



Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Inc.

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE
Rep. Richard P. Creagan, Chair
Rep. Lynn DeCoite, Vice Chair

DATE: Wednesday, February 8, 2018
TIME: 8:30 AM
PLACE: Conference Room 312

HB 24 – RELATING TO ANIMAL SEXUAL ABUSE

Establishes the criminal offense of sexual assault of an animal. Provides for impoundment and forfeiture of a sexually assaulted animal.

Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Dale Sandlin, and I am Managing Director of the Hawaii Cattlemen's Council. The Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Inc. (HCC) is the Statewide umbrella organization comprised of the four county level Cattlemen's Associations. Our 150+ member ranchers represent over 60,000 head of beef cows; more than 75% of all the beef cows in the State. Ranchers are the stewards of approximately 25% of the State's total land mass.

The Hawaii Cattlemen's Council provides **opposes specific portions** of HB 24 in its current form, as it greatly expands existing sections of the Hawaii Revised Statutes.

An animal's health and well-being is considered the utmost priority of our industry. While we have no concerns with the initial intent of the bill, the amendments to sections "§711-1109.1 Authority to enter premises; notice of impoundment of animal; damage resulting from entry" and "§711-1109.2 Forfeiture of animal prior to filing of or final disposition of criminal charges" are particularly concerning.

In each of these sections, the bill removes the terms "pet" and "equine animal" from the existing definition and broadly applies the statutes to **ALL ANIMALS** including livestock regardless if the violation pertains to the offense outlined in the bill's original intent.

While we support the original intent of the bill, we believe that the application of "§711-1109.1" & "§711-1109.2" can be applied without amending the full sections of the existing statutes or prohibit the enforcement of any violation of the original intent outlined in the bill.

We respectfully ask for the portion of the bill regarding the proposed amendments to "§711-1109.1" & "§711-1109.2" be removed from the original language of this bill and replaced with "Any violation of this measure shall be subject to HRS "§711-1109.1" & "§711-1109.2 in regards to any animal type including those excluded in the aforementioned statutes."

We appreciate the opportunity to provide testimony in this matter.



HB-24

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 10:49:36 AM

Testimony for AGR on 2/8/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Laura Myers	Windward Dog Park Hui	Support	No

Comments:

Abuse is abuse, and it's kind of legislators to realize that sexual assault of animals is painful and needs to be stopped.



February 3, 2019

Testimony in Opposition of HB 24

Representative Creagan and Members of the House Committee on Agriculture:

The Pacific Pet Alliance is a Hawai'i non-profit organization that promotes responsible pet ownership through education and advocacy.

We support HB 24 as written.

Thank you again for this opportunity to testify. **We respectfully request that this committee pass HB 24.**

Lynn Muramaru
Board Member
Pacific Pet Alliance



Testimony of the Humane Society of the United States to the Hawaii House Committee on Agriculture

February 8, 2019

H.B. 24 RELATING TO ANIMAL SEXUAL ABUSE

Position: Support

Dear Chair Creagan and members of the House Committee on Agriculture,

On behalf of our members and supporters in Hawaii, the Humane Society of the United States appreciates the opportunity to submit this testimony in strong support of H.B. 24 to prohibit the sexual abuse of animals (also referred to as bestiality). Animal sexual abuse is a serious crime with links to human sexual violence and child pornography. Hawaii is one of only five states that does not prohibit sexual contact with animals, so we are grateful that the legislature is considering this bill.

Animal sexual abuse is not the isolated deviant behavior you might think it is, but it is a prevalent and violent offense. It frequently precedes child sexual abuse, sexual homicide, and other violent acts and it should be considered an omen of what is to come.

In a study of over 44,000 adult male sex offenders, bestiality was identified as the number one indicator and predictor of a person who will sexually abuse a child. FBI studies have found high rates of sexual assault of animals in the backgrounds of many serial sexual homicide perpetrators. This is why bestiality is now tracked by the FBI as a separate crime in the same category as rape and murder. Additionally, children and victims of domestic violence have reported being forced to sexually interact with animals by their abuser. We believe tracking bestiality as a separate crime from animal cruelty is important because it allows law enforcement to identify potential sexual predators and, hopefully, intervene before they harm a human.

