

SB 1533

Testimony



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Senate Bill 1533

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

Re: Testimony on SB 1533

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

Hawaiian Humane Society supports SB 1533's intent that aims to strengthen
Hawaii's animal cruelty law.

We respectfully request that Section (1) (c) be amended to delete "other pests;
provided that pests do not include peacock". There's potential for far too many
animals from feral cats to a variety of birds to be considered as "pests" depending
upon the context and community. This would give broader protection for many
other animals.

We also recommend omission to the reference that defines peafowl.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of the intent of
SB 1533.

Sincerely Yours,

Pamela Burns
President and CEO

From: [Donna Whitaker](#)
To: [JDLTestimony](#)
Subject: Support SB 1533 Relating to Cruelty to Animals
Date: Wednesday, February 09, 2011 7:50:56 AM

Dear Chair Clayton Hee, Vice Chair Maile Shimabukuro & Members of the Committee on Judiciary & Labor,

Hawaii Island Humane Society supports SB 1533 and it's intent to strengthen Hawaii's animal cruelty laws.

We respectfully request that Section (1)(c) be amended to delete " other pests; provided that pests do not include peacocks". There is a potential that far too many animals would be considered as "pests" depending on the context and the community. This change would give broader protection for many other animals.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of the intent of SB 1533.

Sincerely,

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