

SB 1424

Testimony

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February 10, 2011

The Honorable Clayton Hee, Chair
and Members
Committee on Judiciary and Labor
The Senate
State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Hee and Members:

Subject: Senate Bill No. 1424, Relating to Offenses Against Public Order

I am Captain Nyle Dolera of District 4 (Kaneohe Police Station) of the Honolulu Police Department, City and County of Honolulu. The Honolulu Police Department opposes Senate Bill No. 1424, Relating to Offenses Against Public Order.

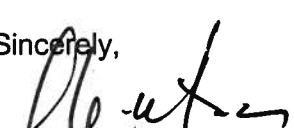
The bill, with its current language, will not be enforced as the police department is not trained or equipped to establish the various elements of this proposed offense.

Officers may also be required to enter private property and approach a vicious dog. Police officers receive no training with vicious dogs and are directed not to approach them.

The Honolulu Police Department strongly urges you to not pass Senate Bill No. 1424, Relating to Offenses Against Public Order.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,


NYLE K. DOLERA, Captain
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APPROVED:


for LOUIS M. KEALOHA
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To be heard on Thursday, February 10, 2011 at 10:15 a.m.

This is written testimony, which will be accompanied by oral testimony.



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February 8, 2011

Senator Clayton Hee, Chair
Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair
Committee on Judiciary and Labor

Re: Testimony on SB 1424

Dear Chair Hee, Vice Chair Shimabukuro and Members of the Committee on
Judiciary and Labor:

Hawaiian Humane Society supports the passage of SB 1424, which would make
it illegal to tie up a dog under certain conditions with exceptions. We believe
that the chain should never weigh more than 10 percent of the dog's weight and
be at least 6 feet in length. Even these circumstances are not ideal but they do set
minimum requirements for their welfare.

In 2009, the Society led a task force composed of a broad sector of pet-related
organizations that included, island humane societies, veterinarians and law
enforcement to develop guidelines for a successful bill that would benefit the
welfare of dogs, as well as be enforceable.

It is a proven fact that dogs chained for life suffer psychologically and pose a
public safety issue. In 1996 the US Department of Agriculture "concluded that
continuous confinement of dogs by a tether is inhumane". Dogs that are most
likely to bite are unneutered males that are chained for life.

We ask for your unwavering support of SB 1424.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Sincerely Yours,

Pamela Burns
President and CEO



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SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR

Wednesday February 10, 2011 10:15 a.m. Room 016

SB 1424 RELATING TO OFFENSES AGAINST PUBLIC ORDER.

Creates an offense of confinement of a dog by tethering under prescribed circumstances with certain exceptions and establishes mandatory fines. Effective 1/1/12.

Chairman Hee, Vice Chair Shimabukuro and Members of the Committee:

My name is Alan Gottlieb, and I am a rancher and the Government Affairs Chair for the Hawaii Cattlemen's Council. The Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Inc. (HCC) is the Statewide umbrella organization comprised of the five county level Cattlemen's Associations. Our 130+ member ranchers represent over 60,000 head of beef cows; more than 75% of all the beef cows in the State. Ranchers are the stewards of approximately 25% of the State's total land mass.

The Hawaii Cattlemen's Council **supports SB 1424 with one suggested change in language.**

Last year we had strong concerns about a similar bill, as it did not take into account the tethering of young dogs during training for livestock handling. The bill this year does take this into account. The only change we suggest is on Page 2, line 8, adding the words "or Livestock" to the end of the sentence, so it will read:

"...and provided further that a person is not prohibited from using these restraints or from restraining a dog under the age of six months while the dog is engaged in an activity, including training, that is directly related to shepherding or herding livestock, or when reasonably necessary for the safety of the dog or livestock."

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to testify in favor of this very important issue.

From: [Wendell Oda](#)
To: [JDLTestimony](#)
Subject: Senate Bill 1424
Date: Tuesday, February 08, 2011 4:55:29 PM
Importance: High

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

Please support of 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. There are many reasons I am in support of SBI424.

- 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.

Thank you for your attention.

Respectfully yours,

Wendell Oda

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From: [Nathan J. Francisco](#)
To: [JDLTestimony](#)
Subject: Please pass these bills!
Date: Wednesday, February 09, 2011 9:21:15 AM

Please pass these bills!

Regulation of Large Scale Breeding Operations (House Bill 1621)

Prohibition of Body Crushing Traps (House Bill 579)

HB 108. Prohibition of Dog Fighting and prohibits placing bets, use of bait dogs, fighting equipment and attendance of fights.

HB 243. Aims to strengthen Hawaii's Animal Cruelty Law related to killing of pet animals.

SB 700. Addresses overpopulation by prohibiting pet shops from selling unsterilized cats.

SB 727. Addresses force feeding birds for foie gras production.

SB 733 & HB 579. Prohibits use of traps that are cruel.

HB 1171. Criminalizes attending animal fights.

HB 1596. Establishes a Hawaii State Dog Appreciation Day.

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From: [Mae Okawa](#)
To: [JDLTestimony](#)
Subject: Re: Against abused, chained dogs
Date: Wednesday, February 09, 2011 9:47:30 AM

Dear Members of the Legislature,

I am against chaining of dogs with chains less than 6 feet long or is heavier than 10% of the dog's body weight.

Chains also MUST HAVE a swivel at the end of the chain. Dogs should not be chained for LONG PERIODS OF TIME, due to psychological and physiological damage to the poor, helpless dog. HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE CHAINED ALL DAY LONG? This is "torture" and "abuse". This has to be stopped.

Thank you.
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From: [Jocelyn Bouchard](#)
To: [JDLTestimony](#)
Subject: SB 1424
Date: Wednesday, February 09, 2011 8:40:42 AM
Attachments: [SB 1424.pdf](#)

Aloha, I have attached testimony here in support of SB 1424. Thank you for the opportunity to testify in this matter.

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From: Robert.W.Ewen@uscg.mil on behalf of [Ewen, Robert](#)
To: [JDLTestimony](#)
Subject: Senate Bill 1424
Date: Wednesday, February 09, 2011 9:39:48 AM

Good Day:

I request that you support the passage of Senate Bill 1424.

This Bill will be beneficial in regulating the practice of tethering animals and hopefully establishing a baseline for the prosecution of offenders.

Thank you,

Bob Ewen

From: Lori@ShakaDog
To: [JDLTestimony](#)
Subject: Support SB 1424
Date: Tuesday, February 08, 2011 4:47:10 PM

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

Please support of 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. There are many reasons I am in support of SB1424.

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.

Respectfully yours,

Lori Brown

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From: Merwitte@aol.com
To: [JDLTestimony](#)
Subject: Please support SB 1424
Date: Tuesday, February 08, 2011 11:42:48 PM

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

Please support SB 1424 which helps dogs that are kept on chains. These requests, made in the name of the dogs, are reasonable and will help them live more humanely.

Thank you very much for advocating for those that can not speak for themselves.

Aloha, Selene Mersereau, Kailua, HI.

