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TESTIMONY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

FEBRUARY 19, 2019
2:05 P.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 325

HOUSE BILL NO. 201
RELATING TO INVASIVE SPECIES

Chairperson Lee and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Bill 201 that clarifies the authorization of a department or county, or its employees or authorized agents, to enter private property to control or eradicate invasive species applies to reasonable suspicion that invasive species are present on that property. The Department supports the intent of this bill.

The Department works closely with each island invasive species committee (ISC), often to address early post-entry invasive pest establishment. In working with the island ISCs, it is critically important to address a new invasive pest species as soon as it is detected. If the intent of this bill is to also empower county ISCs, then the measure improves the odds of successful eradication of an invasive pest by leveraging enforcement resources. Recent invasive pest species projects such as the little fire ant and coqui frog on Kauai, Maui, and Oahu; mongoose on Kauai; Myoporum thrips on Oahu; and banana bunchy top virus on Molokai, are excellent examples how the Department and the ISCs can move quickly to control or eliminate newly established invasive pests as long as access to private property is secured.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



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**STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

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**Testimony of
SUZANNE D. CASE
Chairperson**

**Before the House Committee on
JUDICIARY**

**Tuesday, February 19, 2019
2:05 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 325**

**In consideration of
HOUSE BILL 201
RELATING TO INVASIVE SPECIES**

House Bill 201 proposes to amend Chapter 194, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), to clarify that the authority to enter private property to control and eradicate invasive species also applies when there is a reasonable suspicion that invasive species are present on that property. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports this bill.**

The Department is the administrative host of the Hawaii Invasive Species Council, the entity codified in Chapter 194, HRS. The Department recognizes that it may be problematic to confirm the presence of an invasive species on private property prior to obtaining access to that property. This measure would clarify that reasonable suspicion of presence would allow the state, county, and authorized agents to utilize the authority to enter private property in order to both confirm the presence of an invasive species and then perform a control action.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.

SUZANNE D. CASE
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**Department of Land and Natural Resources
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Testimony of
Aha Moku Advisory Committee

Before the House Committee on Judiciary

Tuesday, February 19, 2019
2:05 p.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 325

**In SUPPORT OF HB 201
Relating to Invasive Species**

House Bill 201 clarifies that state, county, and authorized agents' authority to enter private property to control and eradicate invasive species also applies when there is a reasonable suspicion that invasive species are present on that property. **The Aha Moku Advisory Committee (AMAC) supports this measure.**

On behalf of the Hawaii State Aha Moku in which is integrated the Hawaiian Islands of Moku O Keawe (Hawaii), Moku O Piilani (Maui), Moku O Kanaloa (Kahoolawe), Nanai Kaula (Lanai), Molokai Pule Oo (Molokai), Moku O Kakuhihewa (O'ahu), Manokalanipo (Kauai), Kawelonakala (Niihau), and Papahānaumokuākea (NW Hawaiian Islands), we strongly support this measure.

Hawaii is, and always has been, a special and beautiful paradise in which the environment and ecosystem of each of the individual islands are distinctly unique to that place. From the beginning of time, the Native Hawaiians have cared for and treasured their ecosystems and kept the balance of nature intact. However, since 1778, with the arrival of others to Hawaii, great changes in the ecosystems of each island have taken place due to the introduction of plants and animals who are not endemic to Hawaii. Sometimes by accident, and often by well-meaning people and scientists who believe they know best for Hawaii but do not understand the overall impact of one introduced species, whether plant or animal, can have on an entire ecosystem.

Native Hawaiians, through their generational knowledge of the natural and culture resources of their places have struggled over the years to maintain the natural balance of nature and sustain each environment. And, although they were joined by many different cultures who ended up making Hawaii their home, with no natural enemies, invasive species have flourished.

