



**SB2417 SD1**  
RELATING TO SUSTAINABILITY  
Ke Kōmike ‘Aha Kenekoa o ke Ki‘ina Hana a me nā Kumuwaiwai

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The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) offers the following **COMMENTS** regarding SB2417 SD1, which would require the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) and other state agencies to recognize the need to protect resources critical to the subsistence and cultural practices of Native Hawaiians. OHA greatly **appreciates** the amendments reflected in the SD1 draft of this bill, which acknowledge both the importance of subsistence hunting for OHA beneficiaries, as well as the need to appropriately manage game mammals as well as land and ocean activities to protect key public trust resources, including subsistence and cultural resources of critical importance to Native Hawaiians. Due to these amendments, OHA no longer opposes this bill.

OHA recognizes that hunting and fishing may provide a critical source of subsistence for many of its beneficiaries, and that such activities may be particularly relied upon by rural Native Hawaiian communities, such as those found on the island of Moloka‘i. Certain hunting and fishing activities may also constitute Native Hawaiian traditional and customary practices recognized and protected by the state constitution. Therefore, OHA appreciates the intent of this measure insofar as it may seek to recognize the role that hunting and fishing may play in meeting the subsistence and other needs of local residents, including OHA beneficiaries in particular.

OHA also recognizes that the proliferation of game mammals in potentially sensitive watershed areas may have significant and severe impacts on native species and habitats that themselves serve as the foundation of Native Hawaiian traditional and customary practices; may impair the water security and climate change resilience functions of native watershed ecosystems; and may exacerbate runoff events that can further impact nearshore reefs and coastal ecosystems relied upon by Native Hawaiians for their cultural practices and daily subsistence needs. Accordingly, OHA also greatly appreciates the amendments made to this measure, which recognize not only the importance of game animals as subsistence resources, but the importance of protecting Native Hawaiian traditional and customary practices and other public trust priorities in the management of introduced game species.

**OHA is aware of additional refining amendments being proposed that would further recognize the need for subsistence game resources to have adequate food, water, and refuge to the extent necessary to support viable game animal populations sufficient**

**for subsistence hunting purposes; OHA does not object to the adoption of such additional language, should the Committee choose to do so.**

Mahalo nui for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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**Testimony of  
SUZANNE D. CASE  
Chairperson**

**Before the Senate Committee on  
WAYS AND MEANS**

**Wednesday, February 26, 2020  
1:40 PM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 211**

**In consideration of  
SENATE BILL 2417, SENATE DRAFT 1  
RELATING TO SUSTAINABILITY**

Senate Bill 2417, Senate Draft 1 proposes to require the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) to recognize that game mammals and game birds are a sustainable food source and that the State's unique relationship with the ocean provides the opportunity to integrate the local fish and game industry into the State's food security profile and to establish and maintain fish propagation facilities. **The Department appreciates the intent of this measure and offers the following comments.**

Free-ranging introduced mammals such as pigs, goats, deer and sheep provide recreational hunting opportunities and meat for some of Hawaii's residents. These animals will also, if left to their own devices, create significant environmental degradation to both farmland and the natural environment. When considering whether these animals are "sustainable", the costs and threats to farming, forest, wildlife and near-shore fishery habitats should be considered.

Conflating introduced game mammals and native fisheries is problematic, especially as the former has a negative impact on the later.

With regard to proposed SECTION 4 of this measure, please note that the addition of "fish propagation facilities" appears to be unnecessary. Section 187-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, requires that the Department establish and maintain aquatic life propagation stations, a function that is already provided by the Department's Division of Aquatic Resources.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.



# Hawaii Hunting Association

Preserve, Protect, and Promote Public Hunting

**RE: SB2417**

02/24/2020

To the Committees on Ways and Means,

Hearing Date: 2/26/2020, Room 211, 1:40 PM

**SB2417**

Recognize that game mammals and game birds are a sustainable food source and that the State's unique relationship with the ocean provides the opportunity to integrate the local fish and game industry into the State's food security profile; ( ) Establish and maintain fish and wildlife propagating facility or facilities;

## **SUPPORT**

### **Background From the *2010* Game Management Plan Draft for Hawaii Island.**

Hawaii island contains significant populations of hunted game animals, but the Department of Land and Natural Resources, which is entrusted with their care, currently lacks a comprehensive plan to manage this 21-species game resource. Game animals form a subset of Hawaii wildlife, where majority attention (and funding) is assigned to "native species" protection, defined as wildlife that arrived and inhabited the island without deliberate assistance by man. Game animals were introduced to the Hawaiian Islands by humans, either by early Polynesian voyagers or more recent western arrivals.

