

HCR-171

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Testimony for GVO on 4/15/2024 3:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Cathy Goeggel	Testifying for Animal Rights Hawai'i	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

We are in strong support!



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Date: April 12, 2024

To: Chairs Sen. Angus L.K. McKelvey and Sen. Karl Rhoads
Vice Chair Sen. Mike Gabbard
and Members of the Committees on Government Operations and Judiciary

Submitted By: Stephanie Kendrick, Director of Community Engagement
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RE: Support for HCR 171: Requesting State and County Agencies to Notify Animal Welfare Organizations of Deceased Cats and Dogs that Are Picked Up Along State and County Roadways
Monday, April 15, 2024, 3:15 p.m., Room 225

On behalf of the Hawaiian Humane Society, thank you for considering our support for House Concurrent Resolution 171, which requests state and county agencies to notify animal welfare organizations of deceased cats and dogs that are picked up along state and county roadways.

As this resolution points out, pets are an integral part of many people's lives and not knowing how a pet died or if a lost pet is still alive can be traumatic. State and county agencies responsible for clearing dead animals from roadways do not routinely scan deceased animals for an identifying microchip or take other steps to determine ownership, such as inspecting a tag worn on the animal's collar for a contact phone number or address.

With an increase in the number of microchipped dogs and cats, resulting from a state law that required them as of January 1, 2022, scanning for chips would be an effective way to provide closure to worried pet owners.

If the agencies responsible for removing deceased dogs and cats from public roadways checked for microchips and other forms of identification, as the resolution urges, and shared that information with county animal services providers it would allow organizations like ours to provide closure to the owners of missing pets.

We urge you to pass this resolution. Mahalo for your consideration.

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Submitted on: 4/14/2024 3:04:15 PM

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J Ashman	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Senators,

I support this bill. When I was a teenager just out of high school many decades ago, my much-loved dog panicked and got out of our yard during a major storm. I searched everywhere for him, saved money to put a missing dog ad in the Star Bulletin, and went to every vet clinic on the island to post his picture. People from all over called me saying they thought they'd seen him so I went to each area from Waimanalo to Makaha looking for him. I was told to try calling the county garbage collection department and a kind worker told me that he had picked up a dead dog on the road several miles from our house that might have been him but he didn't know for sure.

I looked for Mango for a long, long time. All these years later, I still feel sad not knowing. Please pass this bill. Thank you.