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February 4, 2010

Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair
Dwight Y. Takamine, Vice Chair
Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations

Re: Testimony on SB 2800

Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair Takamine and Members of the Committee on
Judiciary and Government Operations:

On behalf of our more than 26,000 supporters in Hawaii, the Hawaiian
Humane Society greatly appreciates the opportunity to comment on SB
2800 Relating to Animals.

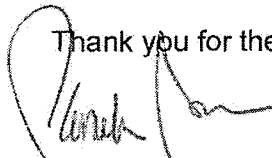
We strongly support the passage of SB 2800, which expands the definition
of a primary pet enclosure and also amends the definition of necessary
sustenance to include a broader range of care needed to sufficiently
preserve the health and well-being of a pet animal. The language also
includes important changes that provide the animal with a solid surface or
resting platform large enough to lie down on in a normal manner;
provide sufficient space to allow the animal to both easily stand, sit, lie,
turn around and perform other normal body movements in a comfortable
way without making physical contact with another animal in the enclosure;
enable the animal to safely interact with other animals in the enclosure;
and require the provision of veterinary care when needed to prevent
suffering.

In response to various bills submitted to last year's legislature on pet
confinement and tethering, the Hawaiian Humane Society, Maui Humane
Society, Kauai Humane Society and the Hawaii Island Humane Society
requested more time to discuss this complex issue and build consensus in
our community. A task force was convened with key stakeholders in the
animal welfare, veterinary and advocacy community and over the course
of six meetings the language of SB 2800 was developed to address the
core concerns. This bill represents that collaborative effort, which aims to
effectively address this important issue of pet confinement.

For over 100 years, the Hawaiian Humane Society has played an ever-
evolving role in the relationship between Hawaii's people and animals, and
we welcome every effort to provide greater protection for our animals and
our community.

The Hawaiian Humane Society strongly supports SB 2800 and we urge
you to pass this important legislation.

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



Pamela Burns
President & CEO



THE HUMANE SOCIETY
OF THE UNITED STATES

Testimony in SUPPORT
SB 2800; Relating to Offenses Against Public Order
SB 2877; Relating to Offenses Against Public Order
Senate Judiciary and Government Operations Committee
February 5, 2010, 935am

Submitted by: Inga Gibson
Hawaii State Director
The Humane Society of the United States

Dear Honorable Chair Taniguchi, Vice-Chair Takamine and Committee Members:

On behalf of our 49,315 members and supporters of the Humane Society of the United States in Hawaii, I would like to thank you for this opportunity to speak in **strong support of SB 2877**; permitting dog tethering if only meeting certain specifications, and **in strong support of SB 2800**; amending the definition of necessary sustenance. We also thank Chair Taniguchi for introducing these important and most modest measures to improve the quality of life for thousands of animals across Hawaii.

SB 2877; Tethering

The introduction of this measure could not be more timely. More than 100 ordinances across 30 states have recently been enacted to prohibit certain types of chaining. In addition, local media has recently reported a number of dog bites and a proposal to prohibit certain breeds of dog. The most effective, efficient and affordable way to reduce dog bites is to prohibit the inhumane practice of chaining, coupled with strong dangerous dog and anti-dogfighting laws.

Tethering Causes Aggression - a Threat to Public Safety

The practice of chaining or tethering leads to aggression in dogs—even in dogs who start out friendly and docile. Continuously tethered dogs become lonely, bored, territorial, and aggressive. Like many animals, dogs react to perceived threats with a “fight or flight” response. Because tethered dogs do not have a “flight” option, they are more likely to respond aggressively to perceived threats—whether it’s another animal or an unlucky child who happens to enter their territory.

Chaining is a known risk factor for dog bites. Health and Public Safety professionals have long recognized a connection between chained dogs and dog bites. For example, in a 1994 edition of the journal *Pediatrics*, researchers found that chained dogs are nearly three (2.8) times more likely to bite than unchained dogs and over five (5.4) times more likely to bite children than unchained dogs.¹

¹ K.A. Gershman, Jeffrey J. Sacks, and J.C. Wright, “Which dogs bite? A case-control study of risk factors,” *Pediatrics* 93 (1994), 913-917.

Numerous attacks on people by tethered dogs have been documented. For example, a study published in 1985 in *Public Health Reports* showed that half of the dogs involved in severe attacks on humans were chained during the attack or broke free from their chains to attack.² Tragically, the victims of such attacks are often children.