The 16 species of wild game birds that reside on the island, along with Mouflon sheep, were released to provide sport hunting for its residents. The remaining game mammals – wild pigs, sheep, goats, and cattle – originally arrived as a food resource. Pigs accompanied the original island inhabitants, and the other animals were presented as gifts to Hawaiian chiefs and kings. Now wild, they constitute a public trust and provide sustenance and self-sufficiency, in addition to recreational opportunity, to many residents of the State of Hawaii.



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Historically, hunting of game mammals in Hawaii has been viewed primarily as a control measure rather than a recreational activity, and game animals are seen by some as a source of problems rather than as a consumptive resource. They can in fact be both, depending on how they are

managed. **Management inattention** is a guarantor that the former position will prevail.

Game and non-game (native species) wildlife programs are combined organizationally within the Department of Land and Natural Resources. There is no dedicated focus and advocacy for game animals, nor is there a game management program, per se. The increasingly small number of staff personnel having the requisite experience and professed interest in pursuing game management activities is a growing concern of many hunters.

Communication between the Department and its hunting constituency and hunter participation in game management activities have been problematical issues for some time. Poor communication, ineffective game management, and declining hunting opportunity were some of the top concerns identified in a statewide survey conducted in 1985-86 (Lum and Ohashi 1989). Similar concerns, along with the Department's perceived resource imbalance in species preservation at the expense of consumptive conservation were discussed more recently with the DLNR Chairperson and Hawaii Island DOFAW Staff in 2003 (Hawaii Fishing News 2003).

This is now 2020. Isn't it time that DLNR be required to do its job? Concerns relating to DLNR going back to 1985? This bill is a logical evolution to HCR22 which was we're told **unanimously** passed by both the House and the Senate in 2016. So here we are, with an opportunity to establish that these animals are a food resource, and as we can see by their ill-conceived eradication from Mauna Kea, that mountain is nothing short of an abandoned, highly volatile weed patch without a cooperative resource management plan that we have been pursuing since 2003.

Neglect and singular emphasis of removing sheep without consideration of the consequences, is de rigeur for today's wildlife managers and agencies here in Hawaii which don't seem to reflect proper deportment to the users, particularly, consumptive users of these wildlife resources which are charged in HCR22 to wit;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body recognizes that  
6 pioneered introductions, such as the pig, and later  
7 sustainability introductions, such as goats, sheep, and deer,



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**8** are now recognized as game mammal and game bird resources and  
**9** should be included among the game management resources supported  
**10** to achieve sustainability and food security; and  
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**12** BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body urges state  
**13** departments to develop and update their rules and policies to  
**14** integrate the local hunting and fishing industries into any food  
**15** security or sustainability strategies they employ and to  
**16** preserve, protect, and promote these industries and local  
**17** cultural practices to nurture them into viable and sustainable  
**18** economic, nutritional, and cultural resources;

Thank You!

Tom Lodge, Communications

**SB-2417-SD-1**

Submitted on: 2/25/2020 8:55:59 AM

Testimony for WAM on 2/26/2020 1:40:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
nani pogline	Testifying for Hawaii County Game Management Advisory Commission	Support	No

Comments:

This bill supports the mission of achieving balance for all stakeholders. Game resources when properly managed, enhance the environment and protect engandered species with service of invasive weed and grass fire fuel control, while also preserving game for sustainability and recreational sport.

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Testimony for WAM on 2/26/2020 1:40:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Don Baker	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

While providing for recreational hunting game animals more importantly supplement Hawaii's food supply which is largely dependent on imports. This goes hand in hand with our goal of sustainability. Please help Hawaii to meet this goal.



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Testimony for WAM on 2/26/2020 1:40:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Don Fujimoto	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Game mammals such as goats and sheep have been part of Hawaii for over 200 years. Axis deer were introduced over 150 years ago. Pigs came here with the first Hawaiians. All have become important food sources and an established part of the local culture and lifestyle for many generations, especially on the outer islands.

Our ocean food resources also desperately need to be managed and nurtured. Ocean warming is damaging our reefs, creating a dire future for our near-shore species. The impacts of development have also degraded much of the ocean habitat.

