursue a facility to this island.

The investment of providing this facility would only enhance the self reliance of the entire community by generating revenue and creating jobs, the positives outweigh the negatives.

As you may know, the history of Molokai, we have lost many large employers, leaving the community members embracing the largest commodity we have (farming). This is another avenue for the community to continue its way of life and economically be resourceful as well.

I believe a testing facility such as this could prevent avian disease, or the spread of other types of diseases coming into our island. There are many good things that can help the community of Molokai by having a testing facility, prevention of outbreaks, production

of more egg layers and poultry, as well as create jobs and have a positive economic impact in the State of Hawaii.

Please consider and assist our island of Molokai.

For the reasons, written above, I **Support** HCR 318.

Mahalo Nui Loa, Rosie F. Davis

From here you need to copy and paste the top heading into your testimony than write what you want about yourself sign off with name and email to HAWtestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov If you have any questions feel free to call me at 336-0070.

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Aloha Chairwoman Hanohano and Committee Members:

My name is Russell DeCoite. I am 51 years old and I was born and raised on the Island of Molokai. I am a farmer, and rancher and I support HCR 318.

Growing up on Molokai teaches me about sustainability and our very existence to live here. I raise my own chickens for enjoyment, for food and for therapy. We all enjoy doing things that we like, but my biggest fear is that of disease. My wife and I are the biggest individually owned sweet potato farmers in the state of Hawaii, we know what disease can do to a farm which is what we look at preventive measures before it happens. We were at one time raising cattle in excess of 400 head until Tuberculosis came in and wiped out our herd.

A testing facility would help to isolate and control any form of disease. Lets look at this carefully before something wipes out our food completely.

That is why I support HCR 318.

If you should have any questions feel free to contact me at 808-336-1667.

Thank You,

Russell DeCoite, Sweet Potato Farmer

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Aloha Chairman Hanohano and Committee Members,

My name is Ronald Rapanot II and I am keiki o ka aina, and I am the President of The Molokai Game Fowl Association and we support HCR 318. The goals of this organization, is to increase involvement and education in our community, to malama our fowl and to continue Hawaiian cultural practices. We are chicken enthusiast, chicken farmers and chicken breeders and we want to be able to practice our culture. We take pride in what we do by raising our fowl, they get the best care by us and they are also therapy to people.

What this resolution does is to make sure that we are protected from diseases for all fowl. It allows us to be accountable to one another on Molokai making sure that if disease is found it can be isolated and treated. We do not want any sort of outbreak that could jeopardize a line of food source to us, this is a preventive measure that we want in place for the island of Molokai.

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For those reasons we support HCR 318.

Thank you for the opportunity to give testimony. If you should have any questions feel free to contact me at 336-0892.

Ronald Rapanot II

Molokai Game Fowl President

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Aloha Representative Hanohano and Committee Members

My name is Kimo Kaiama, and I was born and raised on the island of Molokai and I support HCR 318/HR283. I am a homestead farmer that raises papaya as well as a poultry enthusiast who raise chickens as well as eggs for food consumption. I also use my poultry to help rid my farm of pest. There manure is a very good source of fertilizer and I have found my self to be more dependent on things such as these to be sustainable. A resolution such as this could help our economy. For those reasons I support HCR 318/HR 283.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to give testimony.

Mahalo, Kimo Kaiama Molokai Homestead Farmer

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Aloha Chairman Hanohano and Committee Members,

My name is Craig Arinoki, and I was born and raised on the island of Molokai and I support HCR 318. We are chicken enthusiast, chicken breeders and want to be able to practice our culture. We take pride in what we do by raising fowl, and they get the best care provided by us for some they are considered therapy.

What this resolution does is to make sure that we are protected from diseases for all fowl. It allows us to be accountable to one another on Molokai making sure that if disease is found it can be isolated and treated. We do not want any sort of outbreak that could jeopardize a line of food source to us, this is a preventive measure that we want in place for the island of Molokai.

A resolution such as this can help our economy. For those reasons I support HCR 318.

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Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to give testimony.