The United States Department of Agriculture and American Veterinary Medical Association also note the negative effects of chained dogs:

USDA – United States Department of Agriculture

From the Federal Register Vol. 1, No. 68 (July 2, 1996): “Our experience in enforcing the Animal Welfare Act has led us to conclude that continuous confinement of dogs by a tether is inhumane. A tether significantly restricts the dog’s movement. A tether can also become tangled around or hooked on the dog’s shelter structure or other objects, further restricting the dog’s movement and potentially causing injury.”

AVMA – American Veterinary Medical Association

From press releases dated May 17, 2002 and May 5, 2003 for National Dog Bite Prevention Week: “Never tether or chain your dog because this can contribute to aggressive behavior.”

Scientific study

From the study *Which Dogs Bite? A Case Control Study of Risk Factors*: “Our finding that being chained in the yard may be a risk factor for biting is in agreement with prior studies which have demonstrated that chained dogs account for a substantial portion of serious and fatal bites.”

Constant Tethering is Inhumane

Dogs are pack animals and are naturally social. Chained dogs live an isolated existence that is contrary to their own instincts. This lack of socialization is part of what makes chained dogs more dangerous.

Chained dogs are at risk of getting hurt. Aside from the psychological harm endured by chained dogs, they are at risk from a number of other dangers. Weather conditions such as extreme heat or flooding can adversely affect a chained dog’s health. Plus, chained dogs cannot escape attacks from people or other animals. Also, it is not uncommon for chained dogs to strangle themselves if their tether gets tangled or caught on another object. In many cases, the necks of chained dogs become rubbed raw and covered with sores, the result of poorly fitted collars and the dogs’ constant yanking and straining in desperate attempts to escape confinement. Dogs have been found with collars embedded in their necks, the result of years of neglect at the end of a chain.

SB 2800; Necessary Sustenance

This bill would help to improve the health, well-being and overall welfare of thousands of pet animals across Hawaii who spend considerable time in kennels or cages by providing the most basic housing, sustenance, care and keeping standards. This is also a first step in preventing

² John C. Wright, PhD, “Severe Attacks by Dogs: Characteristics of the Dogs, the Victims, and the Attack Settings,” *Public Health Reports* Vol. 100, No. 1 (January-February 1985), <http://www.pubmedcentral.nih.gov/articlerender.fcgi?artid=1424716>.

“puppy mills” or mass breeding operations where dogs are often kept in cramped, dirty cages, unable to engage in the most basic body movements.

This bill also provides a necessary requirement that owners provide veterinary care to pet animals to prevent suffering. Hawaii is but one of only a few states without this provision, making this an extremely important measure to reduce unnecessary animal suffering and improve pet owner responsibility for the care of their pets.

For these reasons, we respectfully request your passage of both SB 2877 and SB 2800.

Please contact me at (808)922-9910 or igibson@humanesociety.org if I may provide additional information.



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February 3, 2010



Re: SB2800



Attn: Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations Chair Taniguchi and Vice-Chair Takamine



Aloha;



Our agency strongly supports the passage of SB 2800 and its House companion bill HB 2725.



In response to various bills submitted to last year's legislature on pet confinement and tethering, the Hawaiian Humane Society, Maui Humane Society, Kauai Humane Society and the Hawaii Island Humane Society requested more time to discuss this complex issue and build consensus in our community. A task force was convened with key stakeholders in the animal welfare, veterinary and advocacy community and over the course of six meetings, the language in HB 2725 and SB 2800 was developed to address our core concerns. These bills are a representation of a collaborative effort that aims to effectively address this important issue.



The bill expands the definition of a primary pet enclosure and also amends the definition of necessary sustenance to include a broader range of care needed to sufficiently preserve the health and well-being of a pet animal. The language includes changes that provide the animal with a solid surface or resting platform large enough to lie down on in a normal manner; provide sufficient space to allow the animal to both easily stand, sit, lie, turn around and perform other normal body movements in a comfortable way without making physical contact with another animal in the enclosure; enable the animal to safely interact with other animals in the enclosure; and require the provision of veterinary care when needed to prevent suffering.



