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**To:** [JDLTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** \*\*\*\*\*SPAM\*\*\*\*\* Senate Bill #1424  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 09, 2011 8:14:57 PM

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I support this bill. Please help to care for our canine companions.

Marcia A. Morgado

[morgado@aol.com](mailto:morgado@aol.com)

**From:** [melanie\\_fujihara](#)  
**To:** [JDLTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Bill 1424  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 09, 2011 5:37:14 PM

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I support bill 1424.  
Melanie Fujihara

**From:** [Rexann Dubiel](#)  
**To:** [JDLTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Dog Chaining  
**Date:** Thursday, February 10, 2011 6:35:14 AM

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I support this bill wholeheartedly.

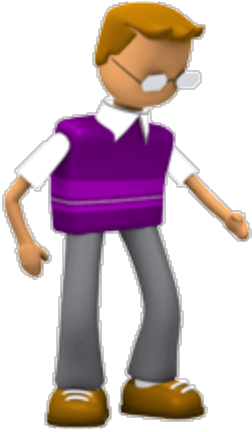
**From:** [Janis Goto](#)  
**To:** [JDLTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Senate Bill 1424  
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I totally support this bill!!!!!!

**From:** [violet iuta](#)  
**To:** [JDLTestimony](#)  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 09, 2011 4:47:22 PM

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I support Senate Bill 1424 – it is very important for this legislation. Mahalo, Violet S. Iuta

**From:** [Lynette](#)  
**To:** [JDLTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Bill 1424  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 09, 2011 9:30:31 PM

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Please vote Yes on this bill.

Thank you on behalf of our four legged friends.

Lynette Ching  
(808) 722-1742

# SUPPORT!

**SB1424**

**(DOG TETHERING)**

Thursday, February 10, 2011, 10:15 a.m.  
State Capitol, Rm. 016

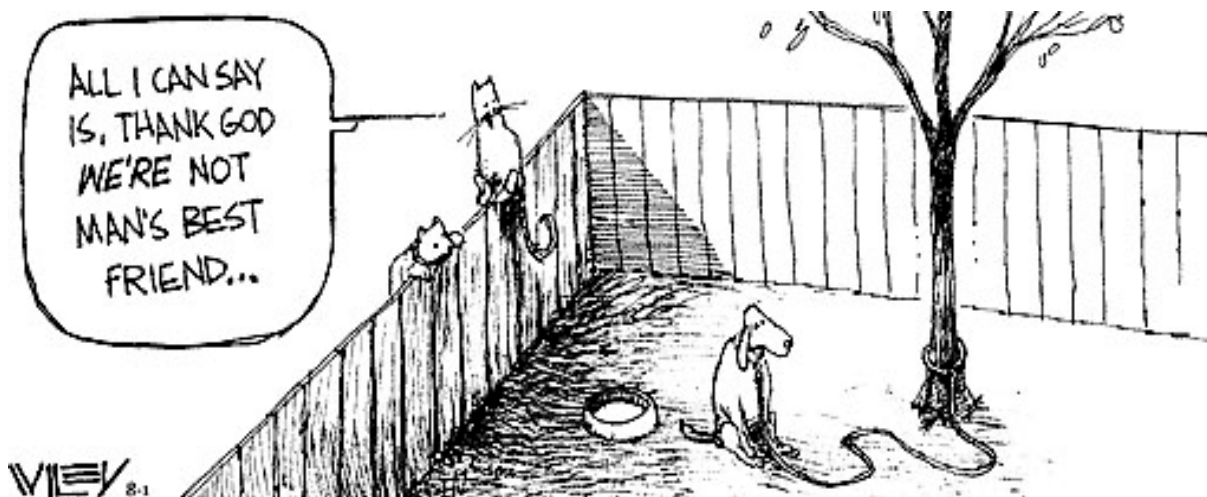
**COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY & LABOR (JDL)**

**Sen. Clayton Hee, Chair**

**Sen. Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair**

Dear Senators:

Please **SUPPORT SB1424**. This bill will help address a cruelty that is **happening right now** - 24 hours a day - 365 days a year to *thousands* of dogs across the islands.



Here are but some of the reasons why **SB1424** should be supported:

- It is **inhumane** to keep dogs permanently chained/tethered to a stationary object like some kind of lawn ornament or cheap burglar system.
- Without a swivel system, dog chains can get entwined, become shorter and shorter until the dogs are **forced to eat/sleep/defecate all in the same spot of just 1-2 feet**.
- When left permanently tethered outside, dogs are also **deemed as easily replaceable, dispensable objects** by their owners, often **neglected and denied basic comfort, medical care, and socialization**.
- It is unfair that 9/10 chained **dogs showed clear signs of terrible wear & physical degradation** from being exposed to the elements at all time yet the owners are not even fined/charged in any way for such obvious neglect and abuse.

To help improve the lives of tethered dogs, please pass this bill into law in 2012. Mahalo ~

**Anjie Pham  
Honolulu, HI**

# SUPPORT!

**SB1533**  
**(PEACOCK PROTECTION)**  
Thursday, February 10, 2011, 10:15 a.m.  
State Capitol, Rm. 016

**COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY & LABOR (JDL)**  
Sen. Clayton Hee, Chair  
Sen. Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair

Dear Senators:

**Peafowls** (peacocks & peahens) are beautiful birds and certainly **deserve our legal protection** now more than ever in light of the recent unjust ruling for a crazed woman who violently took a bat to one in Makaha.

Considered “pests” to some, they are **peaceful animals, wildlife treasures** to others. To me, they help **contribute to our islands unique character and charm**. *How many other places in the US or in the world, for that matter, can you see peafowls outside of zoos?* Even then, we rarely see more than a few handful in just some areas of Hawai’i.

Though non-native, **peafowls are not invasive** by any means. In the wild, many form monogamous relationships and engage in their own population control, having only enough offspring that their environment can support. (That is certainly smarter than most humans.) In truth, people who pushed the envelope of urban expansion into wild areas that have traditionally been homes of these birds are the ones that, I feel, are more appropriately labeled as “pest” and “invasive” rather than the peacocks.