The internet facilitates this crime and, with no legal prohibition, allows it to flourish. Perpetrators use various websites to seek out one another where they often trade, rent, and sell animals for sex. A popular bestiality website has hundreds of users from all areas of Hawaii. In the last two weeks alone, there have been dozens of posts from owners offering their dogs for sex with strangers or people seeking animals for sex, many of them visitors to the islands.

Animal sexual abuse is not covered under existing animal cruelty laws for several reasons. The act does not always result in physical injury to the animal. When large breed dogs or livestock are sexually abused it can be extremely difficult for prosecutors to prove that pain or suffering was caused. Many cases are not brought about from physical injury to the animal but from an eyewitness complaint or videos found well after the act occurs and the evidence needed to establish injury is not available to prosecutors. Advertising or offering an animal for sex or coercing others to do so is also not covered under the animal cruelty laws. H.B. 24 would prohibit those acts as well.



**THE HUMANE SOCIETY
OF THE UNITED STATES**

There are clear exemptions for animal husbandry practices such as artificial insemination, veterinary procedures, and conformation judging. Of the 45 other states where this is law, no case has ever been prosecuted against farmers or ranchers engaging in acts related to artificial insemination or animal care. The intent of this bill is to give law enforcement and prosecutors the ability to arrest and charge true sexual predators rather than turn them away and send them back into our communities as they do now.

House Bill 24 recognizes that animal sexual abuse is one of the earliest signs of a conduct disorder and the need for mental health intervention. By identifying animal sexual abuse as a dangerous, predatory behavior courts can order necessary psychological counseling to break the cycle of abuse and prohibit offenders from contact with animals, and law enforcement can identify and monitor dangers in their community to keep their animals and children safer.

Sincerely,

Heather Carpenter
Western Regional Director
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The Humane Society of the United States



Hawaiian Humane Society

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Date: Feb. 6, 2019

To: Chair Rep. Richard P. Creagan
Vice Chair Rep. Lynn DeCoite
and Members of the Committee on Agriculture

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

RE: Testimony in support of HB 24: Relating to Animal Sexual Abuse
Friday, Feb. 8, 2019, 8:30 a.m., Capitol room 312

Aloha Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite and Committee Members,

On behalf of the Hawaiian Humane Society, thank you for considering our support for House Bill 24, which establishes the criminal offence of sexual assault of an animal. It further provides for impoundment and forfeiture of a sexually assaulted animal.

This is a crime against a powerless population and people who abuse animals in this way are extremely likely to target vulnerable human beings as well.

Recognizing that animal sexual abuse is often linked with child pornography, 45 states now outlaw bestiality. Studies have shown that bestiality is the single greatest predictor of people who will molest children. In 2016 the FBI began tracking animal cruelty crimes, including bestiality, in recognition of the link between animal abuse and crimes against people.

Please pass HB 24 to protect Hawaii's animals and its people. Mahalo for your consideration and please let me know if I can be of assistance.

HB-24

Submitted on: 2/6/2019 12:46:08 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/8/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Inga Gibson	West Hawaii Humane Society	Support	Yes

Comments:

LATE

HB-24

Submitted on: 2/7/2019 10:47:38 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/8/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sylvia Dolena	Aloha Animal Advocates	Support	No

Comments:

HB-24

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 1:28:57 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/8/2019 8:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

HB-24

Submitted on: 1/31/2019 3:44:51 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/8/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Victor K. Ramos	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

HB-24

Submitted on: 2/2/2019 9:34:06 AM

Testimony for AGR on 2/8/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Rene Umberger	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

HB-24

Submitted on: 2/2/2019 7:43:25 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/8/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Tina Kim	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support this bill

AGRtestimony

From: Rosemary Karlsson <rosemarykarlsson@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 1, 2019 11:01 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: multiple Agriculture Committee bills for 2/8/19 at 8:30 am

This is from Rosemary Karlsson, 16-1885 Uilani Drive, Keaau, HI, 96749. Mailing address is PO Box 492266. Cell is 808-966-6589, no landline. I am a private citizen not representing any organization.