Mahalo for your time in hearing these bills. I can be reached for further comment and/or information at (808)877-3680 ext 36 or jbouchard@mauihumanesociety.org



Sincerely;



Jocelyn Bouchard, CAWA
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From: Madelyn Barrea [madb1@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Wednesday, February 03, 2010 7:59 PM
To: JGO Testimony
Subject: Support of SB2800; Related to Animals and SB 2877; Related to Dog Tethering.

TO: Honorable Chair Taniguchi, Vice-Chair Takamine and Senate Judiciary Committee Members

West Hawaii Humane Society would like to go on record as being in full support of SB 2800; Related to Animals and SB 2877; Related to Dog Tethering.

Thank you,

Ginger Towle, President

Madelyn R. Barrea, Executive Director

West Hawaii Humane Society

From: Pamela Davis [liberate@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 04, 2010 2:14 PM
To: JGO Testimony
Subject: Testimony for SB2800, Friday, February 5, 2010 JGO Committee Hearing

This is testimony of Animal Advocate Inc. for tomorrow's JGO Committee Hearing, regarding SB2800.

Thank you.

Pamela Davis
President, Animal Advocate Inc.

TESTIMONY REGARDING SB2800
Senate JGO Committee
Friday, February 5, 2010

TO: Senators Brian Taniguchi and Dwight Takamine, Senate JGO Committee

FROM: Pamela Davis, President, Animal Advocate Inc.

RE: Testimony for SB2800, "Relating to Offenses Against the Public Order"
Senate JGO Committee, Item No. 3
Friday, February 5, 2010
9:35 a.m., Conference Rm. 016
State Capitol, 415 South Beretania Street, Honolulu, HI.

This testimony, regarding SB2800, is submitted by Animal Advocate Inc. of Honolulu.

Animal Advocate Inc. is very concerned about this proposed bill, especially in light of the federal lawsuit filed against employees of the Hawaiian Humane Society (HHS) including its Executive Director Pamela Burns, employees of the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) including Inga Gibson who is a lobbyist for the HSUS, and others, including Rebecca Rhoades of the Kauai Humane Society. They are named in the lawsuit in their individual capacities.

On September 11, 2009, Mr. Norman Pang (formerly with Animal Haven in Waianae, Oahu) filed a lawsuit for violation of his Constitutional rights, including the First, Fourth, Fifth, and Fourteenth Amendments, as well as defamation of character. The lawsuit states that HSUS employees worked surreptitiously with the HHS, and used fake badges, representing themselves as law enforcement officials, when on Mr. Pang's property.

However, in a June 11, 2008 e-mail to Pamela Davis of Animal Advocate Inc., HSUS's Inga Gibson acknowledged that ONLY the Hawaiian Humane Society has enforcement authority here. Ms. Gibson wrote, "On Oahu, the Hawaiian Humane Society is the agency that has been granted the legal authority to investigate animal welfare complaints." This shows that Inga Gibson and the HSUS knew they have no authority to conduct criminal investigations here in Hawaii, and only the HHS has that law enforcement authority. Yet, the lawsuit says the HSUS used fake badges when they entered the Pang property.

How can we the people of Hawaii, and the Legislature, possibly entertain any proposed legislation from entities who have participated in entering private property with fake badges? These incidents will be dealt with in the court case.

In case you have not had an opportunity to read the lawsuit, please use the link below:

<http://www.carrollcox.com/News.htm>

After clicking the link, then click "Lawsuit Filed 9/11/09" (near the top of the webpage).

Essentially, Mr. Pang's wife died, allegations were made by the HHS about animal abuse, and a plan was orchestrated to collect evidence against Mr. Pang. This is documented in the lawsuit. The HHS sought to bring charges against Mr. Pang, and make public claims about the matter. Nevertheless, on September 27, 2009, Prosecutor Peter Carlisle declined to prosecute Mr. Pang with the "evidence" supplied by the HHS and HSUS, despite their insistent urging.

We believe the Legislature should take proposals from these individuals and organizations with a grain of salt, and launch their own investigation into the matter. Why should members of the Legislature be lobbied by persons who are accused in a federal lawsuit of manufacturing a criminal case, wearing official-looking (i.e., FAKE) badges, and representing themselves as officers of the law, and using videos on their websites to try to get monetary donations for "rescuing" Mr. Pang's animals?

