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Planning Committee
Council of the County of Maui

Thursday, November 14, 2013
9:00am.
Council Chamber, 8th Floor
200 South High Street, Wailuku, Hawaii

**PC 23 COUNCIL MEMBER DONALD G. COUCH JR, REQUESTING
PROPOSED BILL ESTABLISHING SHORT-TERM RENTAL AS AN
AGRICULTURAL TOURISM ACTIVITY IN AGRICULTURAL DISTRICTS.**

Chair: Council Member Donald G. Couch Jr.
Vice Chair: Michael Victorino
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Good Morning Maui County Council Members, My name is William Jacintho, President of the Maui Cattlemen's Association. The Maui Cattlemen's Association is an organization representing small and large livestock producers in Maui County including Molokai and Lanai. The Association **fully supports** the proposed bill, and encourages the members of the committee to support the bill as well.

We are in full support of any additional options that provide income to Ranchers and Farmers, in order to make it in this challenging business. This is a niche, that only a certain amount and type of tourist are interested in. Abuse would hurt the intent, and the experience would not be the same for the visitor. Yes there will be challenges with cheats in a bill like this, but please don't jeopardize the opportunity for those who truly are farmers, and can utilize this form of additional farm income to sustain their business.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify. You may reach the Maui Cattlemen's Association through the address provided above.

Sincerely,

William Jacintho, President

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