This is regarding the Agriculture Committee hearing on Friday, February 8, 2019 at 8:30 am.

Please support the following:

HB 681
HB 1162
HB 704
HB 716
HB 930
HB 1281
HB 200
HB 24
HB 127

Rosemary Karlsson

HB-24

Submitted on: 2/3/2019 1:03:33 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/8/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ashley Wilcox	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

HB-24

Submitted on: 2/3/2019 6:31:08 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/8/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mike Moran	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

HB-24

Submitted on: 2/4/2019 12:39:04 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/8/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Susan Douglas	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

HB-24

Submitted on: 2/4/2019 8:58:51 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/8/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
jennifer schneider	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha. please support HB24.

This bill will establish the criminal offense of sexual assault of an animal. We need to protect animals from disturbed individuals.

This bill provides for impoundment and forfeiture of a sexually assaulted animal. This is vital, so that the animal is not repeatedly sexually abused.

Mahalo.

HB-24

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 8:13:36 AM

Testimony for AGR on 2/8/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lor. Maki	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

decoite3 - Richard

From: Jennifer Chiwa <jennifer.chiwa@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 5, 2019 2:57 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: Testimony in Support of HB 24 for House Committee on Agriculture 2-8-19 8:30 am Hearing

Aloha, Members of the House Committee on Agriculture. My name is Jennifer Chiwa. I grew up in Aiea and currently reside in Makiki.

Please pass House Bill 24 which would establish sex assault of an animal to be a criminal offense. Although Hawaii is a leader in animal welfare, 45 other states have established sex assault of an animal as a crime while this state has not. While Hawaii has animal cruelty laws, establishing a law specifically for this offense should give animals more protection.

Mahalo.

HB-24

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 10:38:19 AM

Testimony for AGR on 2/8/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Stephanie McLaughlin	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please pass this bill. It will prevent people from treating animals in a cruel and perverted way which makes the animal suffer.

HB-24

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 10:58:44 AM

Testimony for AGR on 2/8/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Gail McElrath	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

All living beings, including animals, should be protected from sexual assault and perpetrators prosecuted to the full extent of the law. Anyone who would perform this act on animal must have some mentality issues that could cause violence to humans and animals.

AGRtestimony

From: Edwin Lesperance <spirit@hawaii.rr.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 2, 2019 10:50 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: Bills regarding animals

Categories: Green Category

I support the passage of the following bills.

HB 681 Status	RELATING TO DOGS. Allows dogs in restaurants at the restaurant owner's or manager's discretion provided that certain conditions are met.	AGR, CPC/JUD
HB 1162 Status	RELATING TO PET BOARDING FACILITIES. Regulates the operation of pet boarding facilities within the State.	AGR, JUD
HB 704 Status	RELATING TO COSMETICS. Bans, beginning January 1, 2020, the import for profit, sale, and offer for sale of any cosmetic in the State, if the final product or any component of the product was developed or manufactured using animal testing performed on or after January 1, 2020. Effective January 1, 2020.	AGR, JUD/CPC
HB 716 Status	RELATING TO WILD ANIMALS. Prohibits the importation of dangerous wild animals for exhibition in a circus, carnival, or other live animal act or performance.	AGR, JUD
HB 930 Status	RELATING TO ANIMALS. Prohibits a pet store operator from selling a dog, cat, or rabbit unless the dog, cat, or rabbit was obtained from certain humane sources.	AGR, JUD
HB 1281 Status	RELATING TO ANIMAL CRUELTY. Prohibits the confinement of specified animals in a cruel manner and prohibits business owners and operators from selling those animals. Prohibits slaughtering cats and dogs for human consumption to conform to federal law.	AGR, JUD
HB 200 Status	RELATING TO CRUELTY TO ANIMALS. Prohibits certain restraints and tethers that endanger, or deny sustenance, to a dog. Specifies penalties and provides that fines for these crimes be paid to the respective county where the crime occurred.	AGR, JUD
HB 24 Status	RELATING TO ANIMAL SEXUAL ABUSE. Establishes the criminal offense of sexual assault of an animal. Provides for impoundment and forfeiture of a sexually assaulted animal.	AGR, JUD
HB 127 Status	RELATING TO LITTER CONTROL. Classifies allowing an animal under a person's care or control to drop fecal matter on public or private property as littering. Subjects any violator to a civil penalty of \$500 for each occurrence.	AGR, JUD

Edwin Frank Golinski Lesperance
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AGRtestimony

From: pj <joyfulpath@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, February 4, 2019 5:22 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: Bills I am supporting

Aloha!