If you do a little research, you will find that other cases, in Mississippi and other states have drawn the scrutiny of local authorities for wearing fake badges. These cases also involve concerns with denial of people's civil rights, and concerns with illegal activities.

We cannot allow lobbyists to treat our citizens and the people of Hawaii in this manner. They are trying to influence legislators, yet their integrity is in question. If you, the legislators, listen to the HHS and the HSUS, then you should equally scrutinize them, and conduct an investigative hearing on their activities. Animal Advocate Inc. asks that you do this.

Animal Advocate Inc. has filed requests for investigation of the way in which the Pang matter was handled with the City Department of Customer Service (DCS), the Honolulu City Council, and the Director of Finance for the County of Kauai. We would like to know if Kauai County officials sanctioned the "surreptitious" meeting which Dr. Rhoades attended regarding Mr. Pang and Animal Haven at the HHS headquarters building in Honolulu, and if her attendance at this meeting was part of her contractual agreement with the County of Kauai. We have asked the DCS and City Council other questions regarding the HHS's activities relative to their animal control contract with the City and County of Honolulu. Inga Gibson of the HSUS is a lobbyist, with no contracts with the City and County. However, her involvement is also in question, and she is named as a defendant in the federal lawsuit as well.

Perhaps you will recall that last year, Animal Advocate Inc. had SB1222 introduced, and the bill became law. However, at the Senate JGO hearing for SB1222, Kawehi Yim of the Hawaiian Humane Society (HHS), Rebecca Rhoades of the Kauai Humane Society, and Inga Gibson of the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) all testified in **OPPOSITION** to SB1222, saying that it was unenforceable, and also that the law was already sufficient to protect animals from cruel confinement. However, neither the HHS nor the HSUS has ever provided legal reasons why they conclude the law is sufficient and why the activities of The Cat Lady are not a violation of the anti-cruelty laws of HRS. We believe their position has been proven wrong by our documentary film, "The Failure of the Hawaiian Humane Society," which documents the way the Cat Lady continues to keep numerous animals in small cages and she continues to breed them as well.

But now, all of a sudden, the anti-cruelty law is not sufficient? This is, at best, disingenuous, and we question the motives of its promoters, the HHS and HSUS.

SB1222 took effect on July 1, 2009. One component of the new legislation is that a person commits the offense of hoarding if he/she possesses more than 15 animals. On October 20, 2009, the Star Bulletin printed an article called, "Cat Lady Relinquishes 20 Pets." In this article, Keoni Vaughn of the HHS says, "The agency cannot take away the woman's cats because she is not breaking any laws." So, even as the HHS bragged that they "coaxed" the Cat Lady to relinquish some animals, they neglected to realize that the Cat Lady was in violation of the hoarding provisions of SB1222. She had 20 animals, but the maximum number to legally possess is 15 animals. The HHS says nothing about the hoarding. Is this responsible, good, and even-handed enforcement of our existing laws? We think not.

The proposed bill does not address continuous confinement. Moreover, no cage size is specified. This still leaves enforcement to the discretion of the humane officers. There will continue to be arbitrary and capricious enforcement of the law, just as there is now. Need we remind you that Attorney General Mark Bennett testified on March 20, 2008 regarding SB3203 (the predecessor of SB1222), stating that "*rules of statutory construction and Hawaii case law on penal statutes have held that a statute is void for vagueness unless it provides explicit standards for those who apply the statute, in order to avoid arbitrary and discriminatory enforcement.*" This is similar to our testimony which we wrote to you dated April 19, 2009, for the Senate Conferees Committee Hearing for SB1222. If specific cage sizes are not adopted, then enforcement is still left to the "discretion" of the humane officer. Enforcement will continue to be handled in an arbitrary and capricious manner. There are no provisions to require that animals be let out of the cages for prescribed periods during the day. This is another deficiency that kills the enforceability of such proposed legislation.

We believe that the work of the Legislature is important, and we believe you will be merely spinning your wheels by pursuing such deficient legislation, proposed by persons named in federal discrimination lawsuits. Remember, this is the third bill in three years meant to address this problem. In 2008 we had SB3203, in 2009 we had SB1222, and now in 2010 we have yet another proposed bill, SB2800. Something is very wrong here.

