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John Riki Karamatsu, Chair
Ken Ito, Vice Chair
Committee on Judiciary
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: Testimony on HB 2724

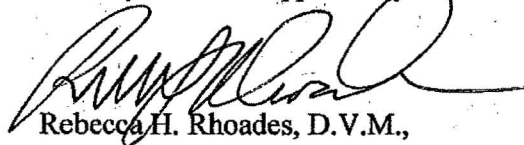
Dear Chair Karamatsu, Vice Chair Ito and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of the Kauai Humane Society, we appreciate the opportunity to comment on HB 2774, Relating to Offenses Against Public Order.

We are in strong support of the language in this bill and urge you to pass this important legislation. We attended along with other key stakeholders multiple meetings to discuss the issues related to tethered animals in our community following last year's legislative session. This bill is the result of this collaboration to more effectively address pet tethering issues.

For public safety concerns, we respectfully request that the language in SB 2877(1d) regarding property lines be added to HB 2724. This language is important to protect the public. Oftentimes animals are tethered where there is no physical barrier from innocent passersby. This language will help insure a boundary by limiting the access of an animal to any property line, easement or public access.

Thank you for the opportunity to voice our support of this bill.


Rebecca H. Rhoades, D.V.M.,
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Judiciary Chair Karamatsu
HB 2724
Feb 4, 2010 at 2:20 pm
Chair Karamatsu & Members of the Judiciary Committee:

We support HB 2724. Tethering of dogs inhibits the safety of the animal and humans around it. Any lengthy use of a tether should be strongly discouraged. Dogs are companion animals and should be socialized and cared for in a humane manner.

We support HB 2725. Companion animals should be socialized and cared for in a humane manner.

Gerri Cadiz, President
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