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**PRESENTATION OF THE
PROFESSIONAL AND VOCATIONAL LICENSING DIVISION**
TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT
TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2011

Monday, April 4, 2011
2:00 p.m.

**TESTIMONY ON HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 79, H.D. 1,
REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A SUNRISE REVIEW TO DETERMINE
WHETHER LARGE SCALE DOG BREEDERS SHOULD BE LICENSED BY THE
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS.**

TO THE HONORABLE KYLE T. YAMASHITA, CHAIR,
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is Celia Suzuki, Licensing Administrator of the Professional and Vocational Licensing Division, Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department"). The Department appreciates the opportunity to testify in support of H.C.R. No. 79, H.D. 1.

This concurrent resolution requests that the Auditor conduct a sunrise review of the regulation of large-scale dog breeders, pursuant to section 26H-6, Hawaii Revised Statutes ("HRS"), as proposed to be contemplated under House Bill No. 1621, introduced during the Regular Session of 2011. The Auditor's analysis would set forth

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the probable effects of the proposed regulatory measure, assess whether its enactment is consistent with the purposes of section 26H-2, HRS, and assess alternate forms of regulation.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of H.C.R. No. 79, H.D. 1.

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TO THE HONORABLE KYLE T. YAMASHITA, CHAIR,
AND TO THE HONORABLE JAMES KUNANE TOKIOKA, VICE CHAIR,
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

The Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("DCCA") appreciates the opportunity to testify on H.C.R. No. 79 H.D.1. My name is Jo Ann Uchida of the DCCA's Regulated Industries Complaints Office ("RICO"). RICO supports this resolution.

H.C.R. No. 79 H.D.1 requests that the Auditor conduct a sunrise review of the regulation of large-scale dog breeders and dog breeding facilities by the DCCA

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as proposed in House Bill No. 1621, including an assessment of alternative agencies that may be tasked with regulating large scale dog breeders.

RICO concurs with the request that the Auditor conduct a sunrise review of the regulation of large-scale dog breeders and dog breeding facilities. RICO also supports the Auditor's assessment of alternative agencies to determine the most appropriate regulating body.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify on H.C.R. No. 79 H.D.1. I will be happy to answer any questions that the members of the Committee may have.

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THE HUMANE SOCIETY
OF THE UNITED STATES

TO: Honorable Chair Yamashita, Vice-Chair Tokioka and Committee Members

Legislative Management Committee, 4-4-11, 2pm, Rm 423

RE: Testimony in SUPPORT of HCR79 HD1; Sunrise Review- Dog Breeders

Submitted by: Inga Gibson, Hawaii State Director, The Humane Society of the United States,
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On behalf of our more than 50,000 members and supporters in Hawaii, we thank the Committee for considering this important measure to protect both dogs and consumers.

The purpose of this Resolution is to request the Auditor's office to conduct a sunrise review and analysis of dog breeders; currently an unregulated and unlicensed profession. This resolution complements SB 1522/HB 1621 which would require that large-scale dog breeding operations be licensed and provide each dog under their care with basic food and water, adequate shelter from the elements, necessary veterinary care, adequate space to turn around and stretch his or her limbs and access to space for critical exercise. These most basic requirements are found in a number of state laws, but sorely lacking in Hawaii.

Animal Welfare Concerns:

Dogs at puppy mills, also known as large scale commercial breeding operations, typically receive little to no medical care, often live in squalid conditions with no exercise, socialization or human interaction and are confined inside cramped wire cages for life. Breeding dogs must endure constant breeding cycles and are typically confined for years on end, without ever becoming part of a family. The breeding "stock" live their entire lives confined to small cages, devoid of human companionship. They are often victims of filth, inadequate shelter, overcrowding, and insufficient food and water. In addition, these dogs are bred repeatedly and often receive little or no veterinary care.

Consumer Protection Concerns:

Dogs from these large-scale breeders are often sold in pet stores, online, via newspaper ads and in some cases directly to consumers with little to no regard for the dog's health, genetic history or future welfare. Puppies are often taken from their mothers for sale to pet stores at approximately 8 weeks of age, when they are highly susceptible to contagious diseases such as parvovirus and are very sensitive to behavioral stress. Poor breeding practices can also lead to serious genetic problems such as hip dysplasia—an often painful and crippling disorder.

Again, we respectfully urge your support of HCR79 to better protect dogs and consumers alike.

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