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Comments:

The Land Use Research Foundation (LURF) supports the intent of HB 2593, however, we are concerned that the current language of the bill will give state agencies overly broad powers to change their rules with little or no public notice or input. DLNR rules, in particular, have a major impact on farmers and agricultural operations, fishermen, hunters, and ocean recreation, etc.

It appears that this measure was prompted by the imminent peril and threat to Hawaii's environment caused by the axis deer, an "alien invasive species." To address the serious problem raised by DLNR, perhaps HB 2593 could be amended to narrow its application to "alien invasive species."