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LATE TESTIMONY

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HOUSE ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION & BUSINESS COMMITTEE
Twenty-sixth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2011
State of Hawai'i

February 8, 2011

RE: H.B. 1621; RELATING TO DOGS.

Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Choy, and members of the Senate Committee on Economic Revitalization & Business, the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney, City and County of Honolulu submits the following testimony in support of H.B. 1621.

The purpose of this bill is to establish a licensing requirement for large scale dog breeders to regulate the transportation, sale, purchase, housing, care, handling, and treatment of dogs by large scale breeders to ensure that the dogs are provided with humane care and treatment; and protect the public from purchasing unhealthy dogs. The bill also allows for inspection by the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs to ensure compliance, and provides civil and criminal penalties for violations of the law.

For these reasons, we support the passage of H.B. 1621. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.



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February 7, 2011

TO: Committee on Economic Revitalization and Business

RE: Support of HB1621

Dear Chair McKelvey and Committee Members of Economic Revitalization and Business:

I am writing in support of HB1621 which would mandate licensing of large scale breeders.

This bill is a critical one to address not only the care of Hawaii's animals but it would also help address overpopulation issues as well. Regulation of large scale breeders is long overdue.

The Maui Humane Society is not anti-breeding. We recognize that responsible breeders exist and their main goal is to promote and better the breed that they are interested in. This is a very different motivation than large scale breeders who are looking to make money on the backs of the animals. Because they are motivated by money this is going to take precedence over the care of the animals. Often dogs that come from these breeding operations have congenital issues as the parents are not screened for hereditary problems such as hip dysplasia, seizures and other issues. For the person purchasing these puppies that often means heartache and expenses down the line, or quite commonly these are the dogs that end up at our shelters adding to the number of unwanted animals in our state.

We fully support the regulation of these breeders including the licensing and compliance with basic needs like exercise, veterinary care and proper housing.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of this bill and we hope that this committee will see fit to pass it.

Sincerely,

Jocelyn Bouchard, CAWA
CEO, Maui Humane Society

From: Rosita Sipirok-Siregar [RSipirok@ahldesign.com]
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2011 12:36 PM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: LATE TESTIMONY - Support HB 1621 RELATING TO DOGS

From: Rosita Sipirok-Siregar
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2011 12:34 PM
To: ERBtestimony@Capitol.hawaii.gov
Subject: Support HB 1621 RELATING TO DOGS

Please support to legislate this House Bill 1621 - mandating license for Breeding Operations.

Thank you.

Rosita Sipirok-Siregar
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From: Heather Bennett [heather@duryea-cpa.com]
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2011 12:39 PM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: LATE TESTIMONY - House Bill 1621

Dear Representatives,

I want to present my testimony for House Bill 1621, Regulation of Large Scale Breeding Operations. I am in support of the bill because we need to crack down on irresponsible breeding purely for profit with disregard for the welfare of the parent animals. Responsible breeders take care to limit the number of times a female gets pregnant so she is not constantly producing puppies, but has adequate time between pregnancies to recover and be healthy without having puppies to feed. Responsible breeding is taking care that females do not pregnant when they are too young or too old, even if capable of bearing puppies. Responsible breeding includes what most pet owners consider regular care, including appropriate housing, regular access to outdoors, and certainly veterinary care. Responsible breeders care for their breeding animals the same as they would a member of their family. Many large scale breeding operations do not provide this basic care for their females (or males for that matter). Many times the females suffer greatly in small cages their whole lives without so much as basic veterinary care, but as long as they are producing puppies that can be sold, they are of value, regardless of the poor state of the animal. More regulation would cut down on such operations and provide appropriate care for the animals.

I hope to see this bill take effect so inspectors can get into puppy mills and improve the livelihood of animals whose only purpose is to pop out puppies to be sold.

Thank you,
Heather

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From: mailem-wpm@clear.net
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2011 12:46 PM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: LATE TESTIMONY - Support HB 1621 RELATING TO DOGS

Attn: Representative Representative Angus McKelvey (Chair) Committee Members of Economic Revitalization & Business

I support this bill.

Maile

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Regulation of Large Scale Breeding Operations (House Bill 1621)

This bill would mandate licensing of large scale breeders, which would be defined as follows: any business operation with 20 or more breeding females; or 30 breeding dogs of either gender; or an operation that sells 25 or more puppies a year. This bill aims to set a cap on total number of breeding animals at 50 and limits the number of times a female can be bred to twice in an 18-month period. It also sets minimum standards of care to include indoor and outdoor access and annual veterinary care. This bill also enables law enforcement the access needed to provide inspections to assure the welfare of animals. For more info on puppy mills [click here](#).

Email Testimony: ERBtestimony@Capitol.hawaii.gov
SUBJ Header: Support HB 1621 RELATING TO DOGS
Deadline: Monday, Feb. 7
Testify in Person: Tuesday, Feb. 8 at 8 am at State Capitol Conference Room 312
Address to:

From: Jeanne Teleia [jteleia@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2011 1:02 PM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: LATE TESTIMONY - support for 1621 and 579

I am writing in support of bills 1621 and 579. Hawaii has one of the worst animal care and cruelty prevention rates in the country. Please allow these bills through and amend this terrible situation!

