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SB2895, SD1, Relating to Offenses Against Public Order JDL; Chair, Sen Taniguchi

PLEASE PASS THIS BILL.

I cannot tell you how much I appreciate the introduction of this bill to overcome the oversight in last year's bill to make it a crime to abuse pets. It would be hard for any human with a conscience to argue that horses should be no more subject to abuse than our beloved dogs and cats. Therefore (although I personally am afraid of horses!), I hope you will pass this bill.

This is a bill of conscience, and I tell you from my heart how much I appreciate your passing this bill.

Thank you.

Aloha, joel

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"It is reasonable that everyone who asks justice should DO justice."  
Thomas Jefferson

"There comes a time when one must take a position that is neither safe, nor politic, nor popular, but one must take it because one's conscience tells one that it is right."  
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

"Never, never, never quit."  
Winston Churchill

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Representative Brian Taniguchi, Chair  
Representative Clayton Hee, Vice Chair  
Judiciary and Labor Committee

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808-542-9257  
Hearing for Monday, February 25, 2008

In support of SB2895 SD1 - relating to Offenses Against Public Order; Pet Animal; Cruelty to Animals

Compassion for Animals is an all volunteer non-profit organization based on the island of Oahu. We are in full support of SB2895 which adds equine animals to be protected under the law pertaining to offenses relating to cruelty to animals.

Right now, under our current animal cruelty law, it states that, "...pet animals deserve a minimum level of care including adequate food, water, and shelter"; and it also states that to commit a felony act of cruelty a person must; "...intentionally or knowingly torture, mutilate, or poison or cause the torture, mutilation, or poisoning of any pet animal resulting in serious bodily injury or death of the pet animal." Unfortunately horses are not included under "pet" animals, and serious cases of abuse, such as starvation, severe beatings, etc., to these beautiful animals could easily go unpunished or fall through the cracks.

So please support SB2895 SD1, because horses deserve to have the same protection as dogs, cats, and other pets do.

Thank you,  
Christy Deutsch  
Compassion for Animals

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