Please **support SB1533**. It is the fair and reasonable thing to do. Mahalo~

**Anjie Pham**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii**





**From:** [Sarah Fairchild](#)  
**To:** [JDLTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Chaining Dogs (Senate Bill 1424)  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 09, 2011 5:17:58 PM

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Senator Clayton Hee & Members of the Committee on Judiciary & Labor,

Please pass Senate Bill 1424 and make life better for many dogs in Hawaii that are neglected by their owners. In my neighborhood in Kailua, I have reported two different homes in the past who continually chain their dogs on short leashes. On neither occasion could the Animal Control find any "violations" although their employee admitted that the conditions did not seem humane. I know that at least one of the homes breeds Rottweilers for income. I imagine those dogs having had so little human interaction will not make future pets for their future buyers. Having formerly owned a very gentle Rottweiler, I am concerned that dogs raised like this could become dangerous and contribute to the breed's designation as "dangerous."

The second home kept at least five poi dogs chained to various heavy rubbish pieces in their yard. No dog had enough chain to move more than standing up or laying down. What kind of life is that?

Please support this bill.

Aloha,

Sarah Fairchild Beaucage

[sarahjfairchild@yahoo.com](mailto:sarahjfairchild@yahoo.com)

Kailua, HI 96734

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**From:** Caron Nakamura <[cnakamura@hawaiianhumane.org](mailto:cnakamura@hawaiianhumane.org)>  
**Sent:** Wed, February 9, 2011 9:08:30 AM  
**Subject:** Dog Chaining This Thursday

## Chaining Dogs (Senate Bill 1424)

This bill will make it illegal to tie up a dog on a chain that's less than 6 feet long or use a chain that's more than 10% of the dog's weight. A swivel must be on one end or the other.

Email Testimony:      SUBJ Header:      Support SB 1424 RELATING TO OFFENSES  
AGAINST PUBLIC ORDER

Deadline:              Wednesday, Feb. 9

Testify in Person:      Thursday, Feb. 10 at 10:15 am at State Capitol Conference Room 016

Address to:              Senator Clayton Hee & Members of the Committee on Judiciary & Labor

### Points to Consider in Your Message:

- Support SB 1424, which would make it illegal to tie up a dog under certain conditions.
- A dog kept chained in one spot for hours, days, months or even years suffers immense

psychological damage.

- An otherwise friendly and docile dog, when kept continuously chained, becomes neurotic, unhappy, anxious and often aggressive.
- A chained animal is caught in a vicious cycle; frustrated by long periods of boredom and social isolation, he becomes a neurotic shell of his former self—further deterring human interaction and kindness.
- A chained dog suffers the frustration of watching the world go by in isolation—a cruel fate for what is by nature a highly social animal.
- The U. S. Department of Agriculture has concluded that continuous confinement of dogs by a tether is inhumane. A tether significantly restricts a 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.
- More than 100 communities in more than 30 states have passed laws that regulate the practice of tethering animals.

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*P.S.—Named as one of Hawaii's Best Places to Work in 2011 by Hawaii Business Magazine, Hawaiian Humane Society offers a variety of programs that serve animals and people. Visit [hawaiianhumane.org](http://hawaiianhumane.org) to learn about all our upcoming events and news.*

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**Jacque LeBlanc**  
**Community Relations Director**  
**Hawaiian Humane Society**  
**356.2212 or 673.1474**

Hawaiian Humane Society is Oahu's only animal welfare organization that shelters, rescues, adopts and welcomes all animals. Visit [hawaiianhumane.org](http://hawaiianhumane.org) to learn more about upcoming events and join us as a volunteer and advocate.

**From:** [Jan Davis](#)  
**To:** [JDLTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Chaining dogs (Senate Bill 1424)  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 09, 2011 10:00:50 PM

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Dear Sirs,

Please pass this bill making it illegal to tie up a dog on a chain that is less than 6 feet long or use a chain that is more than 10% of the dog's weight. Anything less is inhumane and cruel treatment of animals.

Thank you,  
Jan Davis  
Taxpayer  
Animal Rights Supporter

**From:** [Mary Naman](#)  
**To:** [JDLTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Chaining Dogs Senate Bill 1424  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 09, 2011 5:14:09 PM

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To whom it may concern:

We support Senate Bill #1424 Chaining Dogs.

Please support this Bill.

Sincerely,

Capt. Joe & Mary Naman  
111 Mokumanu Drive  
Kailua, HI 96734  
808-230-8032

**From:** [Suzanne Ogawa](#)  
**To:** [JDLTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** chaining dogs. Bill 1424  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 09, 2011 7:01:47 PM

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I support this legislation. Chaining dogs on inappropriate length chains is cruel and detrimental to the dog's mental and physical health.

Thank you,  
Suzanne Ogawa  
phone 7344092

**From:** [kimlum keith](#)  
**To:** [JDLTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Chaining dogs  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 09, 2011 6:27:14 PM

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I am very much against this inhumane way to contain a dog. If a dog cannot be loose it should be trolley line only. Even this isn't the best. But is at least better than the possibility of a neck injury to the animal.



**HAWAII GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION**  
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**The Twenty-Sixth Legislature, State of Hawaii**  
**The Senate**  
**Committee on Judiciary and Labor**

**Testimony by**  
**Hawaii Government Employees Association**

**February 10, 2011**

**S.B. 1025 - RELATING TO THE PENAL CODE**

The Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 125, AFL-CIO supports the purpose and intent of S.B. 1025 - Relating to the Penal Code. This measure expands the offenses of assaults against law enforcement officer in the first and second degree to include assaults against firefighters and water safety officers.

The intent of S.B. 1025 is to amend Sections 707-712.5 and 707-712.6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to include firefighters and water safety officers. The HGEA represents over one hundred (100) of the water safety officers who stand guard over our beaches of the State and counties to ensure the safety of the people. Ensuring the safety and well-being of water safety officers in the course of the performance of their duties are a necessity in order for them to manage and direct the activities on the beaches for the people of Hawaii as well as our many visitors.

There have been many cases where the water safety officers were threatened verbally and physically while attempting to safeguard the beaches. Individuals who intentionally or knowingly, and/or recklessly or negligently, cause harm to water safety officers should be held accountable for their violent behaviors. Water safety officers are first responders who protect Hawaii's beaches to the best of their abilities every single day. We believe it is time for the State of Hawaii to reciprocate and protect all water safety officers.

