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**COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS**

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**SR 114**

**REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO ESTABLISH A TASK FORCE ON HUMANE RESTRAINT AND CONFINEMENT OF PET ANIMALS**

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POSITION: Support SR114

Good Morning Senator Taniguchi and Members of the Committee,

The Hawaiian Humane Society strongly supports SR114 , requesting the Governor to establish a task force to discuss the humane restraint and confinement of pet animals.

The issue of pet confinement, whether you are talking about anti-tethering or confinement of pet animals in cages or carriers, is a truly complex issue and one that deserves full attention at the statewide level. The Hawaii humane societies, comprised of the Hawaiian, Kauai, Maui and Hawaii Island, are committed to developing standards and language that can address the needs of the community. However, in order to address these needs, these needs must be identified which can only be done through a team of representatives from all Hawaii counties, including representatives of the enforcement agencies and interested stakeholders.

Only then, can we truly develop and implement legislation that will meet the needs of the community and at the same time address the unique differences inherent within each community, which will ultimately improve the welfare of the animals for which this legislation was designed to assist.

We support SR114 and ask that the Committee on Judiciary and Government Relations give SR114 their full support.

Respectfully submitted,

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SR114, Requesting the Gov  
JGO; Chair, Sen Taniguchi

**IN STRONG SUPPORT!**

I truly hope that this reso or SCR165 passes. There is a great need in this state to try to develop a way to address the many, many cases of animal cruelty and neglect that are based on inhumane restraint of pets. Dogs, in particular are confined by chains to live their lives outdoors with no opportunity to demonstrate to their families how wonderful they can be a included as family members. Our pets bring so much joy to those of us who live with them indoors.

Actually, I am very disappointed that bills that were submitted this year have not passed. Developing a commission may be the surest way to kill an idea. Still, this reso is better than no action whatsoever, so I support it as strongly as I can.

Thank you for your support.

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