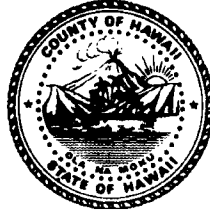
We believe in a person's individual right to privacy and we do know that government agencies have done everything they can to educate the public on the dangers of bringing invasive species to Hawaii. But it has gone too far! And, we have lost too many precious endemic and indigenous species to either carelessness, greed, or gullibility.

For the sake of the Public Trust, including the Native Hawaiians, the indigenous people of Hawaii, we urge you to adopt this measure. Please help all of us save what is left!

Respectfully yours,

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February 19, 2019

Representative Chris Lee, Chair
Committee on Judiciary

Representative Joy A. San Buenaventura, Vice Chair
Committee on Judiciary

Dear Chair Lee and Vice Chair San Buenaventura, and Committee Members:

RE: HB 201 Relating to Invasive Species

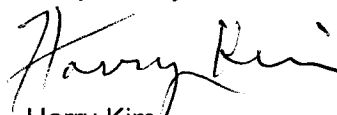
Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of HB 201.

A year ago, the Council of Mayors identified invasive species as a top-priority issue that deserves your attention. Even our best efforts are often inadequate to protect our islands from harmful pests, and limited resources make it imperative that we work together in pursuing solutions to what often seem intractable problems.

HB 201 would put the State and the counties in a better position to fight against invasives. It would take a valuable tool and make it stronger.

We ask that HB 201 be approved.

Respectfully Submitted,


Harry Kim
MAYOR

Council Chair
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Vice-Chair
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February 15, 2019

TO: The Honorable Chris Lee, Chair
House Committee on Judiciary

FROM: Kelly T. King
Council Chair

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kelly King".

SUBJECT: **HEARING OF FEBRUARY 19, 2019; TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF
HB 201, RELATING TO INVASIVE SPECIES**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **support** of this important measure. The purpose of this measure is to clarify State, county, and authorized agents' authority to enter private property to control and eradicate invasive species also applies when there is a reasonable suspicion that invasive species are present on that property.

The Maui County Council has not had the opportunity to take a formal position on this measure. Therefore, I am providing this testimony in my capacity as an individual member of the Maui County Council.

I support this measure for the following reasons:

1. Invasive species cause problems throughout the State, creating both economic and environmental risks, especially to native plants and animals.
2. Authorized agents are professionally trained to help eradicate and control invasive species, and it is imperative they are able to access property where there is a reasonable suspicion that invasive species are present.

For the foregoing reasons, I **support** this measure.

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February 17, 2019

House Committee on Judiciary

Representative Chris Lee, Chair

Representative Joy San Buenaventura, Vice-Chair

**RE: Support for HB201
relating to Invasive Species**

Aloha, Representatives:

As Chair of the Committee on Planning, and the Chair of the Committee on Government Relations and Economic Development for the Hawai'i County Council, I thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of HB201.

Invasive species pose a serious threat to our economy, environment, health, safety and quality of life. This important measure would allow for the eradication and control of invasive species on private property, putting the state and counties in a better position to protect our precious ecosystems.

Please feel free to contact me should you need to discuss my position further.

Mahalo nui loa,

Ashley Lehualani Kierkiewicz
Hawai'i County Council, District 4

**TESTIMONY BEFORE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON
JUDICIARY**

**H.B. 201
Relating to Invasive Species**

Tuesday, February 19, 2019
9:00 a.m., Agenda Item #3
State Capitol, Conference Room 325

Sharon Suzuki
President, Maui County and Hawai'i Island Utilities
Hawai'i Electric Light Company & Maui Electric Company

Aloha Chair Lee, Vice Chair San Buenaventura and Members of the Committee,

My name is Sharon Suzuki and I am testifying on behalf of Hawaiian Electric Company Inc. and its subsidiary utilities Maui Electric Company, Limited and Hawai'i Electric Light Company, Inc. ("the Hawaiian Electric Companies") in support of H.B. 201, Relating to the Invasive Species.

H.B. 201 clarifies that a State Department or applicable county, or its employees or authorized agents may enter private property to control or eradicate invasive species after reasonable notice is given to the owner of the property, whether the invasive species has been found on the property, or reasonably suspected to be on the property.