DLNR has adopted a "one size fits all" strategy for managing state wildlands that includes the eradication of all mammals. While this works in some remote areas, it is a failure in areas that have been farmed or ranched in the past. A prime example is Mauna Kea where the eradication of grazers has resulted in uncontrolled growth of pasture grasses (5'-6' tall), noxious weeds (like fireweed) and ivy that is choking stands of trees. Native mamane trees cannot propagate naturally through the thick grass, requiring manual clearing and planting; and there is a huge fire risk due to the massive, unmanaged fuel load of miles and miles of thick grass (like Maui, Australia and California) and stands of dead, thrip-killed naio trees.

The best approach is to effectively manage each of the state's many ecosystems, accommodating the specific conditions of each, to achieve a workable balance of native plants and grazers that keep invasive plants under control, while providing food resources for the local population.

Requiring the state to manage these resources will support the subsistence lifestyle of many who struggle to make ends meet, and help to preserve them for future generations. Failure to move this bill forward will result in continuing the haphazard approach taken by the state, and increase the frustration and anger of many in the local community who rely on hunting and fishing for sustenance and recreation, as well as increase the risk of devastating wildfires.

All of the western states consider fish and game to be valuable resources. They have management plans that are tailored to each specific environment. Hawaii needs to do the same.

Unlike other testifiers, I do not see this bill as requiring or encouraging the introduction of new game or marine species.

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Testimony for WAM on 2/26/2020 1:40:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Brian Ley	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support SB 2417. The DLNR needs to do it's job and proterct our heritage game animals and Birds. being Island born I know how important these animals our to our culture and for food security. I hunt do a lot of hunting and I give away a lot of my meat to familys that enjoy quality organic meat. The DLNR has the means to make hunting seasons longer, give out more tags as needed. we need to support our animals for future generations and as emergency food if a pandemic breaks out. and the island is blocked off

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Testimony for WAM on 2/26/2020 1:40:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Grayson	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please Support SB 2417. My name is Grayson Hashida, and I am a County of Hawaii Game Management Commissioner. I am also a fisherman and hunter. I am from the Big Island, raised in Hilo and now live in Kona. A lot of people of the Big Island hunt and fish for subsistence and recreation. Hunting is an important part of our culture and lifestyle. Hunters do not want to see game animals go unchecked and devastate an ecosystem. Nor do we want to see game animals eradicated and our hunting tradition be wiped out. We want something in the middle, proper game management. Properly managed game can in some instances also can benefit the environment by reducing the fire load, and prevent unchecked overgrowth allowing native plants to grow. Please support this and other bills that allow for hunting to grow and continue for generations, in a way that actually benefits our environment. Aloha, Grayson Hashida

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Testimony for WAM on 2/26/2020 1:40:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Andrea Quinn	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/24/2020 7:29:55 PM

Testimony for WAM on 2/26/2020 1:40:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
tyrone ferreira	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support SB2417 and it's sad how long this has even been going on for. If these acts of eradication continue the generations to come will never learn how to be self sustainable and what it's like to harvest and provide for their own family's in the future.

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Testimony for WAM on 2/26/2020 1:40:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
moses keola toledo	Testifying for none	Support	No

Comments:

I am in support of bill SB2417. It is shame that we have come to this point we're we have to share a testimony about how we live and what we do to feed our family. People have come and gone and have shared there opinions on why these laws and rules should be implicated. Yet they no longer have the correct data to prove what they once suspected. These scientists/ biologists that have once stated there facts about why our environment and native species are in danger no longer have the proper facts. Palila for example ,less than 100 sheep on Mauna Kea, , there still not thriving. We're the sheep really the problem? So many other factors , but it's easy to point the finger at a suspect instead of finding the real problem. Wild cat's a huge overlooked problem. This state could have saved millions of dollars targeting cats before the sheep. It's a shame that the people who walk these lands don't get heard. But the Foreigners that went to college and have an opinion instead of facts. Those are the voices that are heard. Do your proper study/homework before making drastic mistakes again. Like the rat and the mongoose. When we are in need information and facts about something, you go directly to the source. Not some college grad that grew up thousands of miles away and thinks they might know what's best for us and our land/ocean. You go to the people, the people that live fishes & hunted these lands for as long as the family has been there. That's the problem with our society. You can't get all the facts from a book. Thank you