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Aloha Chairwoman Hanohano and Committee Members:

My name is Ochie Bush, and I was born and raised on the Island of Molokai. I am a kupuna and the President of the Hoolehua Homestead Association, and we support HCR 318.

I believe a testing facility such as this could prevent avian disease, or the spread of other types of diseases coming into our island. There are many good things that can help the community of Molokai by having a testing facility, prevention of outbreaks, production of more egg layers and poultry, as well as create jobs and have a positive economic impact in the State of Hawaii.

For those reasons we support HCR 318.

If you should have any questions feel free to contact me at 567-6027.

Thank You,

Ochie Bush,

Hoolehua Homestead Association, President

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Aloha my name is Viola K. Mundrick-Wichman and I am a homestead farmer on the island of Molokai and I support HCR 318. I am also an egg layer poultry farmer (ducks geese and chickens) and a rancher. I have been farming for the last 12 years. I am well of aware of what disease can do to farmers and ranchers. Our beef operations were totally wiped out because of the outbreak of TB. Today, this disease would decimate our island cattle industry - just staying above expenses, and to our new poultry layers operations (5), it would close us down. Some of those farmers which raise sweet potatoes, taro, bananas, citrus plants, egg plant, papaya, tongan yams, chickens for poultry operation etc. Prevention of disease from further outbreak keeps us sustainable. Growing food for people across the state or just for consumption is our number one priority. This resolution is a stepping stone in the right direction for Molokai.

I believe a testing facility such as this could prevent avian disease, or the spread of other types of diseases coming into our island. There are many good things that can help the community of Molokai by having a testing facility, prevention of outbreaks, production of more egg layers and poultry, as well as create jobs and have a positive economic impact in the State of Hawaii.

For those reasons I Support HCR 318.

Mahalo, Viola K. Mundrick-Wichman

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Requesting The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to convene a Task Force to study the feasibility of developing an Arena & Testing & Inspection Facility on Hawaiian Home Lands on Molokai for the purpose of Testing Backyard Poultry Flocks for Avian Diseases.

"Molokai is considered the last Hawaiian Island. We who live here choose not to be strangers in our own land. No matter what our ethnicity, our islands cultures are practiced in our everyday lives. We are Farmers of the Land & Sea"

My name is Chad Keala Hirata I am a keiki o ka aina of Molokai. I am half Hawaiian & Half Japanese. My father, who is pure Japanese, was born & raised on the West side of Molokai in Maunaloa. My mother, who is pure Hawaiian, was born & raised on the East side of Molokai in Ualapue. I was raised on my grandparents Homestead in Kapaakea. I currently live on the East end of Molokai in Kainalu, with my wife & 3 children. We are strong believers in being self sufficient & we practice sustainability & subsistence. Along with being an avid hunter & fisherman, I raise chickens. Raising Chickens provides my family with food; we harvest the eggs from our chickens to eat. We raise Chickens for

companionship & enjoyment. Our Chickens are our family pets. They help to keep down the bugs around our house (example: Roaches, Centipedes, Scorpions, etc.). I believe a Testing & Inspection facility to test Poultry for avian diseases would be a big benefit for the island of Moloka'i. The island of Moloka'l is a small island; an outbreak of any avian diseases could wipe out all poultry on the island. The testing facility would benefit, not only game fowl enthusiast, but also farmers who raise egg laying poultry and poultry to be eaten. The testing facility would be a positive impact in our community, both economically & educationally.

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Aloha, my name is Tania Joao and I am a poultry farmer on the island of Molokai. As a poultry farmer, my flocks are certified free of avian influenza, Newcastle disease, and other communicable avian diseases. My day old chicks are inoculated by the hatchery I purchase my flock from. At the farm, I practice biosecurity measures.

I am familiar with what diseases, i.e., Avian or otherwise can do to farmers and Ranchers. For these reasons, I practice the biosecurity measures to minimize exposure of the diseases to and/or from my flock to the community.

