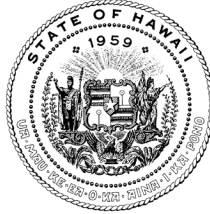


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**Testimony of
SUZANNE D. CASE
Chairperson**

**Before the House Committee on
FINANCE**

**Thursday, March 31, 2022
1:30 PM**

State Capitol, Conference Room 308, Via Videoconference

**In consideration of
SENATE BILL 3320, SENATE DRAFT 1, HOUSE DRAFT 1
RELATING TO FERAL PIG CONTROL PERMITS**

Senate Bill 3320, Senate Draft 1, House Draft 1 proposes to codify certain administrative rules of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) regarding permits to destroy or control feral pigs. **The Department supports this measure.**

The bill as written does not add any authority to Section 183D-61, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), but clarifies that no permits are needed for feral mammal control, including feral pigs on private land during daylight hours when the action is otherwise in compliance with Section 183D-61, HRS, a point that current language in the statute is not clear to many laymen.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.

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SB-3320-HD-1

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Comments:

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HEARING BEFORE THE
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TESTIMONY ON SB 3320, SD1, HD1
RELATING TO FERAL PIG CONTROL PERMITS

Room 308 & Videoconference
1:30 PM

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice-Chair Yamashita, 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 strongly supports SB 3320, SD1, HD1, which explicitly includes feral pigs within the department of land and natural resources' permit system for the taking of wild birds, game birds, and game mammals and clarifies that the department of land and natural resources may provide by rule that no permit or report shall be required to destroy or control game mammals, including feral pigs, during daytime hours on privately owned land when the action is otherwise in compliance with departmental rule.

Across the State, various invasive species are creating havoc in agriculture as well as the ecosystems in which they exist. Feral pigs damage crops by consuming them or by their rooting and trampling crops. They will eat almost any crop. Feral pigs damage pasture grasses, killing desired plant species and often encouraging the growth of undesired weed species. They can also devastate orchards by consuming fruit, citrus, and nuts and their rooting can severely damage, or even kill saplings, shrubs, and vines directly or by facilitating the spread of soil-based fungal diseases. Feral pigs can also break irrigation lines, rip or tear nets, drying racks, and other agricultural structures and equipment.

These and other feral populations can pose a danger, especially as populations grow and their health is put into jeopardy due to inadequate food. Diseases that they normally tolerate will become serious debilitating illnesses that could put our domestic livestock industry in jeopardy. Such fears are not unreasonable, as incidences such as the bovine tuberculosis spread from feral pigs have been documented in Molokai.

Hawai'i's farmers and ranchers are working to provide Hawai'i with an increased level of self-sufficiency, but will not be able to do so if their products are consumed or damaged by feral animals. Axis Deer, feral pigs, rose-ringed parakeets, and other invasive species can cause major damage to property, agriculture (crops and livestock), Hawai'i's native species and ecosystems, and Hawai'i's cultural and historic resources. They can also threaten the health of people, wildlife, pets, and other domestic animals. As Hawai'i's feral animal populations continue to expand, these damages, costs, and risks will only keep rising

Each of Hawai'i's four Counties is being impacted by feral animal damage whether it be, deer in Maui County, pigs on every major island, and various bird species on Oahu and Kauai. Reactive actions by the Counties and the State focus on short-term solutions such as fencing, livestock feed replacement, and other programs. The State needs to develop a long-term management plan, that includes input from stakeholders, to address this ever-growing problem.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
Thursday, March 31, 2022 — 1:30 p.m.

Ulupono Initiative supports SB 3320 SD 1 HD 1, Relating to Feral Pig Control Permits.

Dear Chair Luke and Members of the Committee:

My name is Micah Munekata, and I am the Director of Government Affairs at Ulupono Initiative. We are a Hawai'i-focused impact investment firm that strives to improve the quality of life throughout the islands by helping our communities become more resilient and self-sufficient through locally produced food; renewable energy and clean transportation; and better management of freshwater and waste.

Ulupono supports SB 3320 SD 1 HD 1, which explicitly includes feral pigs within the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) regarding permit system for the taking of wild birds, game birds, and game mammals; clarifies that DLNR may provide by rule that no permit or report shall be required to destroy or control game mammals, including feral pigs, during daytime hours on privately owned land when the action is otherwise in compliance with departmental rules.

Ulupono supports the streamlined control of feral pigs for agriculturalists across the State. Ulupono supports the clarification that DLNR will not require a permit or report to manage feral pigs during daytime hours on privately owned lands. Feral ungulates, such as pigs, pose one of the biggest, unchecked threats to local agriculture. While there may be solutions such as fencing, feral pigs have the ability to infiltrate fence lines, trample healthy soils, and demolish fresh crops.

At the end of 2021, Ulupono reached out to various partners including federal and state agencies, agricultural organizations, and active local producers to determine which Federal programs are beneficial to local producers and how we can capitalize advocacy for the 2023 Farm Bill. In these conversations, we learned about several producer needs that are not being addressed, mostly due to lack of funding or burdensome eligibility requirements. One of the most mentioned concerns from producers was the ability to obtain resources to effectively control feral ungulates. This bill provides help to local farmers and ranchers by streamlining some of the solutions for much needed control. We appreciate this committee's efforts to support the agricultural industry with more tools to address this devastating issue.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

Respectfully,

Micah Munekata
Director of Government Affairs

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SB-3320-HD-1

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christy gusman	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill