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SUBJECT: Hawaii State Legislature 2009 Regular Session
Re-SB 1194

TO : Brian T. Taniguchi. Senate Committee Chairman
(JGO), et al.



1. References:

A. SB 1194 Relating to offenses against public order. (Prohibits possession of gaff designed to be attached to gamecock or other fowl) and its penal provisions;

B. Public Hearing dated February 13, 2009, subject as above, wherein the undersigned verbally ordered by the Chairman for me to document my position opposing (SB 1194); and stay as is the Provisions of Sec. 1, Chapter 711, of the Hawaii Revised Statutes;


C. Other issues related to cockfighting.

2. Briefs Summary:

A. My name is George G. Senen, 60 years old, resident at the above-mentioned address and a registered voter at Waipahu/Ewa Beach, Hawaii.

B. That I am a member of the Hawaii Game fowl Breeders Association, Inc. /United Game fowl Breeders Association, Inc. and currently breeding chicken

for food/for sale/for show chicken. (Attached copy of my membership Identification Card) for reference.



C. I wholeheartedly welcome the proposition of the Humane Society to control and or stop the cruelty of animal but I disagree and totally oppose the inclusion of a game fowl bird/gamecock chicken and the entirety of (SB No.1194). I, as a breeder of chicken, I have personally and directly observed and learned the natural behavior of a rooster chicken from a hatched egg to its adulthood. Roosters or male birds chicken once they reach their full adulthood after two (2) years their spur grows from five (5) to six (6) inches long blunt/sharp pointed end, which they used to kill their opponent. (It was for this reason the gaff was scientifically designed and developed). So, with or without the gaff, with or without human intervention chicken will kill each other. No matter what. They can never be friendly/associate with each other, they are cannibals. These are their distinctive qualities. Thus, the Humane Society failed defined at the hearing. Mainly it was for these reason, human took advantage of their natural qualities using them for fun/recreation and became their hobbies to watch for chicken fight every end of the week at day off time. Dead chicken they brought home for food (Filipino way of living). Chicken's inborn nature of killing each other in the wild or in the yard is beyond control by human being.

D. Approximately, (55,000 to 65,000 more or less) combined breeders, chicken fighters and chicken fighters watchers of the entire State of Hawaii. (Approximately 35% are Asian Filipinos, 40% are Hawaiians, and 25% other groups).

E. Mostly, Asian Filipinos are working in a blue collar jobs (Construction, Agricultural, Hotel) mostly in the labor sector, which I myself a former laborer of the Local 368 of the Labor Union, I consider these working people as

one of the back bone of the State of Hawaii's Economy. Their only leisure to watch chicken fight. They have no time to go to Las Vegas to spend part of their earnings. So their money remains at the State and continuously stimulating our own economy.

F. Chicken fight is a heritage culture of the Filipinos people and raising chicken in their backyards is a form part of their family. I understand, Hawaiian people have this culture to since immemorial time. Members of the Humane Society who came from all over the State of Hawaii who are the most concerned parties pushing (SB 1194) who testified at the State Hearing on February 13, 2009 appeared to be (90%) are Hauless/White People. They are unaware of the culture and or they want total eradication of these culture? With the Haule way style of living? Sir/Madame, Please give us the freedom, the liberty to exercise our own way of cultural tradition because these is the only recreation we have at the State of Hawaii and no other else. Give us the true meaning and mandate of democratic principles.

G. Some Hawaii Chicken Fighters, they go to Guam, Puerto Rico and other countries where chicken fight are legal. They do not go to Las Vegas because there's no chicken fight there. If gambling the only motive they supposed to go to Las Vegas. But because it was their traditional way of recreation they were there in Guam, Puerto Rico and other nations where chicken fight is legal. Why not here in Hawaii? Hawaii is a tourist State, chicken fight very vital to convince tourist all over the world. With the current down grading economy of Hawaii, chicken fight can generate millions or even billions of dollars to our economy. I could not see any progress of warring situation between chicken fighters and the humane society; it's only a waste of time effort and money as well. Chicken fighters no matter what they will hide only to satisfy their recreational hobbies.

H. Suggestion and Recommendation:

(SB1194). Discontinuance and total closure of



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(Hawaii Gamecock Breeders I.D.)
Copy of SB 1194

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Hawaii Gamecock Breeders Assn., Inc.

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This is to certify that



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is a registered member of the
Hawaii Gamefowl Breeders Association Inc.
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