Hawaiian Electric Companies support the bill for the following reasons:

- Albizia trees are an invasive species, and a hazard to public safety and critical infrastructure.
- Strands of brittle, invasive Albizia trees up to 250 feet tall grow on many public and private properties. Tropical Storm Iselle brought down many

Albizia trees, blocked roadways, and caused millions of dollars in damage to homes and important electric utility lines. Broken tree trunks continue to send out new growth creating even more unstable conditions, while seedlings are rapidly germinating in disturbed areas.

- There are many landowners that either refuse, or fail to respond to repeated notices to control or eradicate invasive species on their property.
- This bill helps to clarify that the state, county or its employees or agents could enter private property to control or eradicate invasive species after reasonable notice is given to the owner of the property, whether the invasive species is found on the property, or is reasonably suspected to be on the property based on the results of surveys or reports or proximity to known populations.

Accordingly, the Hawaiian Electric Companies support H.B. 201 which will help further efforts to control or eradicate invasive species. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.



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February 19, 2019

HEARING BEFORE THE
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

TESTIMONY ON HB 201
RELATING TO INVASIVE SPECIES

Room 325
2:05 PM

Aloha Chair Lee, Vice Chair Buenaventura, and Members of the Committee:

I am Brian Miyamoto, Executive Director 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 interests of our diverse agricultural community.

The Hawaii Farm Bureau supports HB 201, which clarifies that state, county, and authorized agents' authority to enter private property to control and eradicate invasive species also applies when there is a reasonable suspicion that invasive species are present on that property.

Little fire ants and ringspot virus in the past are examples where stopping invasive species required access to private lands and met with varying levels of resistance. The need for the authority where widespread harm to the environment and community is evidently clear. The measure defines invasive species as those identified by the Council. It is unclear which invasive species will require action as proposed in this measure.

We believe that the Invasive Species Council should create a list of invasive species that will require such intervention and that it be approved by the Board of Agriculture as the Department of Agriculture is the regulatory authority for control of invasive species. A caveat can be added for an emergency listing with the approval of the Chair if a new species is detected in Hawaii and timely eradication is required. The species should then be submitted to the Board for listing at the next scheduled meeting.

We suggest amending HRS 194-2(6) to read:

(6) Identify and record all invasive species present in the State; Maintain a list of priority invasive species that cause high risk to the public health and safety or the environment or agriculture.

Examples are LFA for public health, ohia rust for environment and papaya ringspot when first discovered for agriculture.

- (1) Listed as a priority invasive species or is a new species not previously known to occur in Hawaii and declared by the Chair of the Department of Agriculture as a pest requiring eradication to protect public health, the environment or agriculture, and
- (2) ~~(1)~~ Found on private property[.]; or
- (3) ~~(2)~~ Reasonably suspected to be on private property, based on the results of systematic surveys or reports or proximity to known populations,

HFB believes such clarifying language is needed for transparency to the public of priorities identified by the Council and ensuring that there is a clear methodology of declaring an invasive species a threat to require action suggested in this measure.

HFB strongly supports the intent of this measure and request your consideration of the proposed amendments to protect the people, environment, and agriculture of Hawaii.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide comment on this important subject.

HB-201

Submitted on: 2/18/2019 10:14:07 AM

Testimony for JUD on 2/19/2019 2:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Melodie Aduja	O`ahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai`i	Support	No

Comments:

HB-201

Submitted on: 2/17/2019 5:29:25 PM

Testimony for JUD on 2/19/2019 2:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Cathy Goeggel	Animal Rights Hawai'i	Oppose	No

Comments:

One of the basics of our founding fathers was to protect land owner's right to protection from intrusion by government. We feel that, if passed, this will be subject to constitutional litigation.

