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TESTIMONY TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEES ON CONSUMER PROTECTION AND COMMERCE AND JUDICIARY

House Bill 1316 – Relating to Animals

The Disability and Communication Access Board (DCAB) takes no position on House Bill 1316 – Relating to Animals but offers comments. This bill allows a landlord to hold a tenant's security deposit for the purpose of paying for damages caused by an animal residing in the premises. It also authorizes a landlord, as a condition of a rental agreement, to add to the security deposit an amount for an animal to reside in the premises.

Under the Federal Fair Housing Act (FHA), an animal that functions as a reasonable accommodation for a person with a disability is permitted to reside in the premises with the person with a disability who provides a doctor's verification of disability and need for the animal. In such a situation, the animal is not a "pet" and the person with a disability cannot be charged for the animal to reside in the premises.

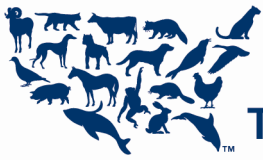
DCAB suggests an amendment to the bill to include an exemption for the person with a disability who has an animal as a reasonable accommodation to reside in the premises. This amendment was made in Senate Draft 1 of the Senate companion bill, Senate Bill 328. If any animal causes damage to a unit, the handler of the animal is responsible to pay for the repairs or damage caused by the animal and for cleaning the apartment so it is sanitary for a new tenant to occupy.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Respectfully submitted,

BARBARA FISCHLOWITZ-LEONG
Chairperson

FRANCINE WAI
Executive Director



**THE HUMANE SOCIETY
OF THE UNITED STATES**

TO: Honorable Chairs McKelvey and Rhoads and Committee Members

House Committees on Judiciary and Consumer Protection

RE: In SUPPORT OF HB1316; Relating to Pet Rental Deposits

Submitted by: Inga Gibson, Hawaii State Director, The Humane Society of the United States,
P.O. Box 89131, Honolulu, HI 96830, igibson@hsus.org, 808-922-9910

On behalf of our members and supporters of The Humane Society of the United States in Hawaii, we thank you for the opportunity to speak in strong support of HB1316; Relating to Pet Deposits, with the below two amendments.

This modest but necessary measure would simply allow landlords/property managers to work with tenants in providing for a pet deposit, in a mutually determined amount, to cover any damages related to the pet. The intent of this measure is to:

Keep pets and people together. More than 60 percent of Hawaii households own pets, however with the housing crisis it is extremely difficult to find affordable housing, let alone affordable housing that allows pets.

Reduce intake/surrender of pets to local animal care and rescues. Many pet animals who are surrendered to local humane societies and rescue organizations are given up solely due to housing issues.

Encourage responsible pet ownership by providing landlords/property managers a means of collecting a security deposit for damages caused by irresponsible pet owners.

Promote the human-animal bond and the treatment of pets as family members. There are many who, unable to find housing, do not have a pet although we know that pets can improve human lives in many ways, including promoting a healthier lifestyle. The availability of pet-friendly rentals is a direct reflection of a community's values in considering pets members of the family, and to be properly cared for.

We appreciate your consideration of the following amendments:

- The Hawaii Association of Realtors supports this measure with a minor amendment to add an extended effective date so they may revise their landlord-tenant contracts.
- An exemption for a pet security deposit as it applies to bona fide *service animals* and as required by state and federal law

Finally, we offer a plethora of resources to help property managers and pet owners alike, should this measure pass, and as we hope:

http://www.humanesociety.org/animals/resources/tips/renting_with_pets.html

http://www.humanesociety.org/animals/resources/tips/rental_manager_resources.html

We respectfully urge your support of this measure and thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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To: Representatives Rhoads and McKelvey, Chairs, Representatives Har and Kawakami, Vice Chairs, and Committee Members

House Committees on Judiciary (JUD) and Consumer Protection and Commerce (CPN)
February 20, 2013, 2:00 p.m., Room 325

Submitted by: Jennifer J. Han, Policy Advocate
Hawaiian Humane Society, jhan@hawaiianhumane.org

Date: February 15, 2013

**RE: Support HB1316;
Relating to Animals; Residential Landlord-Tenant Code**

The Hawaiian Humane Society supports the passage of House Bill 1316 as it provides the opportunity for more pet-friendly housing in the Hawaii community.

Pursuant to a 2012 Ward Research study commissioned by the Hawaiian Humane Society, on Oahu, the population of cats and dogs has steadily risen to the point where there are now more pets residing in Oahu than there are school-aged children. That means, there are currently more than 700,000 cats and dogs. Nearly 60% of Oahu households have at least one pet. With an estimated 265,000 dogs in Oahu homes, ownership has more than doubled from 20 to 45 percent of homes. With this continuing growth of pets in the community, appropriate housing continues to be limited. This bill will, in effect, allow more pet-friendly opportunities as it will address the financial concerns by landlords and property owners alike of pet-related issues.

