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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ANIMAL CRUELTY.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1. Section 711-1109, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3           "**§711-1109 Cruelty to animals.** (1) A person commits the  
4 offense of cruelty to animals if the person intentionally,  
5 knowingly, or recklessly:

6           (a) Overdrives, overloads, tortures, torments, cruelly  
7 beats or starves any animal, or causes or procures the  
8 overdriving, overloading, torture, torment, cruel  
9 beating or starving of any animal, or deprives a pet  
10 animal of necessary sustenance or causes such  
11 deprivation;

12           (b) Mutilates, poisons, or kills without need any animal  
13 other than insects, vermin, or other pests;

14           (c) Keeps, uses, or in any way is connected with or  
15 interested in the management of, or receives money for  
16 the admission of any person to, any place kept or used  
17 for the purpose of fighting or baiting any bull, bear,  
18 dog, cock, or other animal, and every person who



1 encourages, aids, or assists therein, or who permits  
2 or suffers any place to be so kept or used;

3 (d) Carries or causes to be carried, in or upon any  
4 vehicle or other conveyance, any animal in a cruel or  
5 inhumane manner; [~~e~~]

6 (e) Uses, sets, maintains, or tends any body-gripping  
7 traps including:

8 (i) Steel-jawed leghold traps;

9 (ii) Padded jaw leghold traps;

10 (iii) Conibear traps; and

11 (iv) Snares, also referred to as cable restraints;

12 except when used by federal, state, or county

13 officials in the performance of their duties to

14 protect the health and welfare of the public;

15 or

16 [~~e~~] (f) Assists another in the commission of any act of  
17 cruelty to any animal.

18 (2) Subsection (1)(a), (b), (d), (e), (f), and the  
19 following subsection (3) are not applicable to accepted  
20 veterinary practices and to activities carried on for scientific  
21 research governed by standards of accepted educational or  
22 medicinal practices.



1           (3) Whenever any domestic animal is so severely injured  
2 that there is no reasonable probability that its life or  
3 usefulness can be saved, the animal may be immediately  
4 destroyed.

5           (4) Cruelty to animals is a misdemeanor."

6           SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
7 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

8           SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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**Report Title:**

Animal Cruelty; Snares; Banned

**Description:**

Bans the use of snares in the capture of animals except for use by state, federal, or county officials in protecting public health and safety.