HB-201

Submitted on: 2/17/2019 9:53:02 PM

Testimony for JUD on 2/19/2019 2:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sylvia Dolena	Aloha Animal Advocates	Oppose	No

Comments:

I STRONGLY OPPOSE THIS BILL. It seems each year the legislature puts this Bill forward. It is an invasion of property rights!

HB-201

Submitted on: 2/18/2019 8:20:44 AM

Testimony for JUD on 2/19/2019 2:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Elaine Anderson	KARES Hawaii	Oppose	No

Comments:

Opposition to this bill is given because it includes eradication of 'invasive species' which includes feral cats, many of which have been humanely sterilized at the expense of several nonprofit animal welfare groups. There is no need for blatant eradication of these animals. It would be an outrage to have a federal employee come to trap or kill animals on private property, especially those animals in colonies of sterilized cats whose welfare is being looked after.

This bill is too encompassing to include feral cats now unfortunately relisted as an invasive species. Please rethink the contents because "eradication" is a euphemism for killing. Hawaii is not a third world country.....we do not need to kill to control.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine K. Anderson

Vice President, Kohala Animal Relocation And Education Service (KARES)

KaMilo at Mauna Lani Resort

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HB-201

Submitted on: 2/18/2019 3:22:05 PM

Testimony for JUD on 2/19/2019 2:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Pamela Miedtke-Wolf	Save An Animal org.	Oppose	No

Comments:

DO NOT allow for someone to come onto private property, ever, without permission!
EVER!

Please do not take away my privacy nor my rights in allowing who comes onto MY land
and when...

We do not live in a dictatorship, do we?

Are you kidding! Almost everything in Hawaii is invasive! Humans being number one!

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HB-201

Submitted on: 2/19/2019 1:12:20 PM

Testimony for JUD on 2/19/2019 2:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
victoria sims	Hilo Cat Rescue	Oppose	No

Comments:

Why should the state or county have the "right " to enter private property without permission?

Why can't the state or county seek and obtain permission from private landowners if there is a need to take care of invasive species??

I do not want my taxpayer dollars to fund such programs without the permission of landowners - it would be a violation of my constiutional rights to have someone enter my properties without my express permission and awareness - landowners have rights - please respect these rights and instead legislate tax dollars to improve the Humane Society and animal rights organizations - much animal abuse, dogs on chains etc in the islands - focus on this instead

HB-201

Submitted on: 2/16/2019 6:39:24 AM

Testimony for JUD on 2/19/2019 2:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Andrea Davis	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of this bill.

I have a small fruit tree farm in Pupukea. My neighbor had his land cleared several years ago and allowed his giant Albizia tree to seed the cleared land. His many Albizia trees border my agricultural land and their branches cover nearly 30 feet of our land. We are in danger of sudden limb drop every time we work our land under these trees. Given the extreme height of the trees even small branches that drop can cause serious injury and even death. My neighbor has allowed the trees to grow despite my repeated requests to his wife to take out the trees and a certified letter to the owner on the danger of these trees.

Andrea Davis, Hoalike Farm

HB-201

Submitted on: 2/17/2019 9:43:31 PM

Testimony for JUD on 2/19/2019 2:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dwamato	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

HB-201

Submitted on: 2/18/2019 11:54:40 AM

Testimony for JUD on 2/19/2019 2:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Andrea Quinn	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Honorable Committee Members:

Please support HB201. Hawaii is known as the “endangered species capital of the world” due in large part to invasive species. We must take measures to do what we can to limit the entry of non-native species to protect Hawaii's fragile ecosystem.

Thank you for the opportunity to present my testimony.

Andrea Quinn

Kihei

HB-201

Submitted on: 2/16/2019 7:20:08 PM

Testimony for JUD on 2/19/2019 2:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dara Carlin, M.A.	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I think appropriate notification to inform private property owners ***first*** that they have an invasive species on their property is warranted to give them ***the option*** to remove it themselves and if not, then have some form of **consent from the property owner *before*** entering anyone's private property.

