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## **MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT FOR MEAT PROCESSING STUDY**

This Memorandum of Agreement (Agreement) is effective as of July 1, 2024 (Effective Date), by and between the University of Hawaii, College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources (UH CTAHR), and the State of Hawaii Department of Agriculture (HDOA), (each a Party, and collectively, the Parties).

### **RECITALS**

WHEREAS, Act 54, signed into law in the 2023 Regular Legislative Session, established within the HDOA for administrative purposes, a meat processing task force to develop and implement a plan to expand the meat processing capacity in the State to allow for meat from axis deer and other wild game to be processed for distribution by nonprofit food distribution services and appropriated funds for this purpose;

WHEREAS, UH CTAHR has the personnel and expertise to conduct research on a plan to expand the meat processing capacity in the State;

WHEREAS, HDOA desires to contract for services with funds appropriated by Act 54, to conduct research for a plan to expand the meat processing capacity in the State;

WHEREAS, HDOA and UH CTAHR desire to enter into this Agreement to establish the terms and conditions for the study;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises contained herein, the Parties agree as follows:

1. **Term.** This Agreement shall remain in effect until December 2, 2025, unless sooner terminated by either Party in accordance with Section 4 of this Agreement.
2. **UH CTAHR Responsibilities.**
  - a. Commencing on the Effective Date, UH CTAHR shall conduct research to develop a practical plan to expand the meat processing capacity in the State to allow for meat from axis deer and other wild game to be processed for distribution by nonprofit food distribution services.



- b. UH CTAHR shall consider and follow the attached Meat Processing Project objectives/tasks and deliverables in conducting research and completing the report.
  - c. UH CTAHR shall complete a draft report by June 3, 2025, and a final report by December 2, 2025.
3. HDOA Responsibilities.
- a. HDOA shall pay to the UH CTAHR an amount not to exceed forty-five thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$45,000.00) to conduct research and complete a report for a plan to expand the meat processing capacity in the State. HDOA shall pay UHCTAHR 50% of the budget upon execution of the Agreement and the remaining 50% upon receipt of the final report from the University of Hawai'i.
  - b. HDOA shall provide access to HDOA Meat Processing Task Force members and their representative agency subject matter expertise for consultation, to UH CTAHR.
4. Termination. Either Party may terminate this Agreement with thirty (30) days prior written notice to the other Party.
5. Amendment. This Agreement may be amended at any time by mutual written agreement of the Parties.
6. Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, and said counterparts will together constitute one and the same agreement and shall be binding on each of the Parties notwithstanding that all of the Parties are not signatory to the original or the same counterpart. The submission of a signature page by facsimile transmission, or similar electronic submission facility (e.g., e-mail), shall be deemed to constitute an "original" signature page for all purposes (other than recordation), and facsimile or electronic copies shall be deemed to constitute duplicate originals.

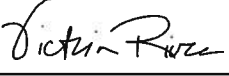
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have caused this Agreement to be executed as of the Effective Date.

STATE OF HAWAII, DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

By: Sharon Hurd  
SHARON HURD  
Chairperson, Board of Agriculture

Date: 10/27/24

UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII, COLLEGE OF TROPICAL AGRICULTURE AND HUMAN  
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Date: Oct 21, 2024






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