

SB-2513-SD-1

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Cathy Goeggel	Animal Rights Hawai'i	Support	Yes

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Inga Gibson	The Animal Welfare Institute	Support	Yes

Comments:

Dear Honorable Chair Takumi and Members of the Committee on Consumer Protection

RE: SB2513 SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENTS; Relating to Animal Cruelty

We support the bill and recommend the below language be added to SB2512; Relating to Veterinary Medicine as it appropriately fits within that statute and proposed penalties.

SB2512 SD1 proposed amendment adding prohibition on castration bands on pet animals:

(b) Any person convicted of violating section 471-2 and who, in the course of that violation, intentionally or knowingly performs any surgical procedure, including but not limited to surgical birth, castration using a band or rubber ring placed around a pet's scrotum, ear cropping, tail docking, or debarking, on a pet animal shall be guilty of a class C felony. For purposes of this subsection, "pet animal" shall have the same meaning as in section 711-1100.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.

Inga Gibson on Behalf of The Animal Welfare Institute

The Animal Welfare Institute (www.awionline.org) is a nonprofit charitable organization founded in 1951 and dedicated to reducing animal suffering caused by people. AWI engages policymakers, scientists, industry, and the public to achieve better treatment of animals everywhere – in the laboratory, on the farm, in commerce, at home, and in the wild.



Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Inc.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair

Senator Stanley Chang, Vice Chair

SB2513

Wednesday, February 13, 2020, 9:30 a.m.

Conference Room 229, State Capitol

415 South Beretania Street

Chair Baker, Vice Chair Chang, and Members of the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health,

The Hawaii Cattlemen's Council **supports SB2513.**

HCC is a proponent for animal welfare and we support SB2513 which prohibits the use of castration bands on dogs and cats. We thank the legislature for using the language "pet animal" instead of "domesticated pet." Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this matter.

Nicole Galase
Hawaii Cattlemen's Council
Managing Director



Testimony in SUPPORT of SB 2513, SD1: Relating to Animal Cruelty
Wednesday, March 11, 2020

I am writing in strong support of SB 2513.

I have worked in animal shelters for more than 10 years and would estimate that I have performed about 15,000 neuter procedures in my life. All of these neuter procedures were performed using sterile techniques with appropriate pain medications and anesthesia. Although rare, antibiotics have been provided when necessary.

The use of castration bands in dogs, cats, and other pets is an archaic procedure that is painful, dangerous, and unnecessary. I have seen cases first hand that resulted in necrosis, severe pain, and infection. This is a senseless practice as there are veterinary clinics available to do these surgeries and even low cost (often NO cost) options for these procedures (Hawaiian Humane Society on Oahu, Kauai Humane Society, Maui Humane Society, Molokai Humane Society, and many others).

To pass this bill, we will be progressing animal welfare in our state.

I urge the committee to pass SB 2513.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

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Date: March 10, 2020

To: Chair Rep. Roy Takumi
Vice Chair Rep. Linda Ichiyama
and Members of the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce

Submitted By: Stephanie Kendrick, Public Policy Advocate
Hawaiian Humane Society, 808-356-2217

RE: Testimony in support of SB 2513, SD1: Relating to Animal Cruelty
Wednesday, March 11, 2020, 2 p.m., Capitol Room 329

Aloha Chair Takumi, Vice Chair Ichiyama and Committee Members,

The Hawaiian Humane Society supports the passage of Senate Bill 2513, SD1, which includes use of a castration band to inhumanely neuter a dog, cat, or other domesticated pet under the offense of cruelty to animals in the second degree.

The only humane and effective method of sterilization for dogs, cats and other pet animals is spay/neuter surgery performed by a licensed veterinarian. Castration band sterilization is extremely dangerous for these animals, putting them at high risk of complications, including life-threatening infections.

We ask you to support the protections in SB 2513, SD1, and help keep our pet animals safe.

Mahalo for your consideration.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
carole richelieu	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Willie-Joe Camara	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill as written.



improving the quality of lives of pets and their people.

Testimony by Alicia Maluafiti, Board President Poi Dogs & Popoki
In strong support of SB 2513 SD 1 - Relating to Animal Cruelty
House Committee on Consumer Protection
Wednesday, March 11, 2020, 2 pm, Room 329

Aloha Chair Takumi and members of the Committee,

Poi Dogs & Popoki (PDP) is a nonprofit animal welfare organization with a mission to help people and their pets. We operate The Big Fix, a mobile spay/neuter and wellness vehicle on the island of Oahu which provides affordable services for low income pet owners in rural and at risk communities. We are in strong support of SB 2513 to ban the use of castration bands on pets and thank the Chair for introducing the House version of this measure.

In October 2019, PDP held a spay/neuter clinic at Nanakuli Beach Park. A dog owner brought a male black lab about 2 years old to be neutered. The owner had taken the dog from his brother who had used a castration band on the dog. It had been 2 months since the band was placed around the testicles. Because the bands are intended to be used on livestock – not smaller animals – the scrotum eventually fell off but the testes were left hanging. The dog smelled of infection and was suffering from the pain. The veterinary staff was shocked and angered and they immediately contacted me.

I called the owner of the animal and learned that this was not the first time that he has had to step in to try to save an animal from cruel and inhumane conditions. I asked if he would be willing to speak to an investigator because I planned on filing animal cruelty charges. He did not hesitate and indicated that he did not want to see this happen to another dog.

To this day – PDP has not been contacted by the Hawaiian Humane Society to follow up on our complaint. According to the owner of the dog, he received one phone call by HHS and was told that there was little for them to do without further evidence and that it was not elevated to animal cruelty because of refusal of the owner to provide veterinary care.

As the Big Fix continues to provide services around the island of Oahu, we would like to be able to rely on stronger laws that enable us to ensure the health and welfare and humane treatment of our pet animals. SB 2513 is an important tool to help us do that.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony.