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TESTIMONY BY CRAIG K. HIRAI
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TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER PROTECTION & COMMERCE
ON
HOUSE BILL NO. 2319, H.D. 1

February 17, 2022
2:00 p.m.
Room 329 and Videoconference

RELATING TO SERVICE ANIMALS

The Department of Budget and Finance (B&F) offers comments on this bill.

House Bill No. 2319, H.D. 1, adds a new section to Chapter 142, HRS, to require the Department of Agriculture (DOA) to be responsible for all neighbor island inspection permit fees for service animals, as defined in Section 347-2.5, HRS, that are located in the State and are being transported for release at Ellison Onizuka Kona International Airport at Keahole, Kahului Airport, or Lihue Airport; and appropriates an unspecified amount of general funds in FY 23 for the DOA to administer the fees.

B&F notes that, with respect to the general fund appropriation in this bill, the federal Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act requires that states receiving Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) II funds and Governor's Emergency Education Relief II funds must maintain state support for:

- Elementary and secondary education in FY 22 at least at the proportional level of the state's support for elementary and secondary education relative to the state's overall spending, averaged over FYs 17, 18 and 19; and

- Higher education in FY 22 at least at the proportional level of the state's support for higher education relative to the state's overall spending, averaged over FYs 17, 18 and 19.

Further, the federal American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act requires that states receiving ARP ESSER funds must maintain state support for:

- Elementary and secondary education in FY 22 and FY 23 at least at the proportional level of the state's support for elementary and secondary education relative to the state's overall spending, averaged over FYs 17, 18 and 19; and
- Higher education in FY 22 and FY 23 at least at the proportional level of the state's support for higher education relative to the state's overall spending, averaged over FYs 17, 18 and 19.

The U.S. Department of Education has issued rules governing how these maintenance of effort (MOE) requirements are to be administered. B&F will be working with the money committees of the Legislature to ensure that the State of Hawai'i complies with these ESSER MOE requirements.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.

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Testimony for CPC on 2/17/2022 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
isaac maeda	Department of Agriculture	Comments	Yes

Comments:

Available for questions.



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February 17, 2022

TESTIMONY TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER PROTECTION AND COMMERCE

House Bill 2319, House Draft 1 – Relating to Service Animals

The Disability and Communication Access Board (DCAB) supports House Bill 2319, House Draft 1. This bill would require the Department of Agriculture (DOA) to be responsible for all neighbor island inspection permit fees for service animals that are located in the State and are being transported for release at Kona, Kahului, or Lihue Airport.

DCAB supports this measure to provide equality at all airports for people with disabilities with service animals.

Thank you for supporting people with disabilities who have a service animal who travel to Kona, Kahului, or Lihue Airport.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Respectfully submitted,

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Wednesday, February 16, 2022

The Honorable Aaron Ling Johanson
Chairman, Hawai'i House Consumer Protection and Commerce Committee
Conference Room 329, State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

RE: AKC Supports House Bill 2319 (H.D. 1), Relating to Service Animals

Chairman Johanson and members of the Hawai'i House Consumer Protection and Commerce Committee:

The American Kennel Club (AKC), which was established in 1884 and promotes the study, breeding, exhibiting, and advancement of purebred dogs, represents over 5,100 dog clubs nationally, including 42 clubs in Hawai'i. The AKC advocates for the purebred dog as a family companion, advances canine health and well-being, protects the rights of dog owners, and promotes the ideals of responsible dog ownership. The AKC and our affiliated clubs are both happy and proud to serve lawmakers and communities by sharing with them our animal care and responsible ownership principles. Today, we write to share our continued support of House Bill 2319 and respectfully request committee passage of the measure.

On principle, AKC strongly supports the training and use of dogs by humans, whose lives are enriched by dogs' performing essential services. Dogs provide a wide variety of valuable services including: handicapped assistance dogs; drug, bomb, and arson detection dogs; and tracking dogs to locate missing persons and fugitives. AKC encourages the continuation and further development of the use of dogs for these and similar purposes.

HB 2319 requires the Hawai'i Department of Agriculture to be responsible for all inspection permit fees for service animals that arrive at any other port of entry other than Daniel K. Inouye International Airport on Oahu. In our view, HB 2319 provides an equitable and fair solution for service dog users traveling to Kona's, Kahului's, and Lihue's airports, and ensures they are not unnecessarily burdened.

Thank you for your consideration of our request of support for House Bill 2319. Please feel free to contact me at (919) 816-3502 or phil.guidry@akc.org if I may be of additional assistance on this or any other dog-related matter.

Sincerely,

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TESTIMONY OF PHYLLIS SHIMABUKURO-GEISER
CHAIRPERSON, BOARD OF AGRICULTURE

BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON
COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

FEBRUARY 17, 2022
2:00 P.M.
VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE

HOUSE BILL NO. 2319 H.D.1
RELATING TO SERVICE ANIMALS

Chairperson Johanson and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Bill No. 2319 H.D1 that requires the department of agriculture to be responsible for all neighbor island inspection permit fees for service animals that are located in the State and are being transported for release at Kona, Kahului, or Lihue airport. The Department of Agriculture offers comments.

The proposed amendment to Chapter 142, HRS is unclear referring to "...fees for a service animal, as defined in section 347-2.5, that is located in the State and is being transported for release at Ellison Onizuka Kona International Airport at Keahole, Kahului Airport, or Lihue Airport." The title indicates that this section refers to interisland quarantine. If the intent of this bill is to waive the Neighbor Island Inspection Permit (NIIP) fee for interisland transport of dogs and cats located in Hawaii, that are not under quarantine, and traveling between islands, then this new section is unnecessary as a NIIP, and subsequent inspection, is not required. A NIIP is required for dogs and cats located outside Hawaii that are being transported directly to the listed airports on the Big Island, Maui and Kauai. If the intent is to waive the NIIP fee for the transport of dogs and cats located outside of Hawaii, then we recommend the deletion of "interisland



quarantine” from the title of the proposed section on page 2, line 6 and deletion of the phrase “is located in the State and” from page 2, line 9.

The Department does not have staff or financial resources to perform or pay for inspections so dedicated funding must be provided to accomplish this measure. The department does not control the fees the private veterinary facilities charge for neighbor island inspections. Therefore, cost estimation is challenging.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Morris Atta	Hawaii Department of Agriculture	Comments	Yes

Comments:

I am available to answer questions on behalf of HDOA.