

SB 140

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**TESTIMONY OF RUSSELL S. KOKUBUN
CHAIRPERSON, BOARD OF AGRICULTURE**

**BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2011
3:00 P.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 229**

**SENATE BILL NO. 140
MAKING A GRANT APPROPRIATION FOR THE HAWAII LIVESTOCK COOPERATIVE**

Chairperson Nishihara and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on Senate Bill No. 140.

The Department of Agriculture supports the overall intent of the bill to appropriate moneys to the Department of Agriculture for the purposes of providing a grant to the Hawaii Livestock Cooperative. The grant provides support for the continued operation of the facility and the development of a sustainable business plan.

The slaughterhouse is an essential component of the State's livestock industry. It is the largest slaughterhouse on Oahu and one of the most modern in the State. In order for Hawaii to increase food self-sufficiency it will need a centrally located USDA inspected slaughterhouse to ensure a safe food supply for its citizens, provide hog producers and ranchers access to retail markets and to ensure that local hogs and cattle are humanely processed.

A grant to the Cooperative to assist its continued operation would allow the Cooperative to provide better returns to local ranchers and hog producers, and the development of a business plan would help to ensure the sustainability of the operation.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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To Whom It May Concern,

Please find the attached file for testimony regarding SB140, scheduled for February 1st, 2011 at 3:00 pm. Thank you.

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Testimony in SUPPORT of SB140

Tuesday – February 1, 2011

3:00 pm

Honored Senators and Legislators,

Senate Bill 140 is extremely vital to the cattle and other livestock industry. If Hawaii is to move forward in gaining independence from huge protein imports from the mainland, then this grant appropriation will be a vital step towards that goal.

Reducing protein imports will help Hawaii's economy by generating employment, ensuring food safety through USDA meat inspection, promote fresh local products, and increase Hawaii's food self sufficiency.

Thank you for your consideration,

Calvin Wong, President
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