Animal Advocate Inc. was invited to participate in the meetings held by the HHS to discuss confinement regulations, because we were the force behind last year's SB1222. However, we declined to participate due to our concerns regarding the activities of the HHS and HSUS as described in Mr. Pang's federal lawsuit. Apparently, the meetings generated this bill (SB2800).

Animal Advocate Inc. believes there is no need for any further laws in this regard. We simply need the HHS to do its job, and uphold the State's existing anti-cruelty laws.

Animal Advocate Inc. would also like to point out that the HHS does not enforce laws equally. For example, there have been hundreds of complaints for many, many years about The Cat Lady, but the HHS says she is not violating the law and they can do nothing to improve the living conditions of these animals. However, there were no complaints filed against Mr. Pang, yet his property was entered and animals were taken, "evidence" was gathered, and a case was filed against him with the Prosecutor's office. Even the HHS's website says "No complainant has come forward with enough information to secure a search warrant."

Mr. Pang did not allow the HHS to enter his property, and the HHS sought to bring charges of animal cruelty by submitting "evidence" to the Prosecutor. So, let's see if we understand this: when hundreds of complaints are received, virtually nothing is done, but when no complaints are received, a prosecution is envisioned and pursued by the HHS. And, we should not allow lobbyists like Inga Gibson, representing a well-known national organization, to come to our island and treat our citizens the way Mr. Pang was treated. Ms. Gibson attempts to influence Legislators, yet it is her integrity and that of the HSUS which has been brought into question.

Animal Advocate Inc. is an organization dedicated to helping animals. However, we are also concerned with human rights. Violations of a person's Constitutional rights must not be taken lightly. It appears the HHS and HSUS are attempting to rehabilitate their image with the people of Hawaii and the Legislators by introducing this bill, and stating that they held meetings to arrive at a consensus regarding the bill's intent and language. But they cannot get away from the fact that a federal lawsuit has been filed, and these are very serious allegations. Our Legislators should not allow themselves to be influenced by such organizations and individuals.

Again, we call upon the Legislature to initiate its own investigation into the activities of the HHS and HSUS in the Pang case. I am available to answer any questions regarding Animal Advocate Inc.'s request for an investigative hearing, and we will be happy to make any information we have available to you. I may be contacted at the following e-mail address:

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Pamela Davis
President, Animal Advocate Inc.
<http://www.animaladvocateinc.org/index.htm>

From: Spikecat1@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, February 03, 2010 3:54 PM
To: JGO Testimony
Subject: Testimony in favor of SB 2800 & SB 2877

Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations
Chairperson Taniguchi and Vice-Chairperson Takamine

Dear Sirs:

We are writing to voice our support for SB 2800 & SB 2877 and the related House bills. Please accept this email as our written testimony indicating our full support for these important bills. We hope you will work to insure their passage. We further request that care is taken to insure that the language from SB 2877 (1d)--which is not present in the House version of this bill-- is included in the final form of the bill that becomes law.

Sincerely yours,
Judith Aikawa, MD
Ronald Aikawa, MD
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Kula, Hawaii 96790

From: DR. Miyo Kim [mkim@mauihumansociety.org]
Sent: Wednesday, February 03, 2010 4:25 PM
To: JGO Testimony
Subject: support for SB 2800 and 2877

I would like to support passage of your SB 2800 on confinement and SB 2877 on Tethering. These are two very important bills to help protect the safety of our animals. We see the results of inappropriate confinement and tethering and it is heartbreaking. Please help us help the animals!!! Aloha, Dr. Miyo Miyasaki-Kim

From: Judy Mick [ppchawaii@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, February 03, 2010 7:27 PM
To: JGO Testimony
Subject: SB #2800 and #2877

Aloha-

Please support both SB #2800 and SB #2877 . In such a beautiful and special place as these islands,we must extend our compassion and help to those that can not speak for themselves-the animals. To paraphrase Mark Twain, if we are intellectually superior and do not do the right thing,it proves we are morally INferior.Please help these kind beings.