We thank you for the opportunity to submit our testimony in support of S.B. 1025.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Nora A. Nomura**  
**Deputy Executive Director**

**From:** [INA](#)  
**To:** [JDLTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** dog chaining  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 09, 2011 4:55:46 PM

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Aloha,  
I was under the impression this was already the law. It is a law  
long overdue and should be passed with due haste.

Thank you,  
Ina van Hest



**From:** [katie.turner](#)  
**To:** [JDLTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Dog ChainingSenate Bill 1424  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 09, 2011 4:39:46 PM

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Please support the proposed Dog Chaining Bill. While I would like to have *any and all* dog chaining banned, this bill is at least a step in the right direction. This is a very cruel thing to do to any animal, and anyone who does it should have their animals taken away in my opinion. Thank you.

To the members of the committee on Judiciary and Labor,

Hello, I am writing to urge my conditional support of SB 1424 regarding the tethering of dogs. As a volunteer for animal nonprofit Poi Dogs and Popoki, I have seen first-hand the deplorable conditions many chained dogs face each day. By canvassing one of Hawaii's underserved neighborhoods, I received an enlightening first-hand look into the depth and scope of this issue.

Often left without adequate food, shelter, water, medical care and human companionship, these animals become aggressive and can bite children which overall becomes a huge public safety issue. Statistics speak for themselves regarding the direct relationship between chained animals and dog aggression. A dog has no defense to threats while left on a chain, and cannot retreat to the safety of a kennel or crate.

This law needs to pass, but I do have some reservations. The first is that I am curious at what organization would enforce this law and would the police and/or Hawaiian Humane Society be empowered to respond appropriately to the increased amounts of complaints as a result of this bill passing. Also, who collects the fines and what are the penalties for lack of payment?

My second concern would be if it might be possible to give owners a written warning for the first violation, followed by the fine structure.

Overall, this is a sound bill that needs to be in place to compel some owners to treat their animals with compassion. However, provisions should be written to safeguard against witch hunts between feuding neighbors and a public safety communication campaign should follow the signing of this bill. The communication campaign could direct owners to humane alternatives, such as low-cost kennel builds like the services offered through Poi Dogs and Popoki.

Thank you,

Theresa Donnelly  
3021 Anderson Ave  
Honolulu, HI 96818

**From:** [bazzells001@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:bazzells001@hawaii.rr.com)  
**To:** [Sen. Clayton Hee](#); [JDLTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Email Message in Support of Senate Bill 1424 on Chaining Dogs  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 09, 2011 5:34:41 PM

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Dear Senator Hee & Honorable Committee Members:

I am writing to urge you to act favorably on Senate Bill 1424 on chaining dogs. In the old days, and in many places still, this was a common practice done mainly out of ignorance. In fact, my family did this same thing when I was a kid, quite frankly out of ignorance and the lack of awareness. We simply didn't realize the implications and were unaware of the suffering it caused.

We learned better and became educated and that was sufficient for us. However, there are those who are incapable of learning, or who willfully continue this practice because of their uncaring or sadistic behavior. The latter cases are situations that require the force of law to protect creatures that cannot protect themselves.

Thank you,

Steven R. Bazzell  
Tokiko Y. Bazzell  
7525 Muolea Place  
Honolulu, HI 96825-2955

**From:** [Kathy Myers](#)  
**To:** [JDLTestimony](#)  
**Cc:** [dorcie Sakuma](#)  
**Subject:** I am a Letter Carrier and see this abuse every day!  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 09, 2011 5:09:47 PM

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Aloha, my name is Kathy Myers and I've been a letter carrier for 28 years in Wahiawa. I am in support of this bill because I have seen first hand this inhumane abuse of short chain of dogs. I have 3 on my mail route currently and it's really sad. They only have enough slack to barely sit in some cases. Most of them bark alot just to get attention. People like that shouldn't keep a dog neglecting them. Please pass this bill.

**From:** [GM@HawaiiN.com](mailto:GM@HawaiiN.com)  
**To:** [JDLTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** I Support SB 1424 RELATING TO OFFENSES AGAINST PUBLIC ORDER  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 09, 2011 10:48:48 PM

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I Support SB 1424 RELATING TO OFFENSES AGAINST PUBLIC ORDER

Aloha Senator Hee and Members of the Committee on Judiciary and Labor

I Support SB 1424, which would make it illegal to tie up a dog under certain conditions. A dog kept chained in one spot for hours, days, months or even years suffers immense psychological damage.

More than 100 communities in more than 30 states have passed laws that regulate the practice of tethering animals. Hawaii needs to become part of the 21st Century and prevent this animal cruelty.

An otherwise friendly and docile dog, when kept continuously chained, becomes neurotic, unhappy, anxious and often aggressive. A tether significantly restricts a 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.

Sincerely,

John Bond  
Ewa Beach

**From:** [liuanselm@msn.com](mailto:liuanselm@msn.com)  
**To:** [JDLTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** I support SB 1424  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 09, 2011 4:01:24 PM

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To Senator Clayton Hee & Members of the Committee on Judiciary & Labor,

I support SB 1424, which would make it illegal to tie up a dog under certain conditions.

Dogs are naturally social beings who thrive on interaction with human beings and other animals. A dog kept chained in one spot for hours, days, months or even years suffers immense psychological and physical damage and usually becomes neurotic, unhappy, anxious, and often aggressive. In the end, the helpless dog can only suffer the frustration of watching the world go by in isolation—a cruel fate for what is by nature a highly social animal. Any city, county, or state that bans this inhumane practice is a safer community.

The U. S. Department of Agriculture issued a statement in the July 2, 1996, Federal Register against tethering:

"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 a 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."

More than 100 communities in more than 30 states have passed laws that regulate the practice of tethering animals. Let's become 101!

Thank you for your consideration,

Anselm Liu, Honolulu Hi, 96813

**From:** [Vicky Cayetano](#)  
**To:** [JDLTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** In support of SB 1424  
**Date:** Thursday, February 10, 2011 8:33:53 AM

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Dear Senator Hee and Members of the Committee on Judiciary & Labor:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this statement in support of SB 1424. I am grateful for your consideration to pass this Bill. In so doing, you will be making it a better world for our dogs and for our community.

Sincerely,

Vicky Cayetano

*Vicky Cayetano*

**From:** [Dawn Hirakawa](#)  
**To:** [JDLTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** In support of SB 1424  
**Date:** Thursday, February 10, 2011 7:26:27 AM

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Please support SB 1424. It breaks my heart to see dogs chained up. Mahalo nui loa.

Dawn Hirakawa



**From:** [Michelle Alves](#)  
**To:** [JDLTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** life on a chain  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 09, 2011 7:08:59 PM

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There are many photos, statues and drawings of St. Francis of Assisi, with his flock by his side. Never, in any of those pictures are the dogs chained. As the patron saint of animals, he loved them and knew their life should be lived to the fullest. Let us emulate what he has taught us. Treat animals as God's creatures.

Please pass this bill for them.

Michelle

**From:** [frisky.kawa@hawaiiantel.net](mailto:frisky.kawa@hawaiiantel.net)  
**To:** [JDLTestimony](#)  
**Date:** Thursday, February 10, 2011 6:25:49 AM

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Dear Committee Members,

I wish I had more time to really say why I adamantly support this bill but suffice to say I believe chaining a person to a pole has the same results as chaining a dog to a pole. Please think about it a moment - it may be an extreme comparison but it has some merit. I've seen dogs chained with less than 3 feet to spare and nothing but their own feces to move around in. At one point my neighbor had a sweet dog chained on the side of his house and I would have to go down and clean his feces and give him water because he could not reach his empty bowl due to his restraints. It was heartbreaking.

Please have the compassion to pass this bill - we as civilized "beings" must live and let live humanely.

Mahalo,

Colleen K. Arii

**From:** [g2@hokua.org](mailto:g2@hokua.org)  
**To:** [JDLTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Please support SB 1424 Relating to offenses against public order  
**Date:** Thursday, February 10, 2011 1:37:27 AM

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Dear Sen. Hee and Members of the Committee on Judiciary and Labor,

I urge you to please support SB 1424. It is very cruel to keep a dog, who is a very social animal, chained in one spot for long periods of time, sometimes throughout their entire lives! These poor creatures, who start out as loving beings, when kept continuously chained, become neurotic, and often turn aggressive. Besides inflicting pain, (physically, mentally and emotionally) on the dog, this can also create a very dangerous environment for people and other animals. The saying, "Dogs are a person's best friend" did not come out of nowhere. They truly are, and don't deserve this kind of inhumane treatment.

Mahalo and aloha,  
Ginny Tiu

**From:** [Cecily.Y.Ling@kp.org](mailto:Cecily.Y.Ling@kp.org)  
**To:** [JDLTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** please Support SB 1424 RELATING TO OFFENSES AGAINST PUBLIC ORDER  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 09, 2011 5:03:47 PM

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TO: Senator Clayton Hee & Members of the Committee on Judiciary & Labor

please support this bill! i can't even imagine how it would feel to live with a heavy chain around my neck prohibiting movement.  
these animals deserve better, and owners that tie their pet up in this way do not deserve to own them.  
thank you so much for all of your hard work!  
sincerely,  
Cecily Ling

- Support SB 1424, which would make it illegal to tie up a dog under certain conditions.
- A dog kept chained in one spot for hours, days, months or even years suffers immense psychological damage.
- An otherwise friendly and docile dog, when kept continuously chained, becomes neurotic, unhappy, anxious and often aggressive.
- A chained animal is caught in a vicious cycle; frustrated by long periods of boredom and social isolation, he becomes a neurotic shell of his former self—further deterring human interaction and kindness.
- A chained dog suffers the frustration of watching the world go by in isolation—a cruel fate for what is by nature a highly social animal.

- The U. S. Department of Agriculture has *concluded that continuous confinement of dogs by a tether is inhumane. A tether significantly restricts a 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.*
- More than 100 communities in more than 30 states have passed laws that regulate the practice of tethering animals.

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**From:** [Leila ishiki](#)  
**To:** [JDLTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Please support SB 1424  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 09, 2011 7:51:48 PM

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Aloha!

Although I feel that it is inhumane to chain one of God's creatures by the neck, at least this bill will give them a longer, lighter chain. Please be humane and support this bill.

Mahalo,

Leila ishiki  
[leilai@earthlink.net](mailto:leilai@earthlink.net)

**From:** [nomi\\_image](#)  
**To:** [JDLTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** re: Support SB 1424 RELATING TO OFFENSES AGAINST PUBLIC ORDER  
**Date:** Thursday, February 10, 2011 1:55:48 AM

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TO: COMMITTEE ON Judiciary and Labor  
Senator Clayton Hee and Members of the Committee

Date: Thursday, February 10, 2011  
Time: 10:15am  
Place: Conference Room 016  
State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street

Dear Senators:

I am writing in Support of SB 1424.

*According to studies by Dogs Deserve Better, a national non-profit organization, tethering furthers aggression in dogs that are already territorial. They are 2.8 times more likely to bite when chained or penned, especially if the dog is a unneutered male or a mother with puppies. Since October 2003 there were at least 331 children in the U.S. killed/seriously injured by dogs living chained or penned.*

*There is also the issue of embedded collars which occurs when the dog outgrows his/her collar. This can lead to serious infection and scarring. Many people seem to be unaware that their pet is still growing and when left outside they seem to forget about them altogether.*

*Three states have enacted some kind of protection for dogs living chained or penned- Connecticut, California, and Texas since 2003. Over 110 cities and counties nationwide have now banned or limited tethering, setting stricter laws for what is acceptable treatment for "man's best friend".*

*I urge you to please support SB1424.*

*Respectfully,*

*Naomi Egami  
Honolulu, HI*

**From:** [nomi image](#)  
**To:** [JDLTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** re: support SB 1533 relating to cruelty to animals  
**Date:** Thursday, February 10, 2011 2:28:56 AM

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**TO: COMMITTEE ON Judiciary and Labor**  
**Senator Clayton Hee, Chair, Maile Shimabukuro, Vice Chair, and**  
**Members of the Committee**

Dear Senators,

I am writing in support of SB 1533 relating to Cruelty to Animals.

Peacocks (peafowl) should not be regarded as "pests". They were here since the early Hawaiians. They lived on Princess Kai'ulani's Ainahau Estate, and were loved and highly regarded by the "Peacock Princess".

It would truly be a shame if these beautiful birds were eradicated.

Please support SB 1533

Respectfully,

Naomi Egami  
Honolulu, HI



**From:** [Amy](#)  
**To:** [JDLTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** S.B. 1424, Relating to Offenses Against Public Order  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 09, 2011 11:57:54 PM

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Please support S.B. 1424, which would make it illegal to tie up a dog under certain conditions. Continuous confinement of dogs by a tether is inhumane as it restricts a dog's movement. A tether can also become tangled around an object and further restrict a dog's movement and potentially causing injury. If a dog must be tied up, the chain should be more than 12 feet, weigh no more than 10% of the dog's weight, and have a swivel on one end. In addition, there should be a time limit on how long a dog can be tied to one place.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on behalf of man's best friend.

**From:** [kaisakamoto](#)  
**To:** [JDLTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** SB 1424  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 09, 2011 10:04:05 PM

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I strongly support Senate Bill 1424! Thank you. Lynnette Sakamoto

**From:** [Gayle Puou](#)  
**To:** [JDLTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** SB1424 Chaining Dogs  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 09, 2011 7:24:41 PM

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Committee on Judiciary and Labor  
Hawaii State Capital  
Honolulu, Hawaii

Senator Clayton Hee and Committee Members of the Judiciary and Labor

**RE: SUPPORT FOR SB1424;** Chaining dogs

Help support SB1424. Dogs should not be chained on short leash for hours and especially in our humid and hot weather anytime of the day. This bill will help dogs get the extra length of freedom and hopefully a step closer to banning chaining dogs in the near future.

Help support SB1424 because it's the right thing to do.

Mahalo,

Gayle Puou,

Resident of Kapolei

Judiciary Committee

Rachel Huff-Wagenborg  
Oahu SPCA Volunteer  
(808) 888-5698

Date of Hearing: February 10, 2011 at 10:15am

**RE: Support SB 1424; Dog Tethering**

TO: Honorable Chair Hee, Vice-Chair Shimabukuro and Committee Members

Tethering dogs is an inhumane practice that causes suffering and psychological damage. Dogs are inherently social creatures, and tethering restricts their ability to socialize with humans and other animals, which leads to behavioral problems. The limited mobility also hampers a dog's well being. Dogs need exercise, up to 45 minutes a day. A dog without exercise will become bored or frustrated and may develop anxiety, also leading to behavioral problems. Prolonged anxiety causes boredom, which can manifest into aggression.

Tethering is dangerous to dogs and humans. Dogs become territorial of their small confined space and to protect this "territory" they may become physically aggressive to humans or other animals that come in close proximity or enter the tethered territory. Tethers that are short, heavy, or do not swivel are dangerous for dogs. Tethering a dog prevents the animal from retreating to safety from danger or inclement weather. Tethers also pose a threat of choking and strangulation. Although this bill does not prohibit tethering altogether, it will improve the quality of life for dogs, by:

- Prohibiting tethering of dogs under 6 months
- Requiring a swivel to prevent entanglement
- Not allowing the weight of the tether to exceed 10% of dogs weight

The Oahu SPCA upholds a policy of denying adoption to individuals who intend to tether dogs adopted from our shelter. We understand the dangers of tethering, to dogs and humans. I hope you will too, please support SB 1424.

Respectfully,  
Rachel Huff-Wagenborg

**From:** [Nancy](#)  
**To:** [JDLTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** SB1424  
**Date:** Thursday, February 10, 2011 7:53:10 AM

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I support this bill, the rest of the country has banned the practice of chaining dogs!

Aloha, Nancy

**From:** [Di Aiu](#)  
**To:** [JDLTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Senate Bill 1424 Testimony  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 09, 2011 4:31:17 PM  
**Importance:** High

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Aloha,

I am writing in support of SB1424 which would make it illegal to tie up a dog under certain conditions.

As a former Veterinary Technician and lifetime animal right supporter, I have seen the psychological and emotional effects chaining can have on dogs of all ages. Chaining encourages lack of socialization resulting in a dog who becomes anxious, aggressive, and isolated, devoid of any human affection and interaction. Chaining discourages the proper development of “pack order” in which every member of the “pack” plays a role in the household. It exiles the chained dog from daily life and causes the dog depression and frustration, turning it against all human beings and eventually others in its species.

It is understandable that some properties do not have fenced areas for their dogs or their owners cannot afford to build a proper kennel so they turn to chaining in order to keep their dog on their property. It is for this reason that there should be specific laws addressing the PROPER and most HUMANE way to tie their dog out. The chain MUST be long enough to allow for access to ventilated shelter, cool water, fresh food, and free active movement otherwise chaining the dog becomes animal cruelty and neglect.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has deemed chaining (aka “tethering”) as inhumane due to the restriction of movement and almost certain tangling and resulting injury or even death. Greater than 100 communities in more than 30 states have passed laws that regulate the practice of tethering animals. I would like to see Hawai`i included on that list of states.

Mahalo for your time.

Sincerely,

Dionne K.S. Aiu  
B.A. Psychology  
Former Veterinary Technician  
Lifelong Pet Parent

**From:** [Diane Go](#)  
**To:** [JDLTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Senate Bill 1424  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 09, 2011 4:03:58 PM

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I support Senate Bill 1424  
Diane Go

**From:** [Patti Arakaki](#)  
**To:** [JDLTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** support SB 1424  
**Date:** Thursday, February 10, 2011 7:01:36 AM

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I support this bill because dogs are social animals and should not be tied up.

Patti Arakaki



**From:** [Keoni Von](#)  
**To:** [JDLTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Support SB 1424  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 09, 2011 9:00:12 PM

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Senator Clayton Hee & Members of the Committee on Judiciary & Labor,

I support SB 1424 which would make it illegal to tie up a dog under certain conditions. A friendly and docile dog when kept continuously chained, becomes neurotic, unhappy, anxious, and often aggressive. More than 100 communities in more than 30 states have passed laws that regulate the practice of tethering. Passing this bill would allow the Hawaiian Humane Society to not only investigate numerous cases of neglect, but more importantly improving the lives of dogs in Hawaii. A chained dog suffers the frustration of watching the world go by in isolation- a cruel fate for what is by nature a highly social animal.

Thank you for your consideration,

Keoni Vaughn

**“The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated” -Mahatma Gandhi**

**From:** [Anne Abaya](#)  
**To:** [JDLTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Support of SB 1424  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 09, 2011 9:08:33 PM

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I am in support of SB 1424. I can't imagine any human being doing this to a dog (or even a cat.) It is inhumane. People shouldn't get a dog if they are going to tie it up. It makes no sense.

