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H.B. 730 HD 1; Related to Dogfighting;

Hawaii ranked 50th in part because it is one of only two states with no penalties for paying admission or wagering on an organized dogfight or for breeding, selling or possessing dogs with the intent to fight. Stray or stolen pets are used as “bait” to train dogs to fight. Recent studies have shown many dogs especially larger breeds have the mental and emotional capacity of a five year old child. Please support HB 730 to fight this cruelty, crime and protect our dogs in this beautiful state.

H.B. 1512 HD 1; Pet Protective Orders: Recent studies have shown many dogs especially larger breeds have the mental and emotional capacity of a five year old child. Dogs are our Ohana and feel the same physical and spiritual pain that humans do. They are pack animals and must live amongst the family group. Tethering and caging a dog alone is unnatural and inhumane. You would not tie up your five year old child away from the family because you did not have time to teach or care for them. Please let us grow into the future with the spirit of Aloha.

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