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Society is dedicated to  
promoting the human-  
animal bond and  
the humane treatment of  
all animals.*

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February 4, 2011

Jerry L. Chang, Chair  
Sharon E. Har, Vice Chair  
Committee on Water, Land, & Ocean Resources

Re: Testimony on HB 579

Dear Chair Chang, Vice Chair Har and Members of the Committee on Water, Land, & Ocean Resources:

We strongly support this bill to prohibit the use of body-crushing traps and padded or non-laminated foot or leg hold traps. These types of traps can cause tremendous pain and suffering to animals that they are intended for and even those that they are not intended for.

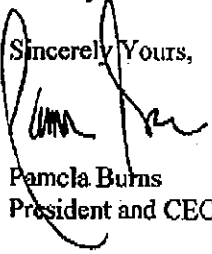
In addition, this bill requires people, who use certain kinds of traps for the purpose of hunting to have a valid hunting license, affix an ID tag on the device and check the snare of trap at least every 24 hours.

There are many alternatives to inhumane traps that cause such pain and suffering and are often left unattended and unmonitored. This bill aims to eliminate the use of the most inhumane ones in Hawaii.

We ask for your unwavering support of HB 579.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Sincerely Yours,



Pamela Burns  
President and CEO

TO: Rep. Jerry L. Chang, Chair  
Rep. Sharon E. Har, Vice Chair  
House Committee on Water, Land, and Ocean Resources

FROM: Mary Ikagawa, Kailua

RE: HB 579, scheduled to be heard by WLO on Monday, 02-07-11 9:00AM in House conference room 325

Strongly oppose

The only reason to pass this bill would be if the trapping and snaring that takes place were gratuitous and unnecessary. Nothing could be further from the truth.

Animal control requiring trapping and snaring is done primarily by people who care about animals and plants so much they made their careers in land management or biology. There are any number of things that people have to do, not because we like it but because of having to choose over an even worse option. We have to trap and snare in order to cope with the large number of harmful animals roaming at large. It is already difficult enough, with such limited resources, to manage our farms and natural resources. There is work underway to find better solutions to our significant animal problems, but until those solutions are at hand, we cannot give up the tools we have. This would make a serious problem even worse.

Though the bill may be well intended, I ask that you do not pass it.  
Thank you.