Thank you.

Anne Abaya  
Honolulu, HI

**From:** [Kellee Duarte](#)  
**To:** [JDLTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Support SB 1424 RELATING TO OFFENSES AGAINST PUBLIC ORDER  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 09, 2011 4:37:18 PM

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I am in SUPPORT of SB 1424. I am a mother and an animal lover. Animals are Gods creatures. We are Gods creatures. All creatures of God deserve a long, healthy and happy life. My dogs are like my children. If a child is locked up in a room with no where to go, no social communication, no care and no love, that would be against the law and abuse. Why are we not applying the same laws to animals? We have a chance now to speak for those who can not speak for themselves. My animals show me unconditional love. We should show the same love by helping protect them from any type of abuse. We have the opportunity to do that now. PLEASE care.....

A dog kept chained in one spot for hours, days, months or even years suffers immense psychological damage.

An otherwise friendly and docile dog, when kept continuously chained, becomes neurotic, unhappy, anxious and often aggressive.

A chained animal is caught in a vicious cycle; frustrated by long periods of boredom and social isolation, he becomes a neurotic shell of his former self—further deterring human interaction and kindness.

A chained dog suffers the frustration of watching the world go by in isolation—a cruel fate for what is by nature a highly social animal.

The U. S. Department of Agriculture has concluded that continuous confinement of dogs by a tether is inhumane. A tether significantly restricts a 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. More than 100 communities in more than 30 states have passed laws that regulate the practice of tethering animals.

**From:** [Tang, Ann](#)  
**To:** [JDCTestimony@Capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:JDCTestimony@Capitol.hawaii.gov)  
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**Subject:** Support SB 1424 RELATING TO OFFENSES AGAINST PUBLIC ORDER  
**Date:** Thursday, February 10, 2011 8:11:03 AM  
**Importance:** High

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**To:** 'JDCTestimony@Capitol.hawaii.gov'  
**Cc:** 'cnakamura@hawaiianhumane.org'  
**Subject:** Support SB 1424 RELATING TO OFFENSES AGAINST PUBLIC ORDER

TO: Senator Clayton Hee & Members of the Committee on Judiciary & Labor

This is to **register my support of SB 1424** and please consider the following:

- Support SB 1424, which would make it illegal to tie up a dog under certain conditions.
- A dog kept chained in one spot for hours, days, months or even years suffers immense psychological damage.
- An otherwise friendly and docile dog, when kept continuously chained, becomes neurotic, unhappy, anxious and often aggressive.
- A chained animal is caught in a vicious cycle; frustrated by long periods of boredom and social isolation, he becomes a neurotic shell of his former self—further deterring human interaction and kindness.
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- More than 100 communities in more than 30 states have passed laws that regulate the practice of tethering animals.

Thank you for your kind attention to this very important issue.

Ms. Ann Tang  
808 551-0005

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**From:** [S.L. Olsen](#)  
**To:** [JDLTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Support SB 1424 RELATING TO OFFENSES AGAINST PUBLIC ORDER  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 09, 2011 10:46:09 PM

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To Senator [Clayton Hee](#) & Members of the Committee on Judiciary & Labor,

I am writing this email in support of the above bill. I have 2 dogs of my own and could never fathom EVER keeping them on a short chain/leash while we were out. They are treated like family and run freely around the house while we are home...and then while we are out, have a whole section of the house to roam as well. It is so heartbreaking to see a dog chained up...honestly at any length...but especially on a short chain. We have to speak out for these poor innocent creatures that can't protest for themselves. I support the above bill giving specific guidelines to chaining dogs. Mahalo!

*Aloha, Solana Lewis Olsen*

**From:** [kshimata@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:kshimata@hawaii.rr.com)  
**To:** [JDLTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Support SB 1424 RELATING TO OFFENSES AGAINST PUBLIC ORDER  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 09, 2011 6:00:06 PM

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To: Senator Clayton Hee & Members of the Committee on Judiciary & Labor

I am writing to support limits on chaining dogs. I hope that you will protect dogs from the neglect of long periods of isolation & restraint that chaining causes.

Thank you for considering my views.

Kathy Shimata  
3453 Pawaina St  
Honolulu 96822

**From:** [Cidbones@aol.com](mailto:Cidbones@aol.com)  
**To:** [JDLTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Support SB 1424 RELATING TO OFFENSES AGAINST PUBLIC ORDER  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 09, 2011 9:22:54 PM

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To Whom It May Concern:

I Support SB 1424, which would make it illegal to tie up a dog under certain conditions. I support this bill because I believe that dogs are part of the family and should not be forced to spend a lifetime chained. Such a poor quality of life is inhumane; if that is the best a person has to offer, that person should not have a dog. The facts are indisputable:

- A dog kept chained in one spot for hours, days, months or even years suffers immense psychological damage.
- An otherwise friendly and docile dog, when kept continuously chained, becomes neurotic, unhappy, anxious and often aggressive.
- A chained animal is caught in a vicious cycle; frustrated by long periods of boredom and social isolation, he becomes a neurotic shell of his former self—further deterring human interaction and kindness.
- A chained dog suffers the frustration of watching the world go by in isolation—a cruel fate for what is by nature a highly social animal.
- The U. S. Department of Agriculture has *concluded that continuous confinement of dogs by a tether is inhumane. A tether significantly restricts a 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.*

Please support this bill!

Sincerely,  
Erin Brown

**From:** [Bill & Pat Goding](#)  
**To:** [JDLTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Support SB 1424 RELATING TO OFFENSES AGAINST PUBLIC ORDER  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 09, 2011 5:15:31 PM

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Please support SB 1424, which would make it illegal to tie up a dog under certain conditions. A dog kept chained in one spot for hours, days, months or even years suffers immense psychological damage.

An otherwise friendly and docile dog, when kept continuously chained, becomes neurotic, unhappy, anxious and often aggressive.

A chained animal is caught in a vicious cycle; frustrated by long periods of boredom and social isolation, he becomes a neurotic shell of his former self— further deterring human interaction and kindness.

A chained dog suffers the frustration of watching the world go by in isolation—a cruel fate for what is by nature a highly social animal.

The U. S. Department of Agriculture has concluded that continuous confinement of dogs by a tether is inhumane. A tether significantly restricts a 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.