I am supporting the following bills:

A G E N D A

HB 681 Status	RELATING TO DOGS. Allows dogs in restaurants at the restaurant owner's or manager's discretion provided that certain conditions are met.	AGR, CPC/JUD
HB 1162 Status	RELATING TO PET BOARDING FACILITIES. Regulates the operation of pet boarding facilities within the State.	AGR, JUD
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Mahalo!
Patricia Johnson

Po Box Volcano Hi
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May all beings be stoked!

HB-24

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 2:59:23 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/8/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jennifer Ho	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Hi, I'm Jennifer Ho, animal owner and advocate. I support bill HB24. Any person who would sexually assault an animal needs to be held accountable for their actions of abuse. That this is not already illegal is confounding.

HB-24

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 3:41:15 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/8/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Nicole Correa	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

HB-24

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 4:26:39 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/8/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jaunette Itsuno	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support the elimination of all forms of cruelty to animals and all sentient beings. It makes sense that studies show animal sexual abuse as the strongest predictors of sexual abuse of children. Please pass HB 24.

HB-24

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 7:19:03 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/8/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Robert Wilcox	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

HB-24

Submitted on: 2/6/2019 9:47:19 AM

Testimony for AGR on 2/8/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
April M Blades	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I fully support HB20 and urge the committee to pass this bill making it a criminal offense to sexually assault an animal.

Thank you for your time and consideration pertaining to this bill.

April M Blades

HB-24

Submitted on: 2/6/2019 10:29:14 AM

Testimony for AGR on 2/8/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kylie Charice Alarcon	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support this bill. We should protect our animals from cruelty and danger. We should establish a criminal offense for animal cruelty.

HB-24

Submitted on: 2/6/2019 12:01:16 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/8/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Gerrit B Osborne	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

It is astonishing that a bill such as this should be required. But as the "Me Too" movement has made clear, sexual abuse is quite common among humans. In addition to protecting animals, this bill will provide a first step in reducing human sexual abuse as well. The reasons for doing so are self-evident: as a society we cannot animal abuse of *any* kind.

In 2017, most states (about 45) had some provision that criminalized engaging in sexual conduct with animals. **At that time, only Hawaii, Kentucky, New Mexico, West Virginia and Wyoming lacked such a law. It is time we got "on board"!**

HB-24

Submitted on: 2/6/2019 3:16:07 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/8/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Nicole Buyukacar	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

HB-24

Submitted on: 2/6/2019 3:52:46 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/8/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Katherine Linster	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support HB 24. Animal sexual assault must be prohibited and prosecuted. There's no excuse not to support HB 24; it goes without saying.

HB-24

Submitted on: 2/6/2019 5:31:04 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/8/2019 8:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

HB-24

Submitted on: 2/6/2019 9:27:20 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/8/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Peg Katz	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Madams and Sirs,

As a proud contributor to our community, I would like to dissuade representatives from supporting HB24. While I do not personally engage in sexual acts with animals, I see this proposal as a threat to civil liberties and an impediment to religious practices.

To place moral judgements on the sexual preferences of others can lead to sexual repression. Sexual relations with animals falls under the fetish category of paraphilias, which are defined as sexual preferences that are highly unusual. If this government is truly committed to contribute to enhancing acceptance trough reducing stigma, HB24 will be shot down.

Furthermore, the right to practice religion freely, unencumbered by the long shadow of a draconian government, is guaranteed in the Bill of Rites. Those who observe the religious practices of Noris religions will be forced to relinquish the religious rituals passed down to them from their ancestors. It is time this government reckons with its priorities. is this a time for judgment, shame or oppression? Do the people benefit from limited freedoms? This testimony proposes that acceptance and relinquished judgment is the path forward for Hawaii and the Republic of the United States of America. Distinguished representatives, I implore you to think outside yourselves. I this the world you want to leave behind?