The one amendment we recommend is to set a maximum limit on the amount of the pet deposit as it currently reads as open-ended. We believe a pet security deposit of no more than one month's rent is reasonable.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of HB 1316 as it relates to pets in housing. On behalf of the Hawaiian Humane Society, I ask for your support in passing this measure.

February 20, 2013

The Honorable Angus L.K. McKelvey, Chair

House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce

The Honorable Karl Rhoads, Chair

House Committee on Judiciary

State Capitol, Room 325

Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: H.B. 1316, Relating to Animals

HEARING: Wednesday, February 20, 2013 at 2:00 p.m.

Aloha Chair McKelvey, Chair Rhoads, and Members of the Joint Committees:

I am Myoung Oh, Government Affairs Director, here to testify on behalf of the Hawai'i Association of REALTORS® ("HAR"), the voice of real estate in Hawai'i, and its 8,000 members. HAR **supports** on H.B. 1316 which allows a landlord to hold a tenant's security deposit for the purpose of paying for damages caused by an animal residing in the premises and authorizes a landlord as a condition of a rental agreement to add to the security deposit an amount for an animal to reside in the premises.

The use of pet deposits is to ensure that the landlord will be compensated for any damage done to a rental unit by a pet (urine stains, scratches, rips or other damage). The negotiated amount of a pet deposit will depend on varying situations such as number of pets, the size of the pets, the type of pet or if the pet seems properly trained. Some landlords will ask to see the pets before making a decision.

HAR notes that the Rental Agreement contains information on pets and we respectfully **request an effective date of November 1, 2013 to allow time for HAR's form revisions in conformance with this measure.**

HAR further notes that we do not oppose amendments proposed by the Hawaii Civil Rights Commission and Disability and Communication Access Board to include an exemption for persons with disability under section 515-3.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

2/16/13

To the members of the House,

I'm writing in support of HB1316. I nearly got evicted from a previous residence for having pets (the rental agreement had not specified any restrictions against pets) and found it very difficult to find housing options that would be ok with having me and my two cats as tenants. Most tenants are very responsible owners, and most landlords fear that their property will not be rentable if they agree to rent to an owner and their pet.

Housing is undeniably expensive here in Honolulu, so most people are forced to rent. With limited options, it becomes frustrating to responsible pet owners to find adequate housing. Some are forced to give up their pet to shelters, resort to dumping them on the street, or other methods that are put strain on the City and County that taxpayers do not wish to pay for.

Pets are like family, and asking someone to give up a family member over a place to live is a situation that no one should ever be forced to deal with. Research has shown that pet owners live happier and longer lives. Pets are becoming family members in many Oahu households; statistics from the Hawaiian Humane Society show that over 60% of households own one or more pets.

Allowing a renter to provide a deposit for their pet is a simple solution that should've been in place a long time ago. It's a great way to quickly and fairly rent properties to people who have pets.

Thanks for your attention,

Jessica Seid

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Allan Schildknecht	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: A large percentage of the people in Hawaii Rent as opposed to own their own home. If fact, Honolulu is one of the few places in the US where it makes more sense to rent that own. Yet, renters are frequently faced with a delima of having to give up their loved pet because where they are renting won't allow them. By allowing the Landlord to collect a deposit for damage and cleaning, more Landloards would be willing to rent to families with pets. We urge you to support this bill.

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Matthew Omori	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support this bill that allows the tenants to have a animal in the premises of the landlords property. This bill helps both tenants and landlord which gives both sides more options. Tenants are able to negotiate the possibility of owning a pet without worrying about where it can stay. Landlords also benefit with the ability to charge more for a rental property if they decide to allow tenants to have pets in the rental.

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Michelle Bowerman	Individual	Support	No

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Gerri Cadiz	Individual	Support	No

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Karen Scharff	Individual	Support	No

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Jill Merl	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: For seniors who can no longer afford their current housing, and who have a much-loved pet, options are needed so that they can find affordable housing that allows their pet(s) to join them. This will avoid their staying in the housing that will inevitably break them, or leaving their beloved pets. If there are caveats to protect property where pets reside, there is no reason why pets shouldn't be able to accompany their owners.

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Kathy Takayama	Individual	Support	No

Comments: To abandon your pet is like getting rid of your child. Most loving pet owners, especially dog lovers like myself know how much our pets rely on us. So many people are giving up their dogs because "they are moving" or "the landlord won't let them keep the dog". Our pets need the love and companionship of a human.

