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Relating to Bill 12 (2012)

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Aloha ,

I am writing in regards to bill 44
I believe that this bill was written without regards to all taxpayers.
I was born and raised in Kapahulu, my father a police detective grew up
in kapahulu. He had wonderful memories of growing up and grabbing
horses from the rancher in Kaimuki and riding down to the beach and
letting the horses go and they would run back to their ranch. I grew up
going to our families property in Kuliouou and riding horses in the
valley catching cattle.
My grandmother who was pure Hawaiian would tell me that if I wanted to
continue to ride horses I would have to go to the country and live
because thats where you could keep horses because times were changing.
I worked hard paid my taxes and bought horses, it was my dream and I
made it happen.

We horse people use our horses for working cattle, which are considered
livestock.

We ride horses for pleasure, our children ride horses as sport and are
able to compete and go to college with scholarships. Future farmers of
america consider horses livestock.

37 states in the united states horses are livestock This bill was
written because of a fear or GENTLEMEN RANCHERS, We on Oahu do not have
gentlemen estates.

IT is such a ploy by a few people that think people with horses are
rich and are taking advantage of the laws.

Not a single person on the AG committee had anything to do with
livestock.

Horse businesses , boarding facilities, livestock feed stores ,
veterenarians, not to mention the families that have had horses in
their backyard for generations. They cannot afford to have horses ,
even though they have had horses and worked horses for generations not
at all considered Gentleman estates!

We vote you in to work for us not to add more taxes to the common
people.

Ordinance 12 and 30 are a bandaid and it should be changed.

I believe what we truly need to do is repeal bill 44.

Mahalo,

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