

HFC Committee

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To: HFC Committee
Subject: Testimony HFC-24

Aloha Healthy Families and Communities Committee,

I am writing in reference to HFC-24 regarding Feral Animal Management on Maui. With respect to Axis Deer Management, it is important for me to know that the greater population of Maui realize that this is a subsistence food for my family. I am an active hunter and I feed beyond my family with the venison I hunt.

I am concerned about recent commercializing of venison. I would like to see a Maui County game management entity who works to get full community input. To date, no such outreach has been made and it has caused infighting within communities and reflected poorly on the County. It has also caused duress for Hawaiian Homestead communities.

Please consider taking the item referred to your committee by Council member Sinenci, item referenced as PAF 20-064, and make it onto its own item in the Healthy Families and Communities Committee. It would be beneficial to host an expert panel in this committee that could speak specifically to Axis deer. It is equally important that this panel not include any commercial entity, specifically not anyone who has profited from Maui County venison sales. It is the duty of this council to support our local families who live a subsistence lifestyle.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on a subject mater that is important to my family and community.

Sincerely,

Warren Aganos