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Candice Ching	Individual	Support	No

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Rene Umberger	Individual	Support	No

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Margaret Sueoka	Individual	Support	No

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ginger edmunds	Individual	Support	No

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Heidi Scoggins	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha, As a responsible pet owner I would be more than willing to pay a seperate deposit to pay for any damage that my cats would cause. The problem is that even finding a rental that will allow pets, honestly if you can even find one it is like winning the lottery. West Maui property owners need to understand that people that own pets are more likely to be long term renters and less likely to cause any problems for property owners. Mahalo, Heidi Scoggins Lahaina

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dana russell	Individual	Support	No

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Lorraine Askam	Individual	Support	No

Comments: As an adoption counselor at Maui Humane Society I saw many fine animals refused a good home by landlords because they could not legally ask for a pet deposit. This bill will allow for many more adoptions from crowded shelter on all islands.

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Mike Moran	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Here on Maui we have a big need for rental properties to allow responsible peet caretakers. This will greatly hep this concern. Please pass

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Christin Matsushige	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please support this bill which will help more pet friendly rental housing become available for responsible tenants with pets. Thank you!

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Mary James	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: I strongly support this bill which will provide more rentals for individuals and families with pets. Currently, rental deposits are limited to an amount equal to one month's rent. Many landlords are unwilling to rent to people with pets for fear the pet will cause more damage than can be covered by the current deposit limit. This bill provides a mechanism to allow landlords and tenants to agree to terms for including pets in rental agreements. The bill should be amended to clarify that service animals are exempt from security deposits to reflect current law.

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Rachel Sussman	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I think this bill is important because it will encourage property owners and landlords to allow pets in housing. It's heartbreaking to see how many owners have to give up their pets because they can't find housing that allows them to keep them. This bill will also cover any damages the pet incurred so the apartment will be good as new when the tenants move out. It's a win-win situation!

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Jason Cadiz	Individual	Support	No

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Kahanu Ponimoi	Individual	Support	No

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Jessie Pennington	Individual	Support	No

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Lola Colombe	Individual	Support	No

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Chelsea Kentris	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ginger Towle	West Hawaii Humane Society	Support	No

Comments: This is an important step so that more people, with pets, would be able to rent. It is also fair and gives the homeowners protection from damage. We need to do everything we can so that people can keep their pets as they are really a part of the family. Ginger Towle - President WHHS

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Madelyn R. Barrea		Support	No

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Martin Davis	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support this Bill.

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Judith Aikawa, MD	Individual	Support	No

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Jennifer Chiwa	Individual	Support	No

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Ruth	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am in support of this bill because i believe that it will have more condos and apartments for having pets! I am a two dog pet owner and me and my mother are planning to sell our house and look for apartment/condo living space. We will not even think about letting go of our pets when moving. We are in search of places that will allow pets/animals and are willing to pay deposits for them because they are our family. We will not take them to the shelter just becuae they cannot live with us.

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Cynthia Okido	Individual	Support	No

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Bonnie Osaki	Individual	Support	No

Comments: • Nearly 60% of Oahu households have pets; • With the continuing growth of pets in the community, housing continues to be limited; • This bill will, in effect, allow more pet-friendly opportunities as it will address the financial concerns by landlords and property owners alike of pet-related issues.

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Keoni Vaughn	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Dear Chairs, Vice Chairs, and Committee members, In allowing a pet deposit, this bill addresses the financial concerns that landlords may have in allowing their unit/building to be pet friendly. As the number of dog owners continues to increase on Oahu, ensuring that pet-friendly housing is available for these families is absolutely necessary. As such, I ask for your support to pass this bill. Thank you for allowing me to testify in support of HB 1316. Sincerely, Keoni Vaughn

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Starla Takara	Individual	Support	No

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Melina Patrick	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am in support of this bill because by creating more protection for landlords renting to families with pets, eventually it would create more pet friendly housing. I am not a pet owner because I live in a house where pets are not allowed because my landlord is worried about damage to the house. This bill would give my landlord the reassurance that if I get a pet, he has the right to use my deposit to repair any damages caused by it.

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Patty Brady	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support this bill.

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Lisa Fowler	Individual	Support	No

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Theresa Donnelly - SUPPORT

Dear Members of the House Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection and the Judiciary Comitees,

My name is Theresa Donnelly, and I am a volunteer with many national and local animal nonprofits. Previously, I was an officer with our local Boxer dog club and the owner of Hawaii Military Pets, an online educational resource for Hawaii Military families.

I am writing to you today to express my strong support for HB 1316, relating to animals.

Here in Hawaii, it's extremely hard to find pet-friendly rentals. **This is especially important to our transient military community, many of which cannot afford to purchase a home.**

Giving realtors the ability to impose a pet deposit may encourage more to permit pets, leading to less animals dropped off at shelters to an uncertain fate.

This bill is a great step in making Hawaii more pet friendly.

Thank you for your time in reading my testimony.

Theresa Donnelly

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Kate Linton	Individual	Support	No

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Stephanie Docekal	Individual	Support	No

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Jane Shiraki	Individual	Support	No

Comments: This will help pet owners stay together with their pets and avoid having to make heart breaking choices, and save pet lives as well.

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Caroline viola	Individual	Support	No

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