HB-201

Submitted on: 2/18/2019 4:18:17 AM

Testimony for JUD on 2/19/2019 2:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Suzanne Watanabe	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Inspectors should not enter PRIVATE PROPERTIES unless they are requested to do so by the home owner. To enter a person's private property without the owner's knowledge or consent is an INVASION OF PRIVACY!! Whatever happened to people's constitutional rights???

HB-201

Submitted on: 2/18/2019 11:27:27 AM

Testimony for JUD on 2/19/2019 2:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Elaine Partlow	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose HB201 as long as feral cats are classified as an invasive species. I would welcome help with truly invasive species, such as Little Fire Ants or Coqui frogs, along with the many plants and trees that also causing problems. But to have someone come onto my property, especially when I'm not home, to eradicate any invasive species, and then have the right to determine which of my cats is feral and should be killed? That's not going to happen. Please exercise common sense, remove cats from the invasive species list, then pass legislation to control the actual problems. Thank you.

HB-201

Submitted on: 2/18/2019 12:17:42 PM

Testimony for JUD on 2/19/2019 2:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Tina Bounds	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly oppose HB201.

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HB-201

Submitted on: 2/18/2019 4:32:33 PM

Testimony for JUD on 2/19/2019 2:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mike Miller	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please vote YES on HB201. We need this law to take the steps necessary to combat all invasive species in Hawaii.

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HB-201

Submitted on: 2/18/2019 8:11:06 PM
Testimony for JUD on 2/19/2019 2:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
jennifer schneider	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose HB201.

I do not want County, State, or authorized agents coming on to my property to destroy invasive species.

Mahalo

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HB-201

Submitted on: 2/18/2019 8:41:38 PM

Testimony for JUD on 2/19/2019 2:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Brenna Gorresen	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly oppose HB 201 for the main reason it does not exclude cats from the Invasive Species list -- therefor, any cats that are seen as invasive on private property may be killed. This is wrong! Any compassionate person should also oppose the bill. Take cats off the Invasive spieces list!

I vote and will take note of any council member signing this into law.

HB-201

Submitted on: 2/18/2019 9:30:40 PM

Testimony for JUD on 2/19/2019 2:05:00 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
sabina de giacomo dvm	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

DLNR should not be given any more rights than any other legal/police agency relating to privacy issues. This is trespassing. period. there is a reason police and similar are required to have warrants for entry to private property and reasonable suspicion of anything is not on par with life threatening exigent circumstances. allowing this would be a huge invasion of privacy for private persons and businesses.

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HB-201

Submitted on: 2/19/2019 12:15:24 PM

Testimony for JUD on 2/19/2019 2:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Rebecca Corby	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Please oppose this unconstitutional bill. This bill would allow county employees to enter private property and kill animals and plants they consider to be "invasive". This bill is bad news for many reasons. #1 the list of "invasive" species is subjective and open to interpretation/opinions. It's not a hard and fast rule which species are invasive or not and whether any labeled "invasive" are really doing significant damage or not. Furthermore, HUMAN Beings are the most invasive and destructive species here in Hawaii and the planet but we don't see calls to kill a bunch of us, as we should not, that would be un-ethical. If the county government really cares about protecting the land of Hawaii and waterways then go after people who pollute and dump rubbish and companies who pollute our waterways like meat and dairy farms and other industries polluting. No one should be allowed to enter our properties to kill plants and animals without our consent, this is an erosion of property rights. Please oppose this bill.

HB-201

Submitted on: 2/19/2019 2:13:08 PM

Testimony for JUD on 2/19/2019 2:05:00 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Monte Anderson	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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HB-201

Submitted on: 2/19/2019 2:15:45 PM

Testimony for JUD on 2/19/2019 2:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
howard Hobbs	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I vehemently oppose this utterly vague and thus potentially rights violating intrusive proposal. Are you referring to plants ? Is this referring to cats ? Is this referring to fire ants or frogs ? Exactly what is this vague proposal implicating?