From: [Julie DeNucci](#)
To: [JDLTestimony](#)
Subject: Support SB 1424 RELATING TO OFFENSES AGAINST PUBLIC ORDER
Date: Wednesday, February 09, 2011 7:08:10 AM

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

For the reasons listed below, I am in support of 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.
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Thank you for your time and service.

Julie DeNucci

From: [Linda Kuribayashi](#)
To: [JDLTestimony](#)
Subject: Support SB 1424
Date: Wednesday, February 09, 2011 10:06:31 AM

I fully support the bill which makes it illegal to tie up a dog on a chain less than 6 feet long or be shackled to a chain more than 10% of it's weight. When you tie a dog up for long periods without room to exercise, it can change a dog from friendly and gentle to aggressive and neurotic. Dogs are very social animals and need both attention and exercise. A bored and frustrated dog tends to be noisy, anxious, and sometimes aggressive. As the Aloha state, we should extend this sense of community to our four-legged companions.

Sincerely, Linda Kuribayashi

From: Sharon Miyashita
To: JDL Testimony
Subject: Chaining Dogs (Senate Bill 1424)
Date: Wednesday, February 09, 2011 6:45:58 AM

Any act against an animal deemed cruel must be stopped, NOW. Why is this even up for debate? The key word here is "CRUELTY". It's by the stroke of your pen that this bill can become law. It's an easy answer on how this should be voted on.

Regards,

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From: [Schmus](#)
To: [JDLTestimony](#)
Subject: SB 1424
Date: Tuesday, February 08, 2011 5:35:13 PM

Please pass this bill re: dog chaining regulations. There is entirely too much animal abuse in Hawaii- killing peacocks, mutilating dogs for pig hunting, cock fighting- this is a chance to show that this state is humane. Carol Schmus

From: [Mike Benes](#)
To: [JDLTestimony](#)
Subject: SB1424
Date: Tuesday, February 08, 2011 8:13:22 PM

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

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Respectfully yours,

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From: [melanie_johnson](#)
To: [JDLTestimony](#)
Subject: SB 1424
Date: Tuesday, February 08, 2011 6:26:01 PM

My husband, retired veterinarian and practicing family physician, Dr. Gary Johnson (medical director of Mountain Pacific Quality Health) and I, Melanie Johnson, a retired registered nurse and owner of a rescued Cavalier King Charles Spaniel, are begging you to support any and all legislation that criminalizes people who cause harm to animals. Please support SB 1424 so Hawaii can join other states who are civilized enough to consider the health and well being of our wonderful pets. Aloha,
Melanie Johnson

From: [ginger.edmunds](#)
To: [JDLTestimony](#)
Subject: Senate Bill 1424
Date: Wednesday, February 09, 2011 10:03:35 AM

I am in favor and implore you to pass this bill. It has been proven that there is a direct correlation between animal abuse and human violence.

Please support this bill.

Thank you,
Ginger Edmunds

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From: [The Rev. Prof. Gregory Johnson](#)
To: [JDLTestimony](#)
Subject: SB 1424
Date: Wednesday, February 09, 2011 5:53:12 AM

To Whom It May Concern

I support SB 1424!

- 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.

PLEASE pass this legislation. Mahalo!



From: Hawaiidoves2@aol.com
To: [JDLTestimony](#)
Subject: Senate Bill 1424
Date: Tuesday, February 08, 2011 7:54:32 PM

To whom it may concern,

I am in support of Bill 1424. It is cruel to have a dog chained up for long periods of time, especially on a short leash.

Dennis Nakashima
Kaneohe, Hawaii.

From: [Shannon Miyazaki](#)
To: [JDLTestimony](#)
Subject: Senate Bill 1424
Date: Tuesday, February 08, 2011 5:51:53 PM

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

I fully support Senate Bill 1424, for “confinement of a dog by tethering.” I strongly urge the committee to please pass this bill.

Dogs are innocent living beings that provide unconditional love, loyalty, companionship, and care. Dogs are also highly social animals that crave interaction and attention. Too often dogs are chained to one spot while their owners are at work or play and some dogs never see the outside of the garage or backyard. This is completely inhumane. Studies have shown that dogs suffer extreme psychological damage as a result of being chained inappropriately and for extended periods of time. I have seen first-hand how a dog’s disposition can change dramatically as a result of being chained. They become sad, anxious, and even dangerously aggressive. Animals are no different from humans in that we must always treat them with compassion and respect.

Please pass Senate Bill 1424. If I can provide any further support of this bill, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Shannon Miyazaki

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From: [jacqueline_just](#)
To: [JDLTestimony](#)
Subject: Senate Bill 1424
Date: Wednesday, February 09, 2011 8:54:06 AM

Senator Clayton Hee and Members of the Committee on Judiciary and Labor
I support SB 1424 to make it illegal to tie up a dog under certain conditions, that being a chain that is less than 6 feet long and more than 10% of the dog's weight. Also requireing a swivel on one or the other end is important for safety and welfare. A dog that is cahined in one spot for hours, days, months, years suffer immense psychological damage and suffering. A dog that might otherwise be happy and friendly, when kept continuously chained, becaomes neurotic, anxious and often aggressive. A chained animal is frustrated by long periods of boredom and often neglected, socially isolated and this is cruel! The US Department of Agriculture had concluded that continuous confinement of a tethered dog, restricts movement and can becaome tangled or hooked around the dog causing injury or death!!! Please catch up with more than 100 communities in 30 states that have passed laws regulating tethering of animals.

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From: [Michelle Manes](#)
To: [JDLTestimony](#)
Subject: Support SB 1424
Date: Wednesday, February 09, 2011 9:53:48 AM

I know that you have likely received several messages focusing on the same points about chaining of dogs. So I will add just a personal anecdote to the mix.

I have a medium-sized mixed breed dog. I walk her around my neighborhood three times a day, and we know most of the other dogs around. There was a house nearby that recently acquired two lovely puppies, which looked like lab mixes. The pups were kept chained to a tree in the yard, near a staircase.

Once when I walked by, the dogs had completely wrapped each other up in the chain, to the point where one of the dogs could not put his rear leg down, and it was clear that the circulation was being cut off. He was in danger of being seriously injured. I tried to get the attention of someone in the house, but wasn't able to. I finally went into the yard, unchained the dogs, untwisted the chain, and then (it broke my heart to do this) chained them back up. Another day, a friend walked by and saw one of the dogs dangling over the side of the staircase being choked by the chain. She, too, had to enter the yard to save the dog from serious injury or death.

When these dogs first arrived, they were happy and playful. They would run to the fence and greet passersby. I would often stop to pet them, but would stop when I noticed they were covered in their own feces (unable to do what dogs prefer... eliminate far from where they sleep and eat). They wagged their tails and bounded about to the best of their abilities. But it was clear that the more they bounded about, the more pain they were caused by the chain. So these happy, playful dogs turned into sad and sullen creatures within a matter of just weeks. They no longer greeted me when I walked by, nor showed any interest in each other. Eventually, one of the dogs ran away (given a split second off the chain, he never turned back), and I now no longer see the other dog in the yard either.

It is clear that owners who treat their dogs in this manner are not responsible. It is detrimental to the dogs (and to the neighborhood, as not all dogs become sullen when chained... many become overly aggressive, endangering local children and other animals). In addition, chaining dogs provides absolutely *no benefit* to the human owners, so there is no reason in the world to preserve the "right" of owners to treat their dogs in this inhumane manner. I hope you will vote for the obvious correct choice, supporting Senate Bill 1424 and preventing such a clear-cut case of animal cruelty.

Best regards,

Michelle Manes

From: [Sharon Price](#)
To: [JDLTestimony](#)
Subject: SB 1424 - Support
Date: Tuesday, February 08, 2011 9:36:28 PM

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

Thank you,

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From: [Kyle Kennedy](#)
To: [JDLTestimony](#)
Subject: Senate Bill 1424
Date: Wednesday, February 09, 2011 9:13:16 AM

My name is Kyle Kauilaokalani Kennedy and I support Senate Bill 1424 which would prohibit a dog being chained on an apparatus less than six feet in length. Mahalo and Aloha
Kyle Kennedy

From: [Starr Dods](#)
To: [JDLTestimony](#)
Subject: Support SB 1424
Date: Tuesday, February 08, 2011 2:52:18 PM

Aloha,

I am writing in my support of SB 1424 for every loving dog out there who became frustrated, bored and aggressive because they were kept chained in one spot, isolated without human interaction and kindness.

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

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To: [JDLTestimony](#)
Subject: Senate Bill 1424
Date: Wednesday, February 09, 2011 9:51:29 AM

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

Chaining a dog on a short chain or one that is more than 10% of its body weight would cause a dog to suffer. I urge you to pass this important bill to be more humane to dogs.

Thank you,
Steve Kim

From: [Lindsay Anderson](#)
To: [JDLTestimony](#)
Subject: Senate Bill 1424
Date: Wednesday, February 09, 2011 9:28:30 AM

I am in full support of SB 1424 to make it illegal to chain dogs for hours, days or even months at a time. These are live animals that deserve loving homes.

From: [Andrea Chow](#)
To: [JDLTestimony](#)
Subject: Bill 1424
Date: Tuesday, February 08, 2011 9:26:00 PM

I support the Bill 1424.

Aloha,
Andrea Chow

From: [Scott Dodd](#)
To: [JDLTestimony](#)
Subject: Chaining Dogs (Senate Bill 14)
Date: Tuesday, February 08, 2011 6:04:09 PM

Dear Senator Hee:

This bill needs to pass! Please help.

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

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From: [Janine Law](#)
To: [JDLTestimony](#)
Subject: Chaining Dogs (Senate Bill 1424)
Date: Wednesday, February 09, 2011 9:39:45 AM

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

Please consider this our request for you to support Senate bill 1424

Chaining dogs is torture to an animal

It is heartbreaking to see this type of pet owner do this to multiple animals and any power given to animal protection agencies to stop this is long overdue.

Thank you,
David and Janine Law
Kaaawa, HI

From: [Nathan J. Francisco](#)
To: [JDLTestimony](#)
Subject: Chaining Dogs (Senate Bill 1424)
Date: Wednesday, February 09, 2011 9:12:21 AM

"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."

To whom in may concern,

Please pass this bill! Dogs are not products, they're living, breathing creatures.. and most importantly, family members.

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From: [J. M. Clark](#)
To: [JDLTestimony](#)
Cc: [Fujimori Randy](#)
Subject: Chaining dogs. Support SB 1424.
Date: Wednesday, February 09, 2011 9:52:59 AM

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Please make the laws strong enough to protect dogs from the awful tethering methods and duration some people use. 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.

Thank you from those who cannot speak for themselves.

Janet Clark and Randy Fujimori.

From: [Joyce DeBos](#)
To: [JDLTestimony](#)
Subject: Chaining Dogs
Date: Wednesday, February 09, 2011 8:34:22 AM

Aloha:

My name is Joyce, and I worked with a very responsible person in the Advertising Business. He had (2) dogs, and they both died. He asked me for (2) of my puppies that were born about 5 weeks earlier, but the puppies weren't quite ready to leave their mother. When my co-workers heard about him asking me for the puppies they were quite concerned. His dogs did not die a regular death of old age, they had been chained up and had strangled themselves trying to get unchoked. Obviously I did not let him have my puppies, but what I thought was unbelievable was that he had his dogs so chained that they killed each other trying to get unchained. Please stop this action, of allowing people to be so stupid.

Mahalo,
Joyce Mehringer-DeBos

From: [Ted Greenwald](#)
To: [JDLTestimony](#)
Subject: dog chaining
Date: Tuesday, February 08, 2011 5:53:53 PM

Aloha,

We strongly support Senate Bill 1424 as a minimum protection for dog safety. To hold dogs in chains that are so restrictive to their movements can amount to torture and is certainly cruel punishment for innocent animals. Just like people who are held in confinement, prison unjustly, a normally friendly, well adjusted animal can be transformed into a frightened, hostile and potentially dangerous animal if treated this way.

We need to use common sense and humanity in relating to those animals that are in our care. Common decency should be the rule....and in fact, should be law. If we cannot rely on the goodness of our citizens to do treat animals humanely, it is the responsibility of the state to protect these innocent creatures from harm. To force a dog to be cruelly restricted, or to carry the burden of an excessively heavy chain, and one that can in itself harm a dog is horrible. Our community should join with the 30 other states and outlaw this barbaric treatment of dogs.

It is unimaginable that anyone would vote against this bill and side with those that would treat innocent dogs in such a cruel way.

Thank you for considering our comments. We hope that you will all do the right thing and vote on the side of humane treatment of animals.

Jo and Ted Greenwald
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From: [Colin K. Perry](#)
To: [JDLTestimony](#)
Subject: FW: Support SB 1424 RELATING TO OFFENSES AGAINST PUBLIC ORDER
Date: Tuesday, February 08, 2011 8:04:54 PM

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

I support SB 1424.

Having seen firsthand here in Ewa Beach the results of literally dozens of permanently chained dogs over the last ten years, I can unequivocally state that the result is a disaster for the dogs and the neighbors that live around them.

While the dogs are chained, they give a loud and frantic response to pedestrians that walk by the property they are confined on. When they periodically escape their confinement, they are a menace to people and other pets they encounter.

We don't allow animals to be treated this way in our zoos and I don't believe we should allow our citizens to either.

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From: Jim & Ellyn Kingsmill
To: JDLEstimony
Subject: Fwd: Support Senate Bill 1424
Date: Wednesday, February 09, 2011 6:01:48 AM

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From: **Bonnie Osaki** <bosaki@hawaiianhumane.org>
Date: Tue, Feb 8, 2011 at 4:12 PM
Subject: Support Senate Bill 1424
To: Courtney Osaki <courtney.osaki@gmail.com>, Chris Osaki <chris@hawaiianislandsolar.com>, Mike Benes <mike@hawaiianislandsolar.com>, Loren Osaki <loren.osaki@gmail.com>, scoutinghawaii@gmail.com, Wendell Oda <Wendell_Oda@hmsa.com>, Jack Bates <jbates@olelo.org>, Lisa Barton <Mrs.L.Barton@gmail.com>

To my dear friends and family,

Please help the animals and let our policy makers know you are in favor of Senate Bill 1424! Chaining dogs for hours and days on end is SO MEAN!!!! The deadline for testimony is tomorrow, Wednesday, February 9!!! **ACK!!!**

To save you time, I've drafted a simple template below for you to edit. **Add your name to the bottom and mail your edited letter to JDLEstimony@Capitol.hawaii.gov.**

Thanks!!

Bons

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Respectfully yours,

Jim & Ellyn Kingsmill

From: [Lisa Giesick](#)
To: [JDL Testimony](#)
Subject: H.B. 1576 / Senate Bill 1424
Date: Tuesday, February 08, 2011 10:26:29 PM

I am writing on behalf of Senate Bill 1424. I am in favor of this bill at the very minimum. I am currently a Certified Professional Dog Trainer, and have spent the last 22 years of my life working with dogs. I spent 16 of those years in animal welfare. I spent 8 years as a Humane Investigator and 5 years as an Animal Control Officer. The other years I did humane education and animal behavior. I have met thousands of dogs in my career that have suffered the ill effects of being chained. Many have injured themselves, sometimes hanging themselves which led to their death.

A study by the Centers for Disease Control, "Which Dogs Bite?" found that chained dogs are 2.8 times more likely to bite. The dogs most likely to bite are male, unneutered, and chained. <http://www.cdc.gov/ncipc/duip/dogbites.htm>

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In 1997, the United States Department of Agriculture ruled that people and organizations regulated by the Animal Welfare Act cannot keep dogs continuously chained, "The dog-tethering rule is designed to prevent the practice of permanently tethering dogs and not allowing them proper exercise as specified under the Animal Welfare Act."

http://www.aphis.usda.gov/publications/animal_welfare/content/printable_version/fs_awnwera.pdf

According to Delise's study of fatal dog attacks from 1965-2001, 25% were inflicted by chained dogs of different breeds. Another 17% involved dogs roaming off their property (some of these roaming dogs had broken their chains.) Unaltered male dogs are the most likely to attack. <http://www.fataldogattacks.com/default.asp>

"A fatal dog attack is always the culmination of past and present events that include: inherited and learned behaviors, genetics, breeding, socialization, function of the dog, physical condition and size of the dog, reproductive status of dog, popularity of breed, individual temperament, environmental stresses, owner responsibility, victim behavior, victim size and physical condition, timing and misfortune."

I have seen the quality of life first hand with dogs that are chained. It is a sad travesty that in a free nation, we allow this to occur. Some dogs spend their entire lives like this. This is wrong, and dangerous. It is not only a miserable life for the dog, but is a safety issue for humans as well. This is not only a quality of life issue for dogs, but it poses potential risks for the humans around them.

This bill is a good first step. However, I would like to see the penalties higher as that is what seems to change human behavior.

Please support this bill that will legalize the inhumane tethering of dogs. It is already in place in California and 30 other states.

Mahalo for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Lisa L. Giesick

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"A tired dog is a well behaved dog"

From: [Lisa Barton](#)
To: [JDLTestimony](#)
Subject: Humane Treatment Please!
Date: Tuesday, February 08, 2011 9:55:59 PM

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Respectfully yours,
Mrs. Lisa Barton

From: [David Watson](#)
To: [JDLTestimony](#)
Subject: I support SB 1424
Date: Tuesday, February 08, 2011 9:46:50 PM

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From: [Jerry Blue](#)
To: [JDLTestimony](#)
Subject: I support SB 1424!
Date: Wednesday, February 09, 2011 10:01:40 AM

SUBJ Header: Support SB 1424 RELATING TO OFFENSES AGAINST
PUBLIC ORDER
Deadline: Wednesday, Feb. 9
Address to: Senator Clayton Hee & Members of the Committee on Judiciary
& Labor

I support SB 1424!

Mahalo!
Jerry Blue

From: [Pam](#)
To: [JDLTestimony](#)
Subject: I support SB 1424, which would make it illegal to tie up a dog under certain conditions.
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From: alohaashley93@aim.com
To: [JDLTestimony](#)
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From: [Denise Haga](#)
To: [JDLTestimony](#)
Subject: I support Senate Bill 1424
Date: Wednesday, February 09, 2011 10:10:35 AM

Please support this bill. Animals have no voice. Support them by supporting the passage of this bill.

Thanks,
Denise Haga

From: [Patrick Kennedy](#)
To: [JDLTestimony](#)
Subject: In support of SB 1424
Date: Wednesday, February 09, 2011 4:46:55 AM

Senator Yee,

In an effort to make our society one that protects and respects all life, I urge you to move forward with SB 1424.

Sincerely,

Patrick Kennedy

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From: [Vernon Ling](#)
To: [JDLTestimony](#)
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Respectfully yours,

Vernon Ling

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From: [James&Camille McConnell](#)
To: [JDLTestimony](#)
Date: Tuesday, February 08, 2011 7:07:55 PM

I am writing in support of Bill 1424. Chaining dogs for *any length of time is barbaric!*

From: [Hui Ilio](#)
To: [JDLTestimony](#)
Subject: Please support Senate Bill 1424
Date: Tuesday, February 08, 2011 8:16:37 PM

To: Senator Clayton Hee & Members of the Committee on Judiciary & Labor
Please support SB 1424. Dogs that are kept chained suffer from isolation and at the very least become anxious, but at worst, become aggressive. Dogs deserve better treatment than this. They deserve to be comfortable and able to move around without getting choked to death. This bill is not strong enough, but it's a start. Thank your for your support.

Elaine Dobashi
386*3821

From: [Kayla Economou](#)
To: [JDLTestimony](#)
Subject: PLEASE Support the Senate Bill 1424!
Date: Tuesday, February 08, 2011 10:17:39 PM

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From: [Sharon Price](#)
To: [JDLTestimony](#)
Subject: SB 1424 - Support
Date: Tuesday, February 08, 2011 9:36:28 PM

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Thank you,

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From: [Cheryl Minato](#)
To: [JDLTestimony](#)
Subject: SB 1424 Relating to Offenses Against Public Order - TESTIMONY
Date: Tuesday, February 08, 2011 5:02:49 PM

SB 1424
Relating To Offenses Against Public Order

Dogs; Tethering

Creates an offense of confinement of a dog by tethering under prescribed circumstances with certain exceptions and establishes mandatory fines. Effective 1/1/12.

Dear Senator Clayton Hee, Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro and Members of the Committee on Judiciary and Labor:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony. I strongly ask for your support in the passage of 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, years suffers immense psychological damage; causing an otherwise friendly and docile dog to become neurotic, unhappy, anxious and often aggressive.

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Mahalo,
Cheryl Minato
Honolulu

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To: [JDLTestimony](#)
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From: [Dara Perreira](#)
To: [JDLTestimony](#)
Subject: SB1424 - I support!
Date: Tuesday, February 08, 2011 7:57:37 PM

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4. More than 30 states already have some type of law related to chaining a dog.

Can we please make this simple bill a reality. We need to teach compassion and responsibility in our communities.

Thank you for considering my plea.

Sincerely,

Dara Perreira

808-342-3241

1150 Kakala St. #1007

Kapolei, HI 96707

February 8, 2011

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From: [Melissa](#)
To: [JDLTestimony](#)
Subject: SB1424 Relating to Offenses Against Public Order
Date: Wednesday, February 09, 2011 9:30:52 AM

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

I am a long-time dog owner, Applied Bioarchaeologist, and former police officer and I strongly ask you to approve SB1424, specifically relating to tethering dogs. Canines, like humans, are social creatures and need to be able to move around as freely as possible. Just as you wouldn't develop normally physically or psychologically if you were tied up all day every day, neither do canines. A dog chained up 24/7 cannot develop the social skills needed to be a balanced animal that can be trusted around people, especially children and other dogs. This becomes a serious public health risk that can easily be prevented by limiting, by law, the amount of time and the method by which dogs can be tethered daily. There are too many instances where dogs have chains actually growing into their flesh, requiring surgery to remove these chains. This is utterly cruel and inhumane treatment! I understand that animals need to be controlled and confined so they don't roam around freely, crossing the streets or otherwise causing dangerous situations. However, their confinement must be humane and reasonable, just as our prisoners are to be held in confinement in a humane manner. When a society treats murderers better than our own pets, that society has become brutal and barbaric. This is already happening and we turn a blind eye to it claiming the issue to too difficult to address. Enough with the excuses!! YOU have the authority and the DUTY to not only address this situation but to find a reasonable solution to it that will be fair to the animals and their owners. People who aren't willing to ease the suffering of their own animals should be banned from owning them. It's as simple as that. Other states are tough on owners so it's time Hawai'i step up to the plate and be anti-cruelty instead of anti-pet. Get this done!

Mahalo for your time,
M.L. Ka'akau-Delizo, MA
Āewa Consulting
Ewa Beach, HI

From: [Lyn Pendragon](#)
To: [JDLTestimony](#)
Subject: SB1424
Date: Wednesday, February 09, 2011 2:09:11 AM

Greetings Senator Hee and Members of the Committee on Judiciary and Labor,

We would like to express our very strong support of SB1424, to prevent dogs from being tied up or chained under certain conditions.

Although this message is brief, the brevity of it should not in any way be construed as less than full support of the measure.

Thank you for considering our views on this, and we look forward to hearing that the measure passed.

Sincerely,

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Pendragon

From: [James&Camille McConnell](#)
To: [JDLTestimony](#)
Subject: Bill 1424
Date: Tuesday, February 08, 2011 7:15:52 PM

Senator Hee:

I completely support Bill 1424. It's 'inhuman' to chain dogs for 'any' period of time. This Bill is long past due.....

Camille McConnell
860 Halekauwila Street #1711
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

February 8th 2011

From: [CARMA BAMBER](#)
To: [JDLTestimony](#)
Subject: Senate Bill 1424 -- Chaining of Dogs
Date: Tuesday, February 08, 2011 6:49:39 PM
Importance: High

Dear Sir:

As a lifelong animal lover and a retired woman of 69, who has given many hundreds of hours of volunteer work to the Hawaiian Humane Society and Hui 'Ilio Hawaii, I am writing to voice my WHOLEHEARTED SUPPORT of SB 1424. It is time we treated our four-legged friends with the same dignity and respect that we treat our human companions.

Thank you for your attention to this important issue.

Sincerely,

Carma L. Bamber
Hawaii Kai

From: [Dsblovesea](#)
To: [JDLTestimony](#)
Subject: Senate Bill 1424
Date: Tuesday, February 08, 2011 4:53:48 PM

Dear Senator Clayton Hee and Members of the Committee on Judiciary & Labor,
Please support of 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. There are many reasons I am in support of SBI424.

- 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.
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- 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.

Respectfully yours,
Dakotah Bridges

From: johnna.jacobsen
To: [JDLTestimony](#)
Subject: Senator Clayton Hee & Members of the Committee on Judiciary & Labor
Date: Tuesday, February 08, 2011 6:31:11 PM

Dear 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, and I hope you do as well.

Animals deserve our respect and our kindness. They deserve to be kept in humane conditions with adequate food, water, shelter, and room to run around and play. They do not deserve to be penned, chained, or confined in areas too small or too restrictive.

- A dog kept chained in one spot for hours, days, months or even years suffers immense psychological damage.
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A society should be judged on how well their animals are treated. Please help Hawaii set a humane example for the rest of the world.

Sincerely,

Johnna Jacobsen
PO BOX 792
Haleiwa, HI 96712

808-637-9418

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"A rich person is not necessarily the one with a lot of money. It is the one who really has a lot to be grateful for: nature, the company of other people, the capacity to enjoy a good book, and an understanding of philosophy. The more things for which you develop a fondness, the richer the life you live."

Jorgen Carlsen

From: [Judy Barrett](#)
To: [JDLTestimony](#)
Subject: Support SB 1424 RELATING TO OFFENSES AGAINST PUBLIC ORDER
Date: Tuesday, February 08, 2011 5:22:24 PM

I urge you to support SB 1424 to restrict tethering of dogs. I only wish the bill were more restrictive. Too many people see nothing wrong with tying a dog up in an yard where he gets no exercise, may wind himself around a pole or tree and not be able to unwind, and too often not be able to escape the Hawaiian sun. It's cruel and unnecessary. These dogs tend to bark unnecessarily and develop neurotic and, often, aggressive behavior.

This practice is now recognized by the US Department of Agriculture as inhumane. The Aloha State was one of the last states in the union to outlaw the cruel practice of cock fighting. PLEASE let us not be among the last to outlaw the cruel practice of tethering dogs.

Thank you,
Judy Barrett
REALTOR
527 Paopua Place
Kailua, HI 96734
808-263-0250 - voice

From: [Peter Trombi](#)
To: [JDLTestimony](#)
Subject: Support SB 1424
Date: Wednesday, February 09, 2011 6:23:26 AM

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.

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

Peter Trombi
Associate Dean
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From: [Jeanne Teleja](#)
To: [JDLTestimony](#)
Subject: support for bill 1424
Date: Wednesday, February 09, 2011 9:29:13 AM

Sen. Hee and committee members,
I am writing in support of SB 1424 to regulate chaining of dogs. I don't think the bill goes far enough though and would ask that you ADD language that makes it illegal to chain ANY animal continuously for more than a few hours. It doesn't matter how long or heavy the chain is if an animal is chained for its whole life like the dogs in my neighborhood. And heaven help us when they break the chain as has happened several times. The dogs are insane at that point and especially the pit bull in our neighborhood is especially dangerous when he has gotten off the chain. I feel so bad for this animal and the others like him but am even more afraid of when he gets loose. This is no way to live--for us or for them.
Please support this bill and add stronger language about the length of time an animal can be chained or caged up at all. Thank you!

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: [Natalie Lukashevsky](#)
To: [JDLTestimony](#)
Subject: Support for SB 1424
Date: Tuesday, February 08, 2011 3:28:29 PM

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.

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Thank you for your consideration,
Natalie Lukashevsky

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Honolulu, HI 96822
497-6808

From: [Paul Stankiewicz](#)
To: [JDLTestimony](#)
Cc: nahele@yahoo.com
Subject: Support of SB 1424
Date: Wednesday, February 09, 2011 5:22:01 AM

Dear Senator Hee and Members of the Committee on Judiciary and Labor,

Please vote for SB 1424 which provides more humane conditions for the tethering of dogs in Hawaii.

Mahalo,

Paul & Judith Stankiewicz

95-125 Kaalolo Place

Mililani, HI 96789

623-5039

From: [Debra Bringman](#)
To: [JDLTestimony](#)
Subject: Support of SB1424
Date: Monday, February 07, 2011 11:07:01 AM

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**RELATING TO OFFENSES AGAINST
PUBLIC ORDER.**

Creates an offense of confinement of a dog by tethering under prescribed circumstances with certain exceptions and establishes mandatory fines. Effective 1/1/12.

I'm in support of this bill. Tethering dogs with a rope or a chain that is less than 6 feet long is cruel.

Debra Bringman

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From: [Chris Osaki](#)
To: [JDLTestimony](#)
Subject: Support of Senate Bill 1424
Date: Wednesday, February 09, 2011 8:58:26 AM

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

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

Respectfully yours,
Chris Osaki

From: Spikecat1@aol.com
To: [JDLTestimony](#)
Subject: Support SB 1424 relating to offenses against public order
Date: Monday, February 07, 2011 7:16:41 PM

Dear Senator Clayton Hee (Chairman) and Judiciary and Labor Committee Members,

We are writing in support of Senate Bill 1424 which ensures that owners who use tethering as a means of restraining a dog, do so in a humane and safe matter. The law requires that all tethers have at least one swivel hook to prevent the dog from becoming entangled. The law also regulates how tethering can be done in order to prevent injury to tethered dogs and will improve the quality of life of tethered dogs.

We urge you to pass this law since it is important for a civilized society to insure that animals are protected and cared for in a humane manner.

Sincerely yours,
Judith Aikawa, MD
Ronald Aikawa, MD
37 Apali Way
Kula, HI 96790

From: [Joy Schoenecker](#)
To: [JDLTestimony](#)
Subject: Support SB 1424
Date: Tuesday, February 08, 2011 10:23:40 PM

I support this bill.

Thank you.
Joy

Joy L. Schoenecker

From: [Kyoko Nakayama Johnson](#)
To: [JDLTestimony](#)
Subject: Support SB 1424 §711- Confinement of a dog by tethering; violation
Date: Tuesday, February 08, 2011 8:54:34 PM

UBJ 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.

As a longtime animal advocate, I am in strong support of the bill that will legalize the tethering of dogs in the above conditions. In Waialua where I live, I see many dogs tied up, frustrated and aggressive as a result. Often they are tangled up in the short tethers, and unable to access fresh water and shade. It is animal cruelty to have a dog chained up on a short tether for prolonged periods. These tethered dogs don't even serve as guard dogs because they are not able to roam freely.

Please support this bill on behalf of the abused dogs in Hawaii who cannot speak for themselves. In California it is already illegal.

Mahalo!

Kyoko Nakayama Johnson
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Member of APDT, IAABC

Follow my blog for training tips and more: <http://woofpackhawaii.blogspot.com/>

From: GSmith3777@aol.com
To: [JDLTestimony](#)
Subject: Support SB 1424 RELATING TO OFFENSES AGAINST PUBLIC
Date: Tuesday, February 08, 2011 6:53:34 PM

- I support SB 1424!!

Betty T. Smith, Pearl City, HI

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

From: [Andrew Connell](#)
To: [JDLTestimony](#)
Subject: Support SB 1424 RELATING TO OFFENSES AGAINST PUBLIC ORDER
Date: Tuesday, February 08, 2011 10:01:52 PM

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

Please pass this bill to help make the lives of outdoor dogs better!!

Sincerely,
Andrew Connell

From: [Barry Ching](#)
To: [JDLTestimony](#)
Subject: Support SB 1424 Relating to Offenses Against Public Order
Date: Tuesday, February 08, 2011 5:20:32 PM

Sen. Clayton Hee & Members of the Committee on Judiciary & Labor:

Please support SB 1424 that would make it illegal to tie up a dog. A dog living on the end of a rope has no life at all and often becomes angry and aggressive, but will always be sad. Dogs are should have more than just water and food - they should also be given a good quality of life and living chained-up is not a good quality of life.

From: [John & Bev](#)
To: [JDLTestimony](#)
Subject: Support SB 1424 Relating to Offenses Against Public Order
Date: Tuesday, February 08, 2011 8:53:36 PM

Committee on Judiciary and Labor
Senator Clayton Hee, Chair

Testimony in support of SB 1424 "Relating to Offenses Against Public Order"
Thursday, February 10, 2011 at 10:15
State Capitol Conference Room 016

Dear Chair Hee and Committee Members,

I am writing in support of SB 1424 because a dog chained for hours in one spot can become hostile, aggressive, anxious and neurotic. The U.S. Agriculture Dept. concluded that to keep a dog continuously confined by tether is inhumane. A tethered dog can become tangled or hooked around the shelter's structure restricting movement and thereby causing injury. More than 100 communities in 30 states have passed laws regulating the tethering of animals.

Sincerely,
Beverly Kim
Phone # 455-4776

From: [Marie K Sakamoto](#)
To: [JDLTestimony](#)
Cc: jleblanc@hawaiianhumane.org
Subject: Support SB 1424 RELATING TO OFFENSES AGAINST PUBLIC ORDER
Date: Wednesday, February 09, 2011 9:36:31 AM

To Whom It May Concern:

I support this bill.

Thanks!
Marie Sakamoto

From: [Michelle Bowerman](#)
To: [JDLTestimony](#)
Subject: Support SB 1424 RELATING TO OFFENSES AGAINST PUBLIC ORDER
Date: Tuesday, February 08, 2011 5:06:15 PM

Please 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.

Keeping a dog on a chain or other tether is cruel and inhumane treatment. Animals, like people, require exercise and mobility. To watch a world go by without any interaction must not be legal.

Thank you.

Michelle Bowerman
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From: [Claire Sheehan](#)
To: [JDLTestimony](#)
Subject: Support SB 1424 relating to offenses against public order
Date: Tuesday, February 08, 2011 8:01:52 AM

Aloha Senator Clayton Hee (Chair) and Judiciary and Labor Committee Members.

I ask for your support of SB 1424

Sincerely

Claire M. Sheehan

From: [Devon Cable](#)
To: [JDLTestimony](#)
Subject: Support SB 1424 RELATING TO OFFENSES AGAINST PUBLIC ORDER
Date: Tuesday, February 08, 2011 8:37:51 PM

Dear Senator Clayton Hee and the Members of the Committee on the Judiciary and Labor,

I think that dogs should not be able to be chained unless the chain is at least six feet long or that the chain is less than 10% of the dogs weight because....

- 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.

I hope that you consider this proposition.

Devon

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PEACE LOVE MUSIC

Devon

From: [Rachel J Choy](#)
To: [JDLTestimony](#)
Subject: Support SB 1424 RELATING TO OFFENSES AGAINST PUBLIC ORDER
Date: Wednesday, February 09, 2011 9:54:29 AM

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

Please support SB 1424. As a pet owner, secondary school teacher, university adjunct faculty, and Humane Society volunteer, I strongly believe that a chain shorter than 6 feet or heavier than 10% of a dog's weight is inhumane, and such cruel confinement and isolation creates dogs that are anxious, neurotic, and even aggressive due to their suffering. Please protect our animals and our community members.

Thank you.

Rachel Choy

From: [Diyonne Raines](#)
To: [JDLTestimony](#)
Subject: Support SB 1424 RELATING TO OFFENSES AGAINST PUBLIC ORDER
Date: Wednesday, February 09, 2011 9:08:28 AM

I support SB 1424. MAKE IT ILLEGAL TO TIE UP A DOG.

Diyonne Raines
808-375-5228

From: [Rachel Sussman](#)
To: [JDLTestimony](#)
Subject: Support SB 1424 RELATING TO OFFENSES AGAINST PUBLIC ORDER
Date: Tuesday, February 08, 2011 7:04:16 PM

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.

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Please pass this bill to help make the lives of outdoor dogs as humane as possible!!

Rachel Susman

From: [Donna Whitaker](#)
To: [JDLTestimony](#)
Subject: Support SB 1424 Relating to Offenses Against Public Order
Date: Wednesday, February 09, 2011 7:44:27 AM

Dear Chair Hee, Vice Chair Shimabukuro and Members of the Committee on Judiciary and Labor:

Hawaii Island Humane Society supports the passage of SB 1424, which would make it illegal to tie up a dog under certain circumstances. We believe that the chain should never weigh more than 10 percent of the dog's weight and be at least 6 feet in length. These circumstances are not ideal but do set minimum requirements for the dog's welfare.

In 2009, we participated in multiple task force meeting whose goal was to develop guidelines for a successful bill that would benefit the safety and welfare of dogs, as well as be enforceable.

We ask for your support of SB 1424.

Sincerely,

Donna Whitaker
Executive Director
Hawaii Island Humane Society
808-329-8002
808-329-7375 Fax

From: [Roland Shanklin](#)
To: [JDLTestimony](#)
Cc: [HHS](#)
Subject: Support SB 1424 RELATING TO OFFENSES AGAINST PUBLIC ORDER
Date: Wednesday, February 09, 2011 9:38:05 AM

My name is Roland Shanklin, and I live at 295 Panio St, Honolulu, HI 96821. Please add my written testimony in support of SB1424, relating to chaining of dogs.

I have worked in animal shelters in the US other countries and have seen evidence of this cruel practice of tying up dogs for long periods of time. The worst cases are when a young dog is left with scars around his neck. I've even seen rope imbedded into the skin of dogs that were abused in this manner.

Thank you,

Roland Shanklin (808-255-9911)

From: [Dr Kim](#)
To: [JDLTestimony](#)
Subject: Support SB 1424 Relating to offenses against public order
Date: Tuesday, February 08, 2011 5:05:56 PM

Dear Senator Clayton Hee and Judiciary and Labor Committee Members, I would humbly request that you support SB 1424. I am the Director of Veterinary Services at the Maui Humane society and we see the effects of having dogs tethered improperly all too often. We need this bill to help us keep our pets safe!. Mahalo, Dr. Miyo Miyasaki-Kim

From: [estela.rodriguez](#)
To: [JDLTestimony](#)
Subject: Support SB 1424 RELATING TO OFFENSES AGAINST PUBLIC ORDER
Date: Wednesday, February 09, 2011 8:57:35 AM

I hope iam not too late in sending this email, but i would like to voice that I believe in this bill and it should be passed. Please show your support to these helpless animals that cant protect themselves. We as humans hold there fait in our hands and we need to be more responsible. Please pass SB 1424.

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From: SWEINRICH7@aol.com
To: [JDLTestimony](#)
Subject: Support SB 1424 RELATING TO OFFENSES AGAINST PUBLIC ORDER
Date: Tuesday, February 08, 2011 6:56:29 PM

I am in support of this bill. Here are some not-so-interesting-but-horrible facts about chained dogs:

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

Mahalo for your time.

Sandra M. Weinrich
Holualoa, Hawaii
808-329-4379

From: [Rosita Sipirok-Siregar](#)
To: [JDLTestimony](#)
Subject: Support SB 1424 RELATING TO OFFENSES AGAINST PUBLIC ORDER
Date: Wednesday, February 09, 2011 9:59:38 AM

PLEASE PASS THIS BILL WITH REGARD TO CRUELTY TO ANIMAL, FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS:

- 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.
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Hawaii needs to be more "animal friendly" state in conjunction with our motto "live Aloha"

Thank you.



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From: [Grace Sato](#)
To: [JDLTestimony](#)
Subject: Support SB 1424 RELATING TO OFFENSES AGAINST PUBLIC ORDER
Date: Wednesday, February 09, 2011 9:14:54 AM

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

Please accept my email as I am in support of SB 1424, which would make it illegal to tie up a dog under certain conditions and the reasons being:

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

Grace Sato

From: [Stephanie McLaughlin](#)
To: [JDLTestimony](#)
Subject: Support SB 1424 RELATING TO OFFENSES AGAINST PUBLIC
Date: Tuesday, February 08, 2011 9:22:05 PM

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. Chaining a dog makes a more vicious dog. When I was a little girl, only 8 years old, I was walking my little dog Chipper in my home town of Tacoma, Washington. I would always walk by my neighbor's dog which was a husky dog tethered to a 10 foot chain. One day, the husky dog broke loose as I walked by holding my little white dog Chipper by the leash. The angry and vicious husky dog attacked my dog Chipper, killing her right before my eyes. The dog then attacked me and bit me on the arm drawing blood. I do not think this dog would have attacked me and my dog Chipper if the dog had not been chained. I am now 54 years old and the guardian of two small papillon dogs. I am always fearful when I walk my dogs by other dogs that are chained. Memories of the past haunt me and I am fearful that these chained dogs will get loose and attack me and my little dogs. Please pass SB 1424. It will make the community safer for children and other pets. Thank you. Sincerely, Stephanie McLaughlin, 95-310 Haakualiki Place, Mililani, Hawaii, 96789, phone (808)384-4764

From: [Karen Luke](#)
To: [JDLTestimony](#)
Subject: Support SB 1424 RELATING TO OFFENSES AGAINST PUBLIC ORDER
Date: Tuesday, February 08, 2011 7:16:27 PM

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

I support SB 1424 to unchain our dogs.

