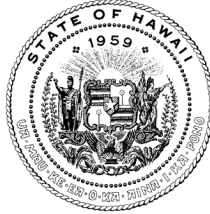


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Before the House Committee on
AGRICULTURE

Wednesday, March 23, 2022
9:00 AM

State Capitol, Conference Room 325, Via Videoconference

In consideration of
SENATE BILL 3251, SENATE DRAFT 1, HOUSE DRAFT 1
RELATING TO HUNTING GUIDES

Senate Bill 3251, Senate Draft 1, House Draft 1 proposes to require any hunting guide to obtain and submit to the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) written permission from any private landowner upon which the hunting guide is engaged in guiding activities. **The Department supports this bill and offers the following comments.**

Current laws already prohibit trespassing, vandalism, property damage, and poaching on private lands regardless of whether the perpetrator is claiming to be hunting legally. The Department's hunting rules, Chapters 122 and Chapter 123, Hawaii Revised Statutes, require landowner's approval to hunt on private lands. The Department supports measures to increase enforceability of trespass laws on private land, including hunting without permission, but urges an approach that does not deter legal and courteous hunting guides that do follow the rules from participating, or hinder the ability of agencies and partners to implement hunting programs or carry out their statutory mandates to protect natural resources. Requiring "written permission" may be a burden for many guides that have good working relationships with private landowners where obtaining written permission may be difficult.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.



COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE
Rep. Mark J. Hashem, Chair
Rep. Amy A. Perruso, Vice Chair

SB3251 SD1 HD1
RELATING TO HUNTING GUIDES

Wednesday, March 23, 2022, 9:00 AM
VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE

Chair Hashem, Vice Chair Perruso, and Members of the Committee,

The Hawaii Cattlemen's Council (HCC) is the Statewide umbrella organization comprised of the five county level Cattlemen's Associations. Our member ranchers represent over 60,000 head of beef cows; more than 75% of all the beef cows in the State. Ranchers are the stewards of over 750 thousand acres of land in Hawaii, or 20% of the State's total land mass. We represent the interests of Hawaii's cattle producers.

The Hawaii Cattlemen's Council **supports SB3251 SD1 HD1**, which requires that hunting guides obtain written permission from private landowners or other appropriate person before taking their clients to hunt on those private lands. We support the amendment that the bill be broadened to require written permission of all hunters on private land.

Hunting access is important as a food source, recreation, and to remove unmanaged ungulates from the land. However, proper management of hunting is paramount. This bill will help farmers and ranchers to manage responsible access on the lands that they produce on.

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HEARING BEFORE THE
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

**TESTIMONY ON SB 3251, SD1, HD1
RELATING TO HUNTING GUIDES**

Room 325 & Videoconference
9:00 AM

Aloha Chair Hashem, Vice-Chair Perruso, and Members of the Committee:

I am Brian Miyamoto, Executive Director of the Hawai'i Farm Bureau (HFB). Organized since 1948, the HFB is comprised of 1,800 farm family members statewide and serves as Hawai'i's voice of agriculture to protect, advocate and advance the social, economic, and educational interests of our diverse agricultural community.

The Hawai'i Farm Bureau supports SB 3251, SD1, HD1, which requires that hunters, including hunting guides, obtain written permission from private landowners or other appropriate persons before hunting on private lands, requires hunting guides, as part of the licensing process, to file the written permission with the department of land and natural resources' division of forestry and wildlife, and requires hunters, including hunting guides, to carry a copy of the written permission with them while hunting or guiding clients.

Unpermitted hunting on private land is extremely dangerous for both the landowner and the hunter. Over the last several years, incidents of livestock slaughtering, theft, vandalism, crop destruction, and poaching have become commonplace on farms and ranches on every island. These illegal activities must be stopped. Criminals have learned that there is no practical enforcement of the laws to prevent armed thieves and vandals from trespassing, stealing, and destroying others' livelihoods. If caught, these miscreants claim to be hunters and state that they had verbal permission to be on the property.

The burden should never be on the rancher or farmer to prove that he did not give permission to a gun-wielding trespasser to access his property. Without knowing the intent of an armed trespasser on his property, a farmer or rancher may reasonably believe that the trespasser is there to steal his equipment, his livestock, or his crops. He may even think that his home and family are threatened and this could lead him to take steps to protect them. This scenario is just too dangerous for both a legitimate hunter and the farmer, and it can be avoided by the simple act of obtaining prior permission, in writing, so there is no confusion or misunderstanding.

A legitimate, law-abiding hunter would not object to this simple requirement **since he is already required by law to have permission from the landowner**. For many years, HFB has worked with police, prosecutors, and the DLNR to find a solution to trespass, theft, and vandalism problems. **SB 3251, SD1, HD1** will help clarify and help enforcement of the current laws that ALREADY prohibit trespass and prohibit hunting without permission.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide our comments and thank you for your continued support of Hawai'i's agricultural community.

SB-3251-HD-1

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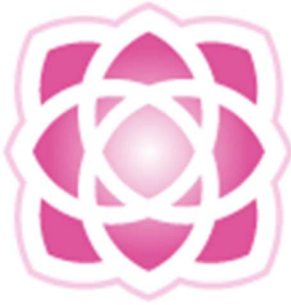
Dear Honorable Committee Members:

Please support HB2125.

Thank you for the opportunity to present my testimony.

Andrea Quinn

Kihei, Maui



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HEARING BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON
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To The Honorable Mark J. Hashem, Chair
The Honorable Amy A. Perruso, Vice Chair
Members of the Committee on Agriculture

SUPPORTING SB3251 SD1 HD1 RELATING TO HUNTING GUIDES

The Maui Chamber of Commerce **supports SB3251 SD1 HD1** which requires that hunting guides obtain written permission from private landowners or other appropriate person before taking their clients to hunt on those private lands. It also requires hunting guides to provide copies of those written permission documents to the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

The Chamber supports requiring hunting guides to obtain written permission from private land owners to conduct hunting tours on their private land and codifying this requirement in the law, as well as requiring that the hunting guides include a copy of the written permission from private land owners in their annual report to DLNR. Further, we appreciate that it was broadened to include any hunters going on private property, as not doing so could go from a trespassing issue to a tragedy.

For these reasons we respectfully request that **SB3251 SD1 HD1** be passed.

Sincerely,

Pamela Tumpap
President

To advance and promote a healthy economic environment for business, advocating for a responsive government and quality education, while preserving Maui's unique community characteristics.