With great respect,

Peg Katz

HB-24

Submitted on: 2/6/2019 10:35:54 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/8/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mary James	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

HB-24

Submitted on: 2/6/2019 10:39:14 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/8/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Antonella Scolpini	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Sexual assault of an animal (which is a sentient being) is a criminal offense, please treat it as such. And please do provide impoundment and forfeiture of a sexually assaulted animal.

Thanks Antonella Scolpini-Heisel

HB-24

Submitted on: 2/6/2019 10:42:37 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/8/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jeff Heisel	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please support this much needed bill.

HB-24

Submitted on: 2/7/2019 7:02:11 AM

Testimony for AGR on 2/8/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lynn Muramaru	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

HB-24

Submitted on: 2/7/2019 7:02:45 AM

Testimony for AGR on 2/8/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Andrea Quinn	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Honorable Committee Members:

Please support HB24. The title of the proposed legislation speaks for itself.

Thank you for your time.

Andrea Quinn

Kihei, HI

HB-24

Submitted on: 2/7/2019 8:39:27 AM

Testimony for AGR on 2/8/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Keith Dane	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support HB 24 and urge that the House Committee on Agriculture pass the bill. Hawaii is one of only five states that does not prohibit animal sexual abuse (bestiality); implementing a ban is long overdue.

Online forums confirm that animal sexual abuse is happening in our state - and that those engaged in it are well aware that it's not illegal here.

Animal sexual abuse is a predictor of future abuse of children and women - and even homicide and serial killing. There is no place in our society for the tolerance of this behavior.

Bestiality is an uncomfortable subject but it must be addressed; passage of HB 24 is the first crucial step to make it clear that Hawaii abhors this abuse of our animals.

HB-24

Submitted on: 2/7/2019 9:36:56 AM

Testimony for AGR on 2/8/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Yadrianna Cruz-Rivera	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

From: Marian Hussenbux <mhussenbux@btinternet.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 1:12 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: Testimonies HB681, HB200, HB930, HB24, HB716, HB127

Dear Officers of the House Agriculture Committee of the State of Hawai'i – aloha!

I write, in reference to the debates in the Legislature this coming Friday, on behalf of *The Animal Interfaith Alliance*, an international alliance of faith groups founded in Britain concerned about the welfare of animals. Our member organisations and individual members include Buddhists, Christians, Hindus, Jains, Jews, Muslims and Sikhs. We are all united by our common concern for animals, based on our various faiths. Our member organisations are listed below.

May we please submit the following:

“Testimony in support of **HB681**”

We would like to support HB681. Allowing companion dogs in restaurants, at the restaurant owners' discretion, will create a more compassionate society in that it will normalise the affectionate links we have with our animal companions.

“Testimony in support of **HB200**”

We would like to support HB200 which would prohibit the use of certain restraints and tethers that endanger, or deny sustenance, to a dog. To be restrained in often inadequate conditions and sometimes for all their lives, is cruel and disrespectful.

“Testimony in support of **HB930**”

We would like to support HB930 which would prohibit pet store operators from selling a dog, cat or rabbit unless the animals were obtained from certain humane sources such as a shelter or rescue and, importantly to keep records showing the sources of the animals for sale. There can be much neglect and even cruelty in this trade and it fosters breeding when the rescues are full of animals needing good homes.

“Testimony in support of **HB24**”

We would like to support HB24 which establishes the criminal offence of sexual assault of an animal. We understand that the state's existing animal cruelty laws could be used to prosecute cases where there is evidence of physical harm to the animal, but these are not sufficient, and, in any case, to allow sexual assault goes against all norms of civilised society, which we believe Hawai'i to be.

“Testimony in support of **HB716**”

We would like to support HB716 which would prohibit the importation of wild animals for exhibition in a circus, carnival, or other live animal act or performance. We were delighted to be informed that this bill would codify last year's hard-won rule change at the state Department of Agriculture on the same subject.

“Testimony in opposition to **HB127**”

We would like to oppose HB127 which would create a littering penalty that would apply to anyone caring for an animal who leaves faecal waste on public or private property.