In nai'a spirit and aloha, Jeanne

In a culture that urges us to seek safety in ever bigger cars, houses, and opinions, we must find the courage to acknowledge our vulnerability, to admit how much we need one another's love and care if we are to forge a collective future. Rev. Bill Sinkford

"I think that people want peace so much that one of these days the government had better get out of their way and let them have it." Dwight D. Eisenhower

"Service is the rent you pay for room on this earth" U.S. Rep. Shirley Chisholm

From: Dr. Bernard K. Chun [bkchun@aloha.net]
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2011 1:11 PM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: LATE TESTIMONY - puppy mills

Being a physician, and pet owner, I am against any "puppy mill" operation and any traps that are inhumane to that animal. Please act civilize and protect all animals as we want to be protected. Mahalo, Bernard Chun

From: Dr Kim [mkim@mauihumanesociety.org]
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2011 1:25 PM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: LATE TESTIMONY - Support HB 1621 Relating to Dogs

Dear Representative Angus McKelvey and Committee Members of Economic revitalization and Business, I humbly ask for your support in passing HB 1621. As the Director of Veterinary Services at the Maui Humane society, we see the effects of having too many unwanted animals on Maui. Regulating large scale breeders is but a small step in trying to solve this overwhelming problem. Mahalo, Dr. Miyo Miyasaki-Kim

From: Nikki Nietz [niknietz@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2011 1:40 PM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: LATE TESTIMONY - In support of HB 1621

Dear Honorable Chair McKelvey, Vice-Chair Choy, and Committee Members:

I am writing to urge you to please support HB 1621 that establishes licensing and regulations for large scale dog breeders. I believe these regulations will provide guidelines for large scale dog breeders to maintain the animals welfare and not profit at the expense of the humane treatment of animals. To prevent suffering, large-scale dog breeders should be licensed and comply with basic humane care, exercise, veterinary care and housing standards.

Thank you so much for your attention and consideration.

Sincerely,

Nicole Nietz

From: Kaori Fiack [caorisato@hotmail.com]
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2011 1:45 PM
To: ERBtestimony
Cc: Rep. Della Belatti
Subject: LATE TESTIMONY - Support HB 1621 RELATING TO DOGS

Dear Representative Angus McKelvey (Chair) Committee Members of Economic Revitalization & Business:

I strongly support Regulation of Large Scale Breeding Operations (House Bill 16521) that would end puppy Mills.

Kaori Fiack
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From: Cher Sullivan [chersullivan@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2011 3:50 PM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: LATE TESTIMONY - Support of Animals

Aloha,

I am in favor of all the current bills that protect our helpless animal friends.

I support Bill 579 to stop body crushing taps and Bill 1621 that mandates and regulates large puppy breeders, etc. I am for all the attached Bills.

Mahalo,

Cher Sullivan

From: INSPIREVISION@aol.com
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2011 4:07 PM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: LATE TESTIMONY - re:HB 1621

Dear Honorable Chair McKelvey, Vice-Chair Choy, and Committee Members:

Please **SUPPORT HB 1621** to regulate large scale dog breeders who often put profit over welfare. To prevent suffering, large-scale dog breeders should be licensed and comply with basic humane care, exercise, veterinary care and housing standards.

We have too many animals being euthanized at the Humane Society and if the supply is greater than the demand, we will continue to cause suffering of animals in need of homes. Animals are not objects, they are not machines. They should be treated with dignity and respect. They are innocent and offer happiness, joy, and love. We should not betray their trust but do all we can to make this society an ethical and just society for both humans and animal friends.

Jane Shiraki

Honolulu

From: Kaceee Shimabuku [lovekaceee@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2011 4:55 PM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: LATE TESTIMONY - Support HB 1621 RELATING TO DOGS

To Representative Angus McKelvey and the Committee Members of Economic Revitalization & Business,

I am asking for your support of HB 1621 relating to the regulation of puppy mills. As a Hawaii resident, I care deeply about how my community treats its animals, and the manner in which animals are controlled and managed.

HB 1621 would mandate licensing of large scale breeders, as well as enable law enforcement the access needed to provide inspections to assure the care and well-being of animals.

I urge you to please support HB 1621. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Kacie Shimabuku
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From: Kedin Kleinhans [kedin@hawaii.edu]
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2011 5:20 PM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: LATE TESTIMONY - Support HB 1621 RELATING TO DOGS

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I urge you to please support HB 1621. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2011 5:54 PM
To: ERBtestimony
Cc: puua@hawaii.rr.com
Subject: LATE TESTIMONY - Testimony for HB1621 on 2/8/2011 8:00:00 AM

Testimony for ERB 2/8/2011 8:00:00 AM HB1621

Conference room: 312
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Cathy Goeggel
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Submitted on: 2/7/2011

Comments:
Position: support and suggest adding cats

From: ben salazar [bensalazar808@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2011 6:19 PM
To: ERBtestimony
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I urge you to please support HB 1621. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
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