Mahalo, Judith Mick

SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2010
9:35 A.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 016, STATE CAPITOL
SENATE BILL 2800 - TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT

ALOHA CHAIRPERSON TANIGUCHI, VICE CHAIRPERSON TAKAMINE AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS.
MY NAME IS JENNIFER CHIWA. I STRONGLY SUPPORT SENATE BILL 2800, RELATING
TO OFFENSES AGAINST PUBLIC ORDER. THIS BILL WOULD IMPROVE THE QUALITY
OF LIFE FOR ANIMALS IN HAWAII. FURTHERMORE, THIS MEASURE SHOWS THE
RECOGNITION THAT ANIMALS DESERVE BASIC CARE SUCH AS ADEQUATE SPACE,
SHELTER, AND TO BE KEPT CLEAN AND SAFE. TO FAIL TO TREAT ANIMALS
HUMANELY SHOULD BE A PUNISHABLE CRIME, AND THIS BILL PROVIDES FOR
THIS PUNISHMENT. PLEASE SUPPORT SENATE BILL 2800. THANK YOU FOR THIS
OPPORTUNITY TO TESTIFY.

JENNIFER CHIWA

From: annmarie@hawaii.rr.com
Sent: Wednesday, February 03, 2010 10:43 PM
To: JGO Testimony
Cc: Sen. Brian Taniguchi; Sen. Dwight Takamine
Subject: SB 2800 & 2877 - Testimony in Strong Support - Feb. 5, 2010 at 9:35am

SB2800; Related to Animals and SB 2877; Related to Dog Tethering

SENATE JUDICIARY AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE, Feb, 5, 2010 @ 9:35am

Aloha Honorable Chair Taniguchi, Vice-Chair Takamine and Senate Judiciary Committee Members,

I am writing to ask you to support Senate Bills 2800 & 2877.

As a pet owner my whole life, and one who has been blessed with the special bond one develops with their dog, I believe dogs are more than simple pets, they are a part of the family. And like our family members, our dogs deserve the best life we can give to them. That life includes extending to them our aloha, our interaction and exercise with them, and to make sure their life is a happy, safe and healthy one.

A dog tethered for extended periods of time develops aggressive tendencies because it has not been given the opportunity to gain proper social skills with other dogs and humans. When the tethered dog is finally allowed to have time off of its restraints it is more apt to bite someone out of fear which reveals itself in an aggressive act toward another dog or a human. Extended tethering breeds aggressiveness, this creates issues of public safety. A dog which is allowed to walk, run, socialize with others, is a happy and well adjusted dog and will not create safety issues.

The same can be written of dogs who are held in kennels for extended periods of time. This practice of keeping dogs in kennels without adequate space, care or cleanliness is often seen in puppy mills where the business is to mass breed the dogs without proper veterinary care and where the dog experiences a horrible quality of the life. Quite simply, this is wrong and inhumane.

Hawai'i is one of but a few states that do not have a provision for owners to provide veterinary care to their pets to prevent suffering. This must change. We must take better care of our pets, our furry family members, and make sure they are taken care of and given the aloha, care and quality of life that they deserve.

I humbly ask you to support SB 2800 & 2877.

Mahalo,
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From: K. Williams [kdw@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Thursday, February 04, 2010 12:18 AM
To: JGO Testimony
Subject: Support for SB2800 AND SB 2877 related to animals

Importance: High

Dear Sir/Ma'am,

Please know that I support SB2800 and SB2877.

Hawaii consistently ranks low among the 50 states for not acting strongly against animal abuse.

Please do your part to remove this stigma and show the world we DO CARE about animals!!

Sincerely,

Kim Williams
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From: Gerri Cadiz [gcadiz@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 04, 2010 1:55 PM
To: JGO Testimony
Subject: SB 2800 & SB2877

SB 2800 & SB2877
Feb. 5, 2010 at 9:35 am

Judiciary and Government Operations Chair Taniguchi and members of the
Committee:

We support SB 2800 & SB2877

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.

Gerri Cadiz, President
Hawaiian Kennel Club

From: Anika Glass [anika.nui@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 04, 2010 3:42 PM
To: JGO Testimony
Cc: Ingya Gibson; Rep. Cindy Evans; Sen. Josh Green
Subject: SUPPORT FOR SB2800; RELATED TO ANIMALS AND SB 2877; RELATED TO DOG TETHERING

Aloha,

I strongly support these very light additions to Hawaii Code to reduce the suffering of animals inappropriately tethered and mistreated. I have had to observe these conditions at neighbors and there is nothing anyone can do because the dogs have food and water once a day and a dog house. They are left on short tethers with choke chains. The dogs become vicious. They bark 7x24 hoping for attention that never comes.

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