



Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Inc.

Meeting for the Board of Land and Natural Resources
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Chair Case and Members of the Board of Land and Natural Resources,

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on agenda items D1 and D4 for the Annual Renewal of Revocable Permits for Island of Kauai and Island of Hawaii, respectively. Many of these leases are zoned Pasture or Agriculture. Act 90, Session Laws of Hawaii 2003 (Act 90) was specifically intended to ensure agricultural lands remain in production by transferring them to the Department of Agriculture. Many of these revocable permits have remained as revocable permits for several decades. This is not conducive to agriculture, and we urge the Board of Land and Natural Resources to consider the transfer of these pasture and agricultural leases under Act 90 to ensure that these lands can continue to operate productive lands.

The Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Inc. (HCC) is the statewide umbrella organization comprised of the four county level Cattlemen's Associations. Our 140 member ranchers represent over 60,000 head of beef cows; more than 75% of all the beef cows in the State. Ranchers are the stewards of approximately 20% of the State's total land mass.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this important matter for our industry.

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