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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Bennette Misalucha	Hawaii Crop Improvement Association	Support	No

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cathrina	n/a	Support	No

Comments: **Pig Hunters Association of Oahu** ask for your support in this measure to continue our native resources. Much appreciation to all always ~ Aloha, Cathrina

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Kelvin Ching	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Thank you for your time and consideration. I support and I ask you to support. Including the human race as part of the ecosystem is critical to management. Manage our resources so we have a healthy food source to sustain our population.

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james kuniyoshi	Individual	Support	No

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Brian F. Funai	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I believe that it is about time that our leaders and others that are responsible for our food security and sustainability strategies here in the State recognize that game mammals and ocean resources are an important role. Hunters and fishermen are the people who can and presently do fulfill the needs of our people and without them, we are at a serious disadvantage should we find the need to become more self sustainable all of a sudden. I have attached an excerpt from Lawai'a Magazine that has continuously made this point the subject of editorial comment. Thank you for your consideration.

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**T**he generations of island people all the way up to Hawaii's plantation era used to be self sustainable. Understanding diversity, seasonality and the natural resources, we knew how to grow vegetables and raise animals, hunt in the mountains and fish in the ocean to feed ourselves.

"Progress" in the form of urbanization and population growth has led us to become more and more dependent on off-island sources of food for our daily lives. Many of us still know how to farm, hunt and fish, but for a majority, these skills are now forms of recreation, culture and tradition. For only a few of us it is our life's calling as an occupation and more about feeding just our individual selves. With progress, problems have emerged, impacting our communities for a few years now, changing key aspects of our lives here in Hawaii.

If you've kept up with current news over the last couple of years, you've noticed that genetically modified organisms, or GMOs, have been the subject of intense debate. People are concerned about their health and rightly so. However, as with many discussions, extreme viewpoints and actions of a few driven by fear have dominated over rational thinking and the science that has helped us thrive as a modern, enlightened society. Farmers and scientists who actually do the farming and development to keep food safe and affordable for more and more of us are being attacked, oftentimes in many of the same ways and with the same tactics as hunters and fishermen, who have also been demonized in much the same way. More and more new regulations that are making it harder to do farm work are very similar to the increasing regulations that make it harder to hunt and fish to feed people. Much of that comes through political pressure fueled by misinformation and emotion, driven by well funded media campaigns organized by others that disagree with farming, hunting and fishing practices.

The same science that we rely on for our food safety says that we should eat more seafood because it is healthy for us. As more and more of our population understands the health benefits of eating fish and other seafood, there needs to be a consistent and reliable supply for our local population. Yet some fishermen are routinely vilified and looked at as greed driven if they are not "sportsmen" with a catch and release ethic that is inconsistent with taking what they need over and above some level that they can personally consume in a day. The honorable and age old practice of sharing catch to feed others in the community that are not able to catch their own fish or afford to purchase it is also not afforded any consideration. Rather than doing the difficult task of using science and working with fishermen to determine sustainable fishing practices and managing fisheries in a useful and sustainable manner, much of the push has been to eliminate fishermen or fishing opportunities. Fishermen have faced recent trends in management actions that either limit or shut off access

to the ocean or that make the activity itself too costly because of imposed overregulation. The creation of marine protected areas and catch share or quota management techniques are some prime examples.

Hunters have long been at odds with organizations and agencies tasked with managing our land resources and face issues that are very similar to fishermen and farmers. More and more of our hunting areas are being lost to exclusive preservation management actions, namely fencing. Game management plans continually describe hunting and the presence of game mammals as "inconsistent" with management of "sensitive" forest areas slated for preservation (i.e. - no hunting) while hunters are only seen necessary as temporary eradication tools. On the island of Hawaii, however,

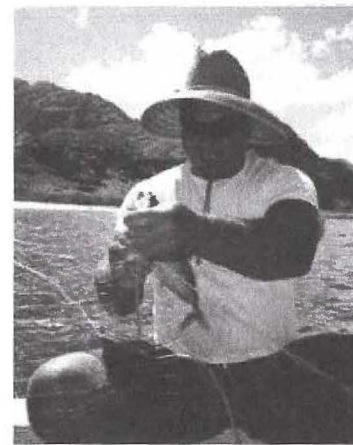
hunters are estimated to provide more than 400,000 lbs a year of wild pig meat alone towards the Big Island's protein supply. Hunting is not only a sport and cultural tradition but also something that could be critical to our survival in times of emergency.

Farmers, fishermen and hunters are the people who help feed not only themselves but our island population. They will become even more critical if a man-made disruption or natural catastrophe affects our food supply to these islands. Everyone agrees that Hawaii needs to be more self sufficient in producing our own food. Everyone also agrees that we need to preserve our agricultural land, our forest area and ocean environment for a healthy reef system. Yet our management actions, of which many are often driven by a certain vocal minority of our community, directly conflict with both of these goals. If we continue to allow the attack on the very people who will be able to work the land, hunt in the forest and fish the ocean with enough skill to feed more

than just themselves in a disaster, it will not help anyone. If we continue to allow the attack on these very important people in our community to the point that no one can continue to do it, we will lose the accumulated local knowhow, knowledge and expertise from generations of home grown practitioners and scientific progress - and just be shooting ourselves in the foot.

The good news is that farmers, fishermen and hunters have come together to dialogue, realizing that we all have the same concerns and often face similar difficulties. In the past, these three parts of our island community kept to themselves and dealt with issues on their own, fought their own battles. But now it is clear that living in an island state makes us all interconnected. We have to put resources, energy and experiences together to address the issues and concerns that will help us all feed ourselves, feed our communities, and work towards the shared goal of increased food security in Hawaii.

Quoting a friend: "We Americans have a bad habit of always shooting ourselves in the foot...but lately we take it a step further by taking aim..."



HCR22 HD1  
Supporting Gaming

House Committee on Human Services

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I, Kyle Chikazawa, want to support HCR22 HD1 in order to keep cultural practices alive. Culture is extremely important, especially in Hawaii. If this will help people hunt only for sustainability, then it should do no harm as long as it is not over doing it.

Sincerely,  
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