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Testimony for WAM on 2/26/2020 1:40:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kyle Otsuka	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Hello, I am writing in support to this measure. I am a fourth generation japanese born and raised and on the Big Island of Hawaii. Fishing and hunting have always been a huge part of my life. Growing up as a child, my Dad would take us up to Mauna Kea to spend the day with the family in hopes of harvesting gamebirds or wild sheep, and just for us as a way to spend time together. The animals would then make it onto our dinner table, and the memories made would last a lifetime. To this day i am still an avid public land hunter, and it has become increasingly difficult to harvest game animals to supplement our food supply with nutritious wild game meat. This has everything to do with the aerial eradications of game mammals on Mauna Kea in hopes of protecting the native palila bird, which since the eradications started and the forest on Mauna Kea has significantly recovered, but the birds are closer to extinction then ever. By supporting a bill like this that supports game mammals as a sustainable food source, I pray that the arguement can be taken back to court to stop, or at least halt the aerial eradications and for now keep the current number of game mammals on Mauna Kea at the level they are. Hunting for myself and my family has been such a rich tradition and past time, and now more then ever, it has been increasingly difficult to enjoy the mountain with a successful hunt to put food on our tables. I thank each and every one of you to supporting this measure and taking the thoughts and feelings of local residents regarding these matters to the legislature for consideration. One day I hope the Mauna Kea can have a game management cooperative that appeals to all- hunters, environmentalists, conservationists, biologists, and anyone and everyone who has their own specific interests and uses for the mountain.

Kyle Otsuka



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Testimony for WAM on 2/26/2020 1:40:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Brandon Kauka	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Testimony for WAM on 2/26/2020 1:40:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Ryan Arakawa	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I fly to neighbor islands to hunt every year with friends. Anything that allows folks to continue their local hunting traditions is welcome.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Treasure Fuller-Pacheco	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Testimony for WAM on 2/26/2020 1:40:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Todd Yukutake	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support SB2417.

It is important to ensure the management of game animals and birds continue so they are available for hunters in the future. People hunt and fish to obtain a good source of protein to supplement their diet, especially for those struggling with Hawaii's high cost of living. Hunting and fishing also teaches responsibility, environmentalism, and physical fitness. Please continue hunting and fishing traditions by supporting this bill.

Mahalo

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Shyla Moon	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support the idea of hunting means food. What does the State Game Commisson think of this?

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Testimony for WAM on 2/26/2020 1:40:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
steven a kumasaka	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Ieland Jardine	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Stop eradication from Hawaii !! Over 30 years of in humane eradication of the sheep on Maunakea has not helped at all with the Palila populations !!! Palila numbers continue to decline even with the almost extinct population of sheep on Maunakea!! Stop this madness and leave our food sources alone !!

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Dean Snelling	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

As a lifelong resident, hunter, conservationist and sportsman I fully support this bill. Game birds and mammals are a vibrant resource that can be utilized to increase the food sustainability of Hawaii. It is a resource that can also be leveraged to provide and fund conservation projects around the state. Hunters are willing to pay to hunt these resources and if management of these species were done in a way to provide a exceptional hunting experience even more money could be generated.



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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Joel Nakamoto	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

My name is Joel Nakamoto and I support SB 2417 SD1. As a hunter, I value game mammals and birds as sustainable food sources. Regarding concerns about resource protection, the proposed language of 183D-2 (3) clearly states that sustainable game populations would be PROPERLY MANAGED and occur only in APPROPRIATE AREAS which mitigates occurrence of negative impacts to important and sensitive resources. Thank you for your consideration and for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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**TO: Hawai'i State Senate Committee on Ways And Means**  
**Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair and Committee Members**

NOTICE OF DECISION MAKING

DATE: Wednesday, February 26, 2020  
TIME: 1:40 PM  
PLACE: Conference Room 211  
State Capitol

**RE: SB2417 SD1**

Aloha Senators:

Mahalo for your time on this important issue to Hawai'i Island.

I write to convey personal support for SB2417 SD1 and urge the Senate Ways And Means Committee to please approve this bill as it currently reads in SD1 in order to ensure that it meets the 2020 Legislature's First Crossover deadline. .

Hunting is a critical source of food for many families in our Waimea/North Hawai'i community and in fact, islandwide. This is not just a "hobby" – it's a practical, affordable, self-reliant way for individuals and families to supplement their protein needs at a time when the cost of living – especially housing, energy, food and healthcare – is skyrocketing.

More than 70% of the children in our public schools in Waimea are eligible for free/reduced lunch from the USDA nutrition program. Even more alarming, the 2017 Aloha United Way study about the extent of poverty and food insecurity on our island confirmed that these families and more – they call them ALICE (Asset Limited, Income Constrained Employed) individuals and families - face days virtually every month when they are food insecure...they are literally choosing between feeding their children, keeping the lights on or buying essential medications. For an alarming number, one missed paycheck and they could be homeless.