More than 100 communities in more than 30 states have passed laws that regulate the practice of tethering animals.

Thank you, Pat & Bill Goding, Waikele



**From:** [Daryle Nekoba](#)  
**To:** [JDLTestimony](#)  
**Cc:** [cnakamura@hawaiianhumane.org](mailto:cnakamura@hawaiianhumane.org)  
**Subject:** Support SB 1424 RELATING TO OFFENSES AGAINST PUBLIC ORDER  
**Date:** Thursday, February 10, 2011 7:41:20 AM

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TO: Senator Clayton Hee & Members of the Committee on Judiciary & Labor

This is to **register my support of SB 1424** and please consider the following:

- Support SB 1424, which would make it illegal to tie up a dog under certain conditions.
- A dog kept chained in one spot for hours, days, months or even years suffers immense psychological damage.
- An otherwise friendly and docile dog, when kept continuously chained, becomes neurotic, unhappy, anxious and often aggressive.
- A chained animal is caught in a vicious cycle; frustrated by long periods of boredom and social isolation, he becomes a neurotic shell of his former self—further deterring human interaction and kindness.
- A chained dog suffers the frustration of watching the world go by in isolation—a cruel fate for what is by nature a highly social animal.
- The U. S. Department of Agriculture has concluded that continuous confinement of dogs by a tether is **inhumane**. A tether significantly restricts a 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.
- More than 100 communities in more than 30 states have passed laws that regulate the practice of tethering animals.

Thank you for your kind attention to this very important issue.

Ms. Daryle S. Nekoba  
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**From:** [Elizabeth O'Neill](#)  
**To:** [JDLTestimony](#)  
**Cc:** [jleblanc@hawaiianhumane.org](mailto:jleblanc@hawaiianhumane.org)  
**Subject:** Support SB 1424 RELATING TO OFFENSES AGAINST PUBLIC ORDER  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 09, 2011 6:32:17 PM

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I am in full support of SB 1424 prohibiting the confinement of a dog by tethering. The intentional long term restriction of any animal by chaining or tethering is cruel and unnecessary. It creates emotional problems for the dog and leads to aggressive behavior. Although it may be necessary to tether an animal for their own safety, the reason should never be for the sole purpose of extended restriction.

Some owners use tethering to prevent certain destructive behavior such as digging up the lawn or flower beds. Chaining is not a substitution for proper training; it is not a solution but rather causes additional psychological problems. It is the responsibility of every dog owner to tend to the proper needs of their dogs and it is our responsibility as animal lovers to advocate for their welfare.

Elizabeth O'Neill  
[eoinhi@gmail.com](mailto:eoinhi@gmail.com)

**From:** [Emily Hirao](#)  
**To:** [JDLTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Support SB 1424 RELATING TO OFFENSES AGAINST PUBLIC ORDER  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 09, 2011 8:01:24 PM

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Address to: Senator Clayton Hee & Members of the Committee on Judiciary & Labor

The tethering of dogs is not acceptable and the psychological damages it does is simply not moral.

The U. S. Department of Agriculture has *concluded that continuous confinement of dogs by a tether is inhumane. A tether significantly restricts a 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.*

More than 100 communities in more than 30 states have passed laws that regulate the practice of tethering animals.

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Emily Hirao

**From:** [Barbara Norton](#)  
**To:** [JDLTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Support SB 1424  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 09, 2011 4:55:01 PM

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Dear Senators,

Please support this bill and the humane treatment of dogs. It is heartbreaking to see the abuse so many animals must suffer at the hands of uninformed and negligent owners.

Barbara Norton  
nortonf001@hawaii.rr.com

**From:** [Erin Ushijima](#)  
**To:** [JDLTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Support SB 1424  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 09, 2011 9:22:17 PM

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I am emailing in support of SB 1424 and protecting our pets. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Erin Ushijima

**From:** [Feel Ideal](#)  
**To:** [JDLTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Support SB 1424  
**Date:** Thursday, February 10, 2011 7:05:57 AM

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- Dogs are naturally social beings who thrive on interaction with human beings and other animals.
- A dog kept chained in one spot for hours, days, months or even years suffers immense psychological damage.
- An otherwise friendly and docile dog, when kept continuously chained, becomes neurotic, unhappy, anxious and often aggressive.
- A chained animal is caught in a vicious cycle; frustrated by long periods of boredom and social isolation, he becomes a neurotic shell of his former self—further deterring human interaction and kindness.
- In the end, the helpless dog can only suffer the frustration of watching the world go by in isolation—a cruel fate for what is by nature a highly social animal. Any city, county, or state that bans this practice is a safer, more humane community.
- The U. S. Department of Agriculture issued a statement in the July 2, 1996, Federal Register against tethering:

*"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 a 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."*

- More than 100 communities in more than 30 states have passed laws that regulate the practice of tethering animals.

MAHALO!

From: [Janet Hyrne](#)  
To: [JDLTestimony](#)  
Subject: Support SB 1424  
Date: Wednesday, February 09, 2011 10:43:09 PM

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**Aloha!**

**I am writing to ask for your support of SBI424, Chaining Dogs. As a lifelong animal lover, it saddens me to know that there are dogs who are literally held prisoner throughout their lives, tethered to a short chain where they have no companionship and minimal exercise.**

**These social beings thrive on interaction with humans and other animals and suffer immense psychological damage from such isolation. Their frustration can result in neurotic, anxious, and aggressive behaviors, further alienating them.**

**More than 100 communities in 30 states have passed laws to prohibit the tethering of animals. I am writing to ask for your support of SBI424 and to join these communities to protect those animals that cannot protect themselves.**

**Sincerely,  
Janet Covington  
(808) 291-5321**

**From:** [Dawn Shaedon](#)  
**To:** [JDLTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Support SB1424!  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 09, 2011 9:33:43 PM

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To Senator Clayton Hee & Members of the Committee on Judiciary & Labor,

I support SB 1424, which would make it illegal to tie up a dog under certain conditions.

Thank you for your consideration,

Dawn Shaedon  
250 Ohua Ave, 3B  
Honolulu, HI 96815  
(808) 203-3804



**From:** [Mary Morioka](#)  
**To:** [JDLTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Support Senate Bill 1424 Relating to Offenses Against Public Order  
**Date:** Thursday, February 10, 2011 8:25:43 AM

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Please put in place enough monies to enforce this. Can there be a citizen's blog to help identify offenders to help educate and impress change?

