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LATE TESTIMONY

Representative Kyle Yamashita, Chair
Committee on Economic Development & Business Concerns

Representative Clift Tsugi, Chair
Committee on Agriculture

SUBJECT: House Bill 3120
COMMITTEE: Committees on ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & BUSINESS CONCERNS and AGRICULTURE
DATE: Tuesday, January 29, 2008
TIME: 8:30 a.m.
MEASURE: House Bill 3120
SUBJECT: Support of HB 3120

Dear Chairs and the Members of the Committees,

The Hawaiian Humane Society fully supports House Bill 3120, allowing the Board of Agriculture (BOA) to negotiate the lease rent for the use of the animal quarantine station located in Halawa Valley.

House bill 3120 would eliminate the requirement that the Board of Agriculture (BOA) lease or rent the unused portion of its animal quarantine property at fair market value, thus allowing non-profits, such as the Hawaiian Humane Society, the opportunity to work with the BOA in acquiring a lease for the property.

As a non-profit organization and the animal control contractor for the City and County of Honolulu, the Hawaiian Humane Society has actively evaluated alternatives for a second shelter site to better serve the growing population of Oahu. This bill would afford us the opportunity to work directly with the Board of Agriculture towards negotiating the use for the

unused portion of the Halawa facility so that we can better serve the communities of West and Central Oahu. Approximately 67% of Oahu's pet owners reside in West Oahu, with the next largest population of pet owners living in the North Shore/Central Oahu region, according to a 2005 survey conducted for the Hawaiian Humane Society by Ward Research.

For over 110 years, the Hawaiian Humane Society has been working to improve the welfare of animals here in Hawaii, and our staff and volunteers are committed to continually improving the ways in which we serve Oahu's people and animals. We support the passage of house bill 3120 and ask that this committee do the same.

Sincerely,

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