



February 18, 2020

Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair  
Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair  
Senate Committee on Ways and Means

**Support of SB 2719, S.D.1, Relating to the Department of Agriculture (DOA) (Appropriates funds to the DOA to work in collaboration with the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) to increase feral pig control.)**

**Thursday, February 20, 2020, 1:00 p.m., in Conference Room 211**

The Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii (LURF) is a private, non-profit research and trade association whose members include major Hawaii landowners, developers and utility companies. LURF's mission is to advocate for reasonable, rational and equitable land use planning, legislation and regulations that encourage well-planned economic growth and development, while safeguarding Hawaii's significant natural and cultural resources, and public health and safety.

LURF appreciates the opportunity to express its **support of SB 2719, S.D.1.**

**SB 2719, S.D.1.** This bill proposes to appropriate funds to the DOA to work in collaboration with the DLNR to increase feral pig control by measures, including grants for fencing and corral traps; and a program to reduce the population of feral pigs.

**LURF's Position.** LURF understands that feral pigs are destructive animals, destroying farm crops throughout the State, and now extending their reach into urban areas. These invasive animals destroy agriculture crops by digging up the soil for food and creating niche spaces for other non-native species.

Invasive species and animals such as insects, disease-bearing organisms, snakes, weeds, and other pests pose the greatest threat to Hawaii's economy, tourism, agriculture, the natural environment, and to the health and lifestyle of Hawaii's people, and already cause millions of dollars in crop losses, the extinction of native species, the destruction of native wet, moist and dry land forests, and the spread of disease. More harmful

animals and pests increasingly threaten to invade all the Hawaiian Islands and wreak further damage.

Support of and assistance to local farmers is essential to mitigate the threats and impacts of invasive animals in Hawaii and to effectively protect Hawaii's natural resources and native species. SB 2719, S.D.1 will assist local agricultural stakeholders by appropriating funds for the DOA to work collaboratively with DLNR in efforts to control the population of feral pigs, including grants for fencing and corral traps; and the establishment and operation of a program to reduce feral pig populations, thereby aiding in the prevention and control of these invasive animals and ultimately, the protection of Hawaii's environment and economy.

For the above reasons, LURF **supports SB 2719, S.D.1** and respectfully urges your favorable consideration.

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony regarding this matter.

DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor

JOSH GREEN  
Lt. Governor



PHYLLIS SHIMABUKURO-GEISER  
Chairperson, Board of Agriculture

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TESTIMONY OF PHYLLIS SHIMABUKURO-GEISER  
CHAIRPERSON, BOARD OF AGRICULTURE

BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

FEBRUARY 20, 2020  
1:00 P.M.  
CONFERENCE ROOM 211

SENATE BILL NO. 2719 SD1  
RELATING TO DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Chairperson Dela Cruz and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Senate Bill No. 2719 SD1 relating to feral swine control. The bill proposes to appropriate funds to the Department of Agriculture for fiscal year 2020-2021 for feral pig control, including: grants for fencing; grants for corral traps; and a program to reduce feral pig populations.

The department supports the bill's intent to provide funds for feral swine control and provides the following comments. Article VII, section 4, of the State Constitution provides that no grant of public money or property shall be made except pursuant to standards provided by law. Therefore, because this bill does not include any standards by which these grants shall be made, the DOA could not expend the funds in the form of grants. Deleting the word "grants" in lines 5 and 6 of the bill, would allow the DOA to expend the funds for fencing and corral traps, just not in the form of grants.

Fencing and trapping are useful means to reduce the effects of feral swine on farms. The most effective use of these control measures is when they are integrated into a focused control program. Design of a control program to reduce feral swine



populations is best directed by other agencies such as DLNR and USDA APHIS Wildlife Services that have extensive experience with design and managing feral swine control programs.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

**From:** [Alvin Tsuruda](#)  
**To:** [WAM Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** I support SB2719 SD1  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 19, 2020 7:50:11 AM

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Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Mahalo!

Sincerely,

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**From:** [Alan Gottlieb](#)  
**To:** [WAM Testimony](#)  
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Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Mahalo!

Sincerely,

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**From:** [John Giblin](#)  
**To:** [WAM Testimony](#)  
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Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Mahalo!

Sincerely,

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**From:** [James Gomes](#)  
**To:** [WAM Testimony](#)  
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Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Mahalo!

Sincerely,

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# HAWAII CROP IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

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## TESTIMONY FROM THE HAWAII CROP IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

In Support of SB2719  
RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Senate Committee on Ways and Means  
Thursday, 02-20-20 at 1:00PM  
Senate conference room 211

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice-Chair Keith-Agaran, and members of the committee:

The Hawaii Crop Improvement Association (HCIA) is in support of SB2719, which would appropriate funds to the Department of Agriculture for feral pig control.

Feral pigs are a substantial threat to agriculture in Hawaii. Over the years, local farmers have watched as the population of these environmental and agricultural pests has grown and extended beyond the wild and into urban areas.

