

SB 1429

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TESTIMONY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE & ENVIRONMENT

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SENATE BILL NO. 1429
RELATING TO Acting Chairperson FACILITIES

Chairperson Gabbard and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony on Senate Bill 1429. This bill amends The Hawaii Revised Statutes by adding a new chapter to title 11 regarding pet boarding facilities. This new proposed chapter details physical and operational requirements for pet boarding facilities, imposes penalties for violations, and directs the Board of Agriculture and Department to adopt rules and enforce the new chapter. The Department of Agriculture opposes this bill.

This measure involves pets and pet businesses rather than agriculture. Therefore, the Department believes this initiative is more appropriately managed by the county that has existing pet animal regulatory mechanisms.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.





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Commentary on SB 1429

Senator Gabbard and Members of the Senate Committee on Agriculture and the Environment:

The Pacific Pet Alliance is a Hawai'i non-profit organization that promotes responsible pet ownership through education and advocacy. We appreciate the opportunity to offer commentary on SB 1429.

The Pacific Pet Alliance (PPA) is not an expert on this area however we do respect the work of individual businesses who provide this much needed service to the animals who share our lives.

We have collaborated with some of the larger boarding businesses and support their position regarding this bill. PPA finds the section on fire safety regulations very onerous for a small business to comply with as this system would be similar to the type typically found in hospitals or nursing homes (the red pull switches that are directly connected to the local fire department). It should be noted that the fire safety requirements in this bill **exceed** the State Department of Health's regulations for Adult Residential Care Homes for the elderly and disabled which only call for battery operated or hard wired smoke alarms.

The businesses we communicated with felt that they already had processes in place to address the care of animals in their kennels that are effective.

Thank you again for this opportunity to offer commentary. We appreciate your consideration of our findings.

Lynn Muramaru
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