Just imagine the dangerous violations of individual rights that could be inherently implied or construed and thus enacted under the guise of this perposterously vague and open ended proposal. Among other inherent violations into personal property space , domestic and close emotional relations between humans and felines are silently inferred in this elusively impressionistic proposal. The phrasing of this proposal is intentionally vague and this manner of legal proceeding to refrain from stating the exact implications of the proposal is underhanded and deceitful.

See to it that this absurd proposal with its insidious implications for intrusions of governance into the lives of individuals and families is summarily vetoed.

My colleagues friends and I pay our taxes and we vote.

LATE

HB-201

Submitted on: 2/19/2019 1:43:36 PM

Testimony for JUD on 2/19/2019 2:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Isis Morrison	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

We vehemently oppose proposal HB210.

Who is to say exactly what plant or animals species is “invasive” ?

It has been brought to our attention that the current governor Ige has now marked cats upon the invasive species list. In so doing he has placed human and family interconnections with tame and beneficial animals in a precarious situation and the individual rights of citizens in a position of vulnerability. Cats have been Family pets, farm assistants and protectors of the cities for thousands of years. Bubonic plague is spread by rodents. Cats eat rodents. Domestic cats and even stray fertile cats do society good in their skill of naturally reducing rodent population. In Marking kitties as “invasive species” the governor is attempting to gain access not only to kill kitties but also to violate individual persons rights to protect and care for domestic and cats as well as other vaguely targeted species of animals and plants in private property.

Any legal precedent which allows for the “entering of private property” to “remove” “invasive species” gives three windows of enormously dangerous vagaries of authorization which can and will be wielded in destructive and violating ways according to the inclinations and ethical capacity of the persons in authority / granted the “authorization” to effectuate this dangerous and rights violating proposed bill. It could be used with great detriment according to the ethical morality stance of whoever wields it and could also be used by “authorities” with power issues and dubious reasons as an excuse for break and entry where no other reason can be conjured.

is this to be vetoed.

As pertains for example to feline populations in private homes where people are helping and caring for feline population, this bill would allow for the “authorities” to trespass and in a way that would violate the sacred nature of peoples lives, would furthermore likely sanction the heinous cruel removal of and most likely slaughter of loved pets and cared for and loved spayed and neutered fertile or stray kitties- this is a violation of individual rights and equally importantly poses a violation of the Bible and first commandment which states THOU SHALT NOT KILL.

We have all seen far too many errors on the part of the governing body - which for example allowed the release of a "controlling" virus which was supposed to attack the "invasive" guavas but is now found to also be destroying NATIVE ohelo berries, which are also the same botanical family from the inside of the fruit. Stupidly, the scientist who proposed this "cure" was so negligent and short sighted as to fail to widely consider consequences across species to include natives plant populations as a result our endemic state ohelo are now in serious danger. .

Cats as a species are domesticated and where they are cared for by humans either privately on privately owned land or on public land maintained as feral colonies - feline populations should be PROTECTED AND CARED FOR benevolently by the law and judiciary branch. Why ? Whereever In earth there are cats there follows both a lower rat and mouse population and also in Hawaii a drastically reduced mongoose population as we in our ecology foundation witnessed on our organically growing egg laying chicken farm where our 30 rescued kitties protect our laying hens from rodents and surprisingly also from mongoose!

Mongoose and rats do eat native bird eggs and hatchlings and cats deter mongoose. Avian bird flu is what is killing native Hawaiian birds and pushing them to the upper elevation where mosquitos can not survive. Those are the danger to native birds. Please vetoe proposed HB201. Instead please foster and protect the individual rights of private citizens and their property in the state of Hawaii. Educate citizens to act wisely and responsibly for native species protection and they will do so of their own accord.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Etta Karth	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this because my animals, on MY PROPERTY, are NOT INVASIVE AND NO ONE HAS THE RIGHT TO MURDER ANY OF THEM.

Some of us only have our animals as family - who are you to take the last joys in our world?!

Insulting so few people know about this.