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HEARING BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER, LAND AND AGRICULTURE

TESTIMONY ON SCR1/SR1 SUPPORTING GAME MAMMAL, GAME BIRD, AND FISHING RESOURCES IN ORDER TO PROMOTE SUSTAINABILITY AND FOOD SECURITY AND TO PRESERVE LONG STANDING LOCAL AND CULTURAL PRACTICES

> Room 224 2:45 PM

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Nishihara, and Members of the Committee:

I am Randy Cabral, President of the Hawaii Farm Bureau (HFB). Organized since 1948, the HFB is comprised of 1,900 farm family members statewide, and serves as Hawaii's voice of agriculture to protect, advocate and advance the social, economic and educational interest of our diverse agricultural community.

HFB supports SCR1/SR1, which supports game mammal, game bird, and fish resources in order to promote sustainability and food security and to preserve long standing local and cultural practices.

Hawaii Farm Bureau supports SCR1/SR1, recognizing that game mammal and game bird introductions, such as pigs, goats, sheep, deer, and other introduced sustainability resources should be included among the natural resources acknowledged by the Hawaii Constitution. HFB agrees that these food sources should be properly managed by the appropriate state departments in order to promote food and economic security in the islands.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.

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Matthew Ross	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Fishing and hunting are critical to our way of life in Hawaii. Please pass this resolution.

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