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The Hawaiian Humane Society is dedicated to promoting the humananimal bond and the humane treatment of all animals, February 4, 2011

Jerry L. Chang, Chair Sharon E. Har, Vice Chair Committee on Water, Land, & Ocean Resources

Re: Testimony on HB 1334

Dear Chair Chang, Vice Chair Har and Members of the Committee on Water, Land, & Ocean Resources:

The Hawaiian Humane Society supports the intent of HB 1334, which would establish a "Feral Animals Council".

Hawaii's feral animal concerns are many and complex with issues unique to each community. From chickens and donkeys to pigs and peacocks, the issues of these populations and their impact on our community and the need for a harmonious coexistence with other species continue to be of pressing public concern.

We highly recommend that a task force of experts be established with the purpose of identifying a scope of work, key representation needed, as well as to define the authority of a Feral Animal Council.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Snccrely Yours,

Pamela Burns
President and CEO