This is not news to the Legislature and we appreciate the many programs and services provided. But we still have hungry kids and individuals, and hunting helps.

Further, science-based and culturally respectful land, watershed and environmental management can and should co-exist with hunting. In fact, appropriate game management requires hunting to manage herds. Just saying "no" is not appropriate when the science and cultural practices say otherwise.

**TESTIMONY TO HAWAI'I STATE SENATE – WAM COMMITTEE**

**RE: SB 2417 SD1**

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I would urge that as this bill is further scrutinized by the 2020 State Legislature, the new language proposed in Section 2 be expanded to not just refer to “local hunting and fishing industries” but also to incorporate the needs of the community for healthy food self-reliance.

Hunting of course needs to be managed, and we understand this can be time consuming and challenging for the agencies involved, but hunting is essential to sustaining a healthy public citizenry as well as watershed and environment. Extermination of ungulates is an atrocious idea on many levels, not the least of which is that game animals help keep down weeds and reduce potential fire hazards.

I would add that I am not a hunter but my #4 son is, and he and his wife live almost exclusively on the meat he harvests and - to a large extent - on the vegetables they grow. I have learned a great deal from his passion about hunting and also from his deep respect for the animals and the forest. I have also worked closely over the years with other hunters in our community and observed their practices. I would expect the State agencies responsible for land management to respond positively to the needs of these community members. It is not an either or situation, though often gets stated or addressed in this manner – or this becomes the consequence.

Thank you for your time and thought.

**SUGGESTED LANGUAGE ADDITION MOVING FORWARD:** I urge the language highlighted in **turquoise** be expanded with the additional language inserted here in **yellow**:

SECTION 2. (a) No later than July 1, 2022, each department, office, or agency of the State shall update its rules and policies to **integrate the local hunting and fishing industries and the food security and self-reliance needs of the community** into any food security or sustainability strategies that the department, office, or agency employs.

MAHALO –

**Patti Cook (808-937-2833)**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Travls Santiago	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

I am a 43 year old resident of Hilo. I have a full time successful career here on the Big Island. I grew up fishing and hunting with family and friends. This is our way of life, our way of relaxing and gathering food. For as long as I can remember, we have provided food for our families as well as food for the less fortunate by gathering either by fishing or hunting. Now as a father of two young girls, I am teaching them the ways that I learned, the respect that goes along with catching only what you need for the table. It truly breaks my heart when I see places I used to fish at no longer accessible because of wealthy people turning our fishing spots into private gated subdivisions. It breaks my heart even more when I realize how much hunting spots are being taken away from us. And how many animals are devastatingly being eradicated. I humbly ask you today to consider better ways of managing our fishing and hunting areas. Please stop fencing off, closing down and permanently stopping hunters and fisherman alike from doing what we have always done, which is gather food for family. Mahalo

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jason Sanborn	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support SB2417. As a native Hawaiian that relies on our game animals to feed my family, OHA nor Mrs. Case does not represent or speak for me. Hawaii and it's people have a very strong tie and bond to its game animals, birds, and fish. These animals are a valuable food source, and Hawai'i is the only state not taking advantage of huge amounts of money that pour into other states that has proper management plans. The state needs to see value in our game mammals. Give the people of Hawaii the opportunity to prove all can co-exist, with proper management. The invasive grasses, trees and plants are taking over vast amounts of acreage. These animals can keep them in check and keep the fuel load down. Also, it is not right Mrs. Case bring up the topic of watershed protection when the Big Island is in a category of its own. The BI can't get anymore recharge than the 50%. And currently we are at 49%. Regardless of the forest structure!!! The Big Island doesn't have watershed issues as Oahu. Each island should be looked at individually. Look up the proof. It's all there. By not supporting this bill would mean you do not recognize these animals to have cultural, historical, and sustainable worth. Therefore not recognize the local values and strong cultural bond to the pigs, sheep and goats, and fish. Which then leads to cultural genocide. The state should not force one to only provide for his family at Safeway, or Costco. Management is successfully done all over the world, and we can do it here with proper people, leaders, and politicians. Don't let this be the mistake you will be remembered for. The benefits of having animals as a food resource is just as important as protecting the forest for other traditional and customary practices.

Thank you for your time.

Aloha.

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Randy L Nakashima	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Comments:

Aloha,

I support this bill. It makes sense and is timely.

Mahalo.