Of course, we support the requiring of guardians to clean up after their animals, but this measure could be used to punish the volunteers who care for Free-Roaming cats. This would be wholly unacceptable, as it would make it impossible to care for these needy cats, which is a duty on all societies.

Mahalo to you all!

Kindest regards,

Marian Hussenbux. Secretary International Campaigns

Animal Interfaith Alliance

www.animal-interfaith-alliance.com

Faiths Working Together for Animals

Member Organisations:

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[Bhagvatinandji Education and Health Trust](#)

[Catholic Concern for Animals](#)

[Christian Vegetarian Association UK](#)

[Christian Vegetarian Association US](#)

[Dharma Voices for Animals UK](#)

[Institute of Jainology](#)

[Islamic Concern](#)

[Jewish Vegetarian Society UK](#)

[Mahavir Trust](#)

[Oshwal Association of the UK](#)

www.panorthodoxconcernforanimals.org

Quaker Concern for Animals

Sadhu Vaswani Centre

Young Jains

President - Dr Richard D. Ryder. **Vice President** - Dr Deborah Jones.

Patrons (in alphabetical order) - Rev. Christa Blanke, Joyce D'Silva, Kay, Duchess of Hamilton, Satish Kumar, Nitin Mehta MBE, Dr Andre Menache, Dr Alpesh Patel, Dr Matthieu Ricard, Anant Shah, Ajit Singh MBE, Charanjit Singh, Mohammad Safa.

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HB-24

Submitted on: 2/7/2019 7:19:10 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/8/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Erin Pinto	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

LATE

HB-24

Submitted on: 2/7/2019 7:47:30 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/8/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Laurie Pottish	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

LATE

HB-24

Submitted on: 2/7/2019 10:19:27 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/8/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Maria Ginnebaugh	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please support this bill!

Maria Ginnebaugh

AGRtestimony

From: Tasha Smulders <tashasmulders@icloud.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 7, 2019 6:58 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: Animal bills

Aloha my name is Tasha Smulders my address is 19-3973 ,Laukapu Ave., Volcano HAWAII 96785 My ph # 8082254525 I fully support the below bills!

HB 681

Status

RELATING TO DOGS.

Allows dogs in restaurants at the restaurant owner's or manager's discretion provided that certain conditions are met.

AGR, CPC/JUD

HB 1162

Status

RELATING TO PET BOARDING FACILITIES.

Regulates the operation of pet boarding facilities within the State.

AGR, JUD

HB 704

Status

RELATING TO COSMETICS.

Bans, beginning January 1, 2020, the import for profit, sale, and offer for sale of any cosmetic in the State, if the final product or any component of the product was developed or manufactured using animal testing performed on or after January 1, 2020. Effective January 1, 2020.

AGR, JUD/CPC

HB 716

Status

RELATING TO WILD ANIMALS.

Prohibits the importation of dangerous wild animals for exhibition in a circus, carnival, or other live animal act or performance.

AGR, JUD

HB 930

Status

RELATING TO ANIMALS.

Prohibits a pet store operator from selling a dog, cat, or rabbit unless the dog, cat, or rabbit was obtained from certain humane sources.

AGR, JUD

HB 1281

Status

RELATING TO ANIMAL CRUELTY.

Prohibits the confinement of specified animals in a cruel manner and prohibits business owners and operators from selling those animals. Prohibits slaughtering cats and dogs for human consumption to conform to federal law.

AGR, JUD

HB 200

Status

RELATING TO CRUELTY TO ANIMALS.

Prohibits certain restraints and tethers that endanger, or deny sustenance, to a dog. Specifies penalties and provides that fines for these crimes be paid to the respective county where the crime occurred.

AGR, JUD

HB 24

Status

RELATING TO ANIMAL SEXUAL ABUSE.

Establishes the criminal offense of sexual assault of an animal. Provides for impoundment and forfeiture of a sexually assaulted animal.

AGR, JUD

HB 127

Status

RELATING TO LITTER CONTROL.

Classifies allowing an animal under a person's care or control to drop fecal matter on public or private property as littering. Subject

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