The weather in Ewa Beach is great for dogs, but not if they are tied up and forced to live under a car for years suffering neglect. We have so many dogs in our neighborhood who have never been off leash. When you walk by these dogs, the smell is disgusting and since dogs have such sensitive noses, this adds to the psychological trauma.

Unchain these sociable pets.

Mahalo,

Karen Luke

91-429 Ewa Beach Road

Ewa Beach, HI 96706

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From: lisaefowler@aol.com
To: [JDLTestimony](#)
Subject: Support SB 1424 Relating to Offenses Against Public Order
Date: Tuesday, February 08, 2011 5:26:20 PM

Sen. Clayton Hee & Members of the Committee on Judiciary & Labor:

I urge you to support SB 1424 which makes it illegal to chain a dog. Most people would agree with the Dept. of Agriculture that says long periods of confinement of a dog on a chain is inhumane and I couldn't agree more! A dog in this condition cannot help but become despondent, frustrated and frequently angry and aggressive. Please support this bill for Hawaii's dogs - it is long overdue.

Thank you,
Lisa Fowler
808-286-3001

From: [Bianca Trombi](#)
To: [JDLTestimony](#)
Subject: Support SB 1424
Date: Tuesday, February 08, 2011 3:58:04 PM

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,
Bianca Radojevic

1720 Algaroba Street #2
Honolulu, HI 96826

From: [Chingbarry](#)
To: [JDLTestimony](#)
Subject: Support SB1424 Relating to Offenses Against Public Order
Date: Tuesday, February 08, 2011 5:32:15 PM

Sen. Hee & Members of the Committee on Judiciary Labor:

Please support SB 1424 - it is the right thing to do for the dogs in our community. Dogs who are chained suffer their whole lives - they are not only lonely and depressed and starved for attention, they can become angry and aggressive as well. Who could blame them? This is a terrible way for a dog to live and it is time for it to stop.

Thank you,
Barry Ching
808-896-5342

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
To: [JDLTestimony](#)
Cc: akluvo@gmail.com
Subject: Testimony for SB1424 on 2/10/2011 10:15:00 AM
Date: Wednesday, February 09, 2011 6:47:08 AM

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

Conference room: 016
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Arthur A. Kluvo
Organization: Individual
Address: 94-1099 Heahea Street Waipahu, HI
Phone: 808-678-2029
E-mail: akluvo@gmail.com
Submitted on: 2/9/2011

Comments:

Please support senate bill SB1424 regulating the chaining of dogs for more humane treatment of animals.

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
To: [JDLTestimony](#)
Cc: jacinthow001@hawaii.rr.com
Subject: Testimony for SB1424 on 2/10/2011 10:15:00 AM
Date: Tuesday, February 08, 2011 9:26:42 PM

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

Conference room: 016
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: William G. Jacintho
Organization: Maui Cattlemen's Association
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: jacinthow001@hawaii.rr.com
Submitted on: 2/8/2011

Comments:
Support, with suggestion to add the words "or livestock" to the end of the sentence of line 8, on page 2.
Thank you,
William G. Jacintho
Maui Cattlemen's Association, President

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
To: [JDLTestimony](#)
Cc: ljblee@hawaii.rr.com
Subject: Testimony for SB1424 on 2/10/2011 10:15:00 AM
Date: Tuesday, February 08, 2011 9:16:36 PM

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

Conference room: 016
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Linda Lee
Organization: Individual
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Phone: 255-9807
E-mail: ljblee@hawaii.rr.com
Submitted on: 2/8/2011

Comments:

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To: [JDLTestimony](#)
Cc: das.575@gmail.com
Subject: Testimony for SB1424 on 2/10/2011 10:15:00 AM
Date: Tuesday, February 08, 2011 4:51:16 PM

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

Conference room: 016
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: David Souza
Organization: Individual
Address: 95124 Kaalolo Place Mililani, hi
Phone: 3715980
E-mail: das.575@gmail.com
Submitted on: 2/8/2011

Comments:

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

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Respectfully yours,
Cheri Souza

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To: [JDLTestimony](#)
Cc: cherihonda@gmail.com
Subject: Testimony for SB1424 on 2/10/2011 10:15:00 AM
Date: Tuesday, February 08, 2011 4:50:59 PM

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

Conference room: 016
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Cheri Souza
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E-mail: cherihonda@gmail.com
Submitted on: 2/8/2011

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Respectfully yours,
Cheri Souza

From: [Susy Chillingworth Ruddle](#)
To: [JDLTestimony](#)
Date: Tuesday, February 08, 2011 6:29:50 PM

As an individual that is interested in animal welfare, I hope that we can create a new law that would make it illegal to chain an animal to a chain or rope less than six feet long. Too many times I have witnessed animals that go in circles from boredom and lack of exercise. Why do we continue to allow our country to be so behind the times when it comes to animal care. These four legged (mostly) animals are supposed to be our pets. We are responsible for their well being. Please let the time come that we hold these animals human counterparts responsible for inhumane conditions.

Susy Ruddle
Hawaii Island Humane Society
P.O.Box 1064
Kamuela HI 96743

From: warmandfuzzylc@aol.com
To: [JDLTestimony](#)
Subject: dog chaining
Date: Tuesday, February 08, 2011 7:06:52 PM

I support this bill. End this cruelty to dogs.

Lena McCormack

From: Terri_Kodama/LEILEHUA/HIDOE@notes.k12.hi.us
To: [JDLTestimony](#)
Subject: SB 1424
Date: Wednesday, February 09, 2011 8:34:31 AM

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

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Respectfully yours,
Terri Kodama

From: [S. Matsui](#)
To: [JDL Testimony](#)
Subject: Support SB 1424
Date: Tuesday, February 08, 2011 6:52:28 PM

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Respectfully yours,
Susan Matsui
91-201 Hoonua Pl.
Ewa Beach, HI 96706

From: [Susan](#)
To: [JDLTestimony](#)
Subject: chained dogs bill
Date: Wednesday, February 09, 2011 9:18:21 AM
Attachments: [SENDER_EMAILkailuasue@hawaii@rr@@com.png](#)



As a person who has been forced to witness a dog chained for the past 10 years, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, in every kind of weather and New Years Eve firecracker madness, I would urge you to ban the chaining of dogs. Please end the suffering of dogs such as these who are being tortured by their owners. Dogs deserve better. Hawaii needs and can do better for the animals who live here.

Susan Hughes
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Kailua