



**TESTIMONY OF  
THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL  
TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE, 2011**

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**ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURE:**

S.B. NO. 1068, S.D. 1, RELATING TO ANIMAL CRUELTY.

**BEFORE THE:**

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

**DATE:** Thursday, March 17, 2011      **TIME:** 2:00 p.m.

**LOCATION:** State Capitol, Room 325

**TESTIFIER(S):** David M. Louie, Attorney General, or  
Lance M. Goto, Deputy Attorney General

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Chair Keith-Agaran and Members of the Committee:

The Department of the Attorney General submits the following comments.

The purpose of the bill is to provide that killing, or attempting to kill, a pet animal belonging to another person, without that person's consent, constitutes animal cruelty in the first degree.

The Department is concerned that the proposed amendment suggests that a pet owner can allow another person to simply kill the owner's pet, as long as the pet owner consents. It accordingly seems to imply that the pet owner can choose to personally kill any pet the person may own. This amendment appears to be in conflict with section 711-1109(c), Hawaii Revised Statutes, which prohibits the killing of any animal without need.

**LATE TESTIMONY**