

AMENDING CHAPTER 6.04, MAUI COUNTY CODE, RELATING TO ANIMAL CONTROL (HHT-43)

Aloha Chair & Members of the Council,

My name is Christy Kajiwaru Gusman. I come before you today wearing several hats. First I am a rancher. I am the Maui Board Member for the Hawaii Hunting, Farming, and Fishing Association, and I am the 2017-2018 VP for the Maui 4-H Livestock Association, I am also a Maui County Farm Bureau Member and a Member of the Cattlemens Association.

I would like to start by saying Congratualtions to Council Member Bob Carroll, whos daughter Kamalu has been sucessful in reviving the Hana 4-H livestock Club and we are looking forward to having them on board in 2019. We hope to be a benefit to the students in the Hana community and I cant wait to begin working with them. Hana people enrollment is still open!

In May of this year I came before you with a group of students who recieved a Resolution from the Maui County Council in recognition of our celebration of 100 years of 4-H in Maui County. This program and others like this would not last 100 years had the organization and all those involved not practiced good animal husbandry.

This program is made possible through the University of Hawaii and CTHAR the livestock program teaches skills to youth on Maui, Molokai and Lana'i not necessarily covered in a classroom environment. It teaches Life skills that students carry with them into and throughout their adult lives. The responsible feeding, exercising, grooming and ethical showing of animals are all important aspects of the 4-H program, and "4-H"ers learn to make decisions, keep records, manage funds, budget time, and take responsibility for the care of another living being.

To purchase their animals and supplies Students from the age of 9 years old are eligible for grants and loans from the USDA (federal Government). Students & parents must also undergo quality assurance trainings and the students must pass quality assurance testing. However, they also need the support of many other farms and ranches. Circle L, along with other small farms and ranches, Sakugawa Farms, Makaniolu, LA Ranch and others often help students by "housing" or "sponsoring" a childs animal. What this means is that we are subject to monthly inspections and other quality control measures and guidelines set forth by the State and Federal

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Government who run these programs. Farm tours and other activities are also a part of the 4-Hers experience and responsibility.

Our pastures are located directly off the State Highway. They are fenced separately and stretch a combined 60 acres. Over the last few years we have dealt with over 16 complaints for issues such as the shade, & water, etc. Because they cannot see them from the road. I've had people trespass on the property to "check" if a cow or horse has water, etc...Honestly, It has felt often times more like harassment.

I am here today because I do NOT support the **AMENDING OF CHAPTER 6.04, MAUI COUNTY CODE, RELATING TO ANIMAL CONTROL (HHT-43)**

But I do humbly ask for the council to provide some type of exemption for Ranches like ours who are subject to these quality control measures so it is not a waste of time. We would like to continue to GIVE our time and resources to the keiki instead of coming here to defend against this type of legislation and I would like the Humane Society and other agencies to have a list of exempt Ranches, and to use their better judgement when it comes to these types of calls and complaints.

Mahalo!

Christy K. Gusman

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