As you may recall, the island of Molokai experienced a TB fiasco not so long ago. The cattle were found non-consumable, and then eradicated. It was a financial disaster for the Ranchers and the effect transferred over to the exuberant cost of food. Like the TB/cattle issue, the avian/poultry can escalate into a similar situation..

Having a testing facility on the island benefits the community in so many ways. The prevention of outbreaks, or timely response to an outbreak as well a creation of jobs is just a few of the benefits of having such a facility. Imagine the potential positive economic impact on the entire state. For those reasons I **Support** HCR 318.

Mahalo.

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Aloha Chairman Hanohano and Committee Members,

My name is Michelle Naeole, and I was born and raised on the island of Molokai and I support HCR 318. I am a homesteader and caterer just venturing now into egg laying, we use our eggs to feed our families as well as for our catering business. I am about to order more chickens to expand production.

A testing facility such as this would be beneficial to us. I would like to know if I have disease found in my chickens, I would also like to know if others have it so we can prevent any future outbreaks.

A resolution such as this can help our economy. For those reasons I support HCR 318.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to give testimony.

Mahalo, Michelle Naeole Mululli Nacik

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Aloha Kakou,

My name is Randall Kalani Corpuz and I am a keiki o ka aina from the island of Molokai. I am a 3rd Generaton on Hawaiian Home Lands descending from my grandparents. Which, my children will Be the fourth generation as a Hawaiian Homes Lessee. My wife and I have raised our children here On Molokai. I am also a Chicken Farmer and a Caterer. Our business name for our Farm is R3H Game Farm, which stands for my Name Randall, our 3 children, and my wife Hokulani. Our Catering business is called Peace Of Mind LLC. I am well aware of what diseases can do to farms and I also seen what TB has Done to the Island of Molokai, which had put our island in an economical dilemma. We raise our For food as well as fertilizer. In our catering business, we use the eggs so we have tapped into Sustainable alliance between our 2 businesses.

I believe a testing facility such as this is realistic for Molokai because it will help prevent outbreaks, Prevent avian diseases, or the spread of other diseases that could possibly end up on our beautiful Island. There are many positive things that will be economically sufficient for our island such as Creating jobs, prevention of diseases that could affect our food sources, more production on egg Layers and poultry, as well as making our island more sustainable.

Therefore, I would like to say, I, Randall K. Corpuz, support HCR 318 for the betterment of our Island and our future.

Mahalo for this opportunity to be heard.

With much Aloha,

Randall Kalani Corpuz Sr. P O Box 972 Kaunakakai, Hawaii 96748

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Aloha,

My name is Miriam Hokulani Corpuz and I am a resident of the island of Molokai. I am an Educational Assistant at the Kualapuu Elementary School here on Molokai. My husband and I have Raised 3 of our children on Molokai and we wouldn't have it any other way. So in actuality, I have Lived her for over 35 years. Besides working in the Educational Department, I am also a Chicken Farmer and a Caterer. Our business name for our Farm is R3H Game Farm, which stands for my Husband Randall, our 3 children and I, which is Hokulani. Our catering business is called Peace Of Mind LLC. I am well aware of what diseases can do to farms and I also seen what TB has Done to the Island of Molokai, which had put our island in an economical dilemma. We raise our For food as well as fertilizer. In our catering business, we use the eggs so we have tapped into Sustainable alliance between our 2 businesses.

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Therefore, I would like to say, I, Miriam H. Corpuz, support HCR 318 for the betterment of our Island and our future.

Mahalo for this opportunity to be heard.

With much Aloha,

Miriam Hokulani Corpuz

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Aloha,

My name is Lauwa'e Lee and I am a born and raised homesteader here on Molokai who supports the HCR 318. Although I was just a young child when the outbreak of TB was found here on our island it has directly impacted my ohana who were cattle farmers at the time. Today, our pastures are still empty due to the hardships of having our cattle eradicated.

Because of this experience, I have become a strong supporter of having a testing facility here in Hawaii. I am confident that it will not only help us to maintain poultry that are disease free but it will also help to benefit the economy for the State of Hawaii.

Mahalo,

Lauwae Lee

We, the undersigned, support HCR NO. 318.

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