The risk to agricultural crops and livestock is substantial. Invasive feral hogs destroy agriculture crops by digging up the soil for food and creating niche spaces for other non-native species. The requested funding will allow the Department of Agriculture to develop and implement a much-needed control plan to limit the negative impacts produced by these animals.

HCIA respectfully requests that this committee vote in support of SB2719 to help local farmers protect their businesses and livelihoods.

Mahalo for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

Emmanuel Zibakalam  
Program Director, Hawaii Crop Improvement Association

*The Hawaii Crop Improvement Association is a Hawaii-based non-profit organization that promotes modern agriculture to help farmers and communities succeed. Through education, collaboration, and advocacy, we work to ensure a safe and sustainable food supply, support responsible farming practices, and build a healthy economy.*



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February 20, 2020

HEARING BEFORE THE  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

**TESTIMONY ON SB 2711, SD1**  
RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Room 211  
1:00 PM

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, 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 1,800 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 SB 2719, SD1**, which appropriates funds to the Department of Agriculture for feral pig control.

Feral pigs can cause major damage to property, agriculture (crops and livestock), Hawaii's native species and ecosystems, and Hawaii's cultural and historic resources. Feral pigs can also threaten the health of people, wildlife, pets, and other domestic animals. As Hawaii's feral pig populations continue to expand, these damages, costs, and risks will only keep rising.

Feral pigs cause tremendous damage to agriculture, including crops, nursery, livestock, and pasture. They damage crops by consuming them or by their rooting and trampling of 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.

Hawaii's farmers and ranchers appreciate any effort to help control the feral pig population and the negative impacts that feral pigs have on Hawaii's agriculture industry.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify on this important subject.

**SB-2719-SD-1**

Submitted on: 2/18/2020 1:30:22 PM

Testimony for WAM on 2/20/2020 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Cathy Goeggel	Testifying for Animal Rights Hawai'i	Oppose	No

Comments:

**From:** [GLENN TOYAMA](#)  
**To:** [WAM Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** I support SB2719 SD1  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 19, 2020 8:50:06 AM

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Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Mahalo!

Sincerely,

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**From:** [Stephanie whalen](#)  
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Mahalo!

Sincerely,

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**From:** [Greg Askew](#)  
**To:** [WAM Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** I support SB2719 SD1  
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Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Mahalo!

Sincerely,

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**From:** [Philippe Visintainer](#)  
**To:** [WAM Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** I support SB2719 SD1  
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Mahalo!

Sincerely,

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**From:** [Clyde Fukuyama](#)  
**To:** [WAM Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** I support SB2719 SD1  
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Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Mahalo!

Sincerely,

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**SB-2719-SD-1**

Submitted on: 2/19/2020 3:58:55 PM

Testimony for WAM on 2/20/2020 1:00:00 PM

**LATE**

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Warren Watanabe	Testifying for Maui County Farm Bureau	Support	No

Comments:

**SB-2719-SD-1**

Submitted on: 2/19/2020 3:16:53 PM

Testimony for WAM on 2/20/2020 1:00:00 PM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
bruce corker	Testifying for Rancho Aloha	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Chair Dela Cruz and Committee Members:

I am a coffee and avocado farmer in the North Kona District of Hawaii County and I **strongly support SB2719.**

The wild pig damage on my farm and in the Holualoa area generally in the past three years has been exponentially worse. The damage to crops and ground cover has been awful. It is not a problem that one farm can address adequately on an individual basis. The State needs to coordinate and assist in addressing the situation with an eradication program and subsidies for fencing.

Please support SB2719.

Bruce Corker, Rancho Aloha, Holualoa, Hawaii County

**From:** [Karen Dickinson](#)  
**To:** [WAM Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** I support SB2719 SD1  
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Daily we are plagued by the damage done to our land. We are having to place traps for them to no avail. We are not able to grow vegetables in the grown because they will tear them up. They are nocturnal and we are unable to use guns to curtail them, as we situated in a state agricultural park.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Mahalo!

Sincerely,

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**From:** [Luly Unemori](#)  
**To:** [WAM Testimony](#)  
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Mahalo!

Sincerely,

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**From:** [John Gordines](#)  
**To:** [WAM Testimony](#)  
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Sincerely,

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**From:** [Frederick Mencher](#)  
**To:** [WAM Testimony](#)  
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Sincerely,

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Mahalo!

Sincerely,

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**From:** [Robert Paull](#)  
**To:** [WAM Testimony](#)  
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Mahalo!

Sincerely,

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**From:** [Bruce Schnicker](#)  
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Sincerely,

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**From:** [Susan Cabral](#)  
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Mahalo!

Sincerely,

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Mahalo!

Sincerely,

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**From:** [Megan Kono](#)  
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Mahalo!

Sincerely,

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**From:** [Martha Peterson](#)  
**To:** [WAM Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** I support SB2719 SD1  
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Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

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