## Chaining Dogs (Senate Bill 1424)

This bill will make it illegal to tie up a dog on a chain that's less than 6 feet long or use a chain that's more than 10% of the dog's weight. A swivel must be on one end or the other.

**From:** [Pamela Nichol](#)  
**To:** [JDLTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Supporting SB 1424  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 09, 2011 7:48:09 PM

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Please include my vote for the passing of SB1424 - Chaining Dogs Illegally.

Pamela Nichol  
3617 Diamond Head Road  
Honolulu HI 96816  
738 7787

Testimony in Support of SB 1424 RELATING TO OFFENSES AGAINST PUBLIC ORDER

To: Senator Clayton Hee & Members of the Committee on Judiciary & Labor

From: Justin D. Levinson, Kaneohe, HI

Dear Senator Hee and Committee Members:

I write in support of SB 1424. This bill is an important step that will allow animals to avoid physical and even serious psychological damage. Tethering dogs is inhuman and unnecessary, and creates dogs that become a neurotic shell of their former selves

More than 100 communities in more than 30 states have passed laws that regulate the practice of tethering animals. Please help us join this growing group of evolved states that place reasonable limits and responsibilities on dog owners.

Thank you kindly.

Sincerely,

Justin D. Levinson  
Kaneohe/Ahuimanu

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**Subject:** Testimony for SB1025 on 2/10/2011 10:15:00 AM  
**Date:** Thursday, February 10, 2011 6:50:02 AM

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Testimony for JDL 2/10/2011 10:15:00 AM SB1025

Conference room: 016  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
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Submitted on: 2/10/2011

Comments:

The Twenty-Sixth Legislature  
The Senate  
Committee on Judiciary and Labor  
February 10, 2011

Testimony by  
Hawaii Fire Fighters Association

S.B. No. 1025          Relating to the Penal Code

My name is Robert H. Lee and I am the President of the Hawaii Fire Fighters Association, Local 1463, IAFF, AFL-CIO. HFFA represents the 2,800 active and retired professional fire fighters throughout the State. HFFA strongly supports S.B. No. 1025, Relating to the Penal Code.

As first responders, Hawaii's fire fighters respond to a multitude of incidents. As unbelievable and unfortunate as it is, there have been occasions where fire fighters have been threatened and physically confronted by individuals when responding to incidents.

HFFA supports S.B. No. 1025. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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**Date:** Wednesday, February 09, 2011 9:07:17 PM

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Testimony for JDL 2/10/2011 10:15:00 AM SB1424

Conference room: 016  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
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Submitted on: 2/9/2011

Comments:

Research has shown that dogs tethered for long periods become neurotic, anxious, and aggressive. Many of the dog bites have resulted from tethered dogs. These dogs become not adoptable because of the aggression, and most are kept outside day and night, but do not receive heartworm preventive, so most are heartworm positive, and have to be put down, further adding to Hawaii's high euthanasia rate.  
Thank you

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**Cc:** [ejnuuanu@hotmail.com](mailto:ejnuuanu@hotmail.com)  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB1424 on 2/10/2011 10:15:00 AM  
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Testimony for JDL 2/10/2011 10:15:00 AM SB1424

Conference room: 016  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
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Organization: Individual  
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Submitted on: 2/9/2011

Comments:

PLEASE PASS THIS IMPORTANT BILL. DOGS NEED TO BE TETHERED IN DANGEROUS SITUATIONS TO PROTECT THEM, SINCE THEY CANNOT DO IT THEMSELVES

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Testimony for JDL 2/10/2011 10:15:00 AM SB1424

Conference room: 016  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: Yes  
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Committee on Judiciary and Labor  
Senator Clayton Hee, Chair  
Senator Maile Shimabukuro, Vice Chair

Thursday, Feb. 10, 2011  
10:15 am  
Conference Room 016  
State Capitol

SB 1424  
Position:support

I am Cathy Goeggel, President of Animal Rights Hawai'i. We have received dozens of complaints over the years from people concerned about the well being of dogs tied out - on ropes, chains, affixed to dog houses, truck tires, logs, under cars, tractors, buses ...

We have photographed dogs in many places around O'ahu- Maili, Kaimuki, Waimanalo, Waianae-- and the Hawaiian Humane Society has responded that they were unable to protect the chained dogs, and that our suggestions were not enforceable--even though our suggested regulations have been implemented in California- a much larger, more diverse state.

We feel that the agency which enforces the state cruelty law on O'ahu and receives taxpayer monies to do that- should be the lead on providing legal protection for dogs and indeed other animals kept as companions.

We hope that our legislature will forward this bill.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Goeggel

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Testimony for JDL 2/10/2011 10:15:00 AM SB1424

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Submitted on: 2/9/2011

Comments:



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Testimony for JDL 2/10/2011 10:15:00 AM SB1424

Conference room: 016  
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Submitted on: 2/9/2011

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Testimony in Support of SB 1424 RELATING TO OFFENSES AGAINST PUBLIC ORDER

To: Senator Clayton Hee & Members of the Committee on Judiciary & Labor

From: Galit Levinson, Kaneohe, HI

Dear Senator Hee and Committee Members:

I write in support of SB 1424. This bill is an important step that will allow animals to avoid physical and even serious psychological damage. Tethering dogs is inhuman and unnecessary, and creates dogs that can become aggressive and add to public safety concerns.

More than 100 communities in more than 30 states have passed laws that regulate the practice of tethering animals. Please help us join this growing group of evolved states that place reasonable limits and responsibilities on dog owners.

Thank you kindly.

Sincerely,

Galit Levinson  
Kaneohe/Ahuimanu

**From:** [Barbara Tom](#)  
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HI,

My name is Barbara Tom and I am the owner of 3 dogs and a bird as well as many fish and a cat. I volunteer at the Hawaiian Humane Society in the Cat House and care deeply about cruelty to all animals. Because I care about animals I wish to testify in support of Senate Bill 1459 limiting chaining of dogs so they are not harmed. I am also in support of House Bill 1621 regarding stopping large scale puppy mills. The effort of the Humane Society for support of all laws and bills regarding animal health and well being is admirable and must be supported so that we have laws that protect helpless animals. Thank You!

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