

HB108, HD1

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HB108, Relating to Cruelty
JDL; Chair, Sen Clayton Hee

IN STRONG SUPPORT!!

It truly is embarrassing to be from a state that is ranked nationally as the easiest place in the country to abuse animals. In particular, dog fighting, highlighted by the Pro Bowl appearance of notorious dog fighter Michael Vick is still a serious problem in Hawai`i nei. This too is an embarrassment for all of us.

I am very grateful that you are hearing this bill as it will create stronger penalties to try to prevent this horrendous practice and to punish it if it does occur.

Dog fighting is neither a part of any one's culture nor is it any one's right. Dog fighting is cruel and horrific.

Thank you for supporting this bill.

Aloha, joel

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"It is reasonable that everyone who asks justice should DO justice."
Thomas Jefferson

"There comes a time when one must take a position that is neither safe, nor politic, nor popular, but one must take it because one's conscience tells one that it is right."
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

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Testimony for JDL 3/28/2012 10:30:00 AM HB108

Conference room: 016
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Stormy Hope
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Submitted on: 3/26/2012

Comments:



Hawai'i Hulacat Club

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March 26, 2012

RE: Opposition to HB 108, H.D.1, S.D.1 Proposed

On behalf of the Hawai'i Hulacat Club, a component club of the Cat Fanciers Association, Inc., the world's largest registry of pedigreed cats, I submit this written testimony in opposition to HB 108 H.D.1, S.D.1 Proposed. Thank you in advance for considering our club members' viewpoints.

At the outset, and before addressing our *substantive* objections to this bill, **we wish to express our strong exception to the sly *procedural* maneuverings that led to the content of the current incarnation of this bill.** HB 108 was originally a bill "RELATING TO CRUELTY TO ANIMALS" that specifically targeted the reprehensible practice of dog fighting. Our members enthusiastically supported the bill in its original version and for its then-stated intent.

But on Friday, March 23, 2012 – *essentially one business day before the deadline for submission of testimony* (because of the three-day Prince Kuhio Day holiday weekend) – the bill was amended to remove all references to dog fighting, and instead most (if not all) of what were, to us, objectionable provisions of SB 2274, SB 3034, SB 2492, SB 2675, SB 3737, HB 2737, and SB 2494 SD1, were substituted for its previous language. **We consider this last-minute creation of an omnibus anti-breeder bill to be an underhanded attempt to "slip one by" on the several groups of stakeholders (us included) who have opposed those other bills.** Unlike the Humane Society of the United States ("HSUS"), we cannot afford the services of a professional, full-time lobbyist who is paid to patrol the hallways and lawmakers' offices at the Capitol, monitoring the status of bills in real-time, and persistently advancing their employer's legislative agendas. Meanwhile, we're occupied working at our "day jobs."

We urge that all Committee members please take into account these tactical and procedural disadvantages that we face as hobby breeders and individual owners of pedigreed companion animals. We're confronted year after year by relentless, well-funded, and

strategically-coordinated attacks on multiple fronts from skilled professional lobbyists working for HSUS and the Hawaiian Humane Society (“HHS”). Please keep in mind that while we may lack the organization and sophisticated political resources of our opponents, our voices do deserve to be heard and our concerns must be considered. **At stake is our right to pursue and enjoy the hobby that brings us (and for those of us who breed pedigreed pets, our customers) so much happiness and contentment, along with the devotion of the pets we care for and love, and who love us in return.**

Turning now to the substance of HB 108 as amended last Friday:

Hawai‘i’s stringent quarantine laws regulating the importation of animals from all but a very few distant countries make the purchase of a pedigreed companion animal very expensive and procedurally complex. Hawai‘i’s few hobby breeders who can afford the cost of importing quality breeding stock to maintain their local breeding programs provide the citizens of our state with access to quality pedigreed pets without the necessity of purchasing from out-of-state or overseas breeders who aren’t subject to local jurisdiction or regulation under Hawai‘i’s consumer protection laws. **Local breeders who produce pedigreed pets are providing a valuable, desired and necessary service.**

As we have previously pointed out in testimony on other bills, many pet owners choose to purchase pedigreed cats and dogs because of their predictable characteristics and temperaments, or for their own health-related concerns (for example, low-dander or low-shedding breeds of pedigreed dogs and cats can be suitable pets for many people who suffer from pet allergies.) Pedigreed dogs and cats are the products of carefully-planned breeding programs that have spanned many decades (and, in the case of some breeds, millennia). **The overwhelming majority of Hawai‘i’s breeders of pedigreed companion animals are responsible and committed to protecting their animals’ health and well-being. The deplorable conditions found at the rare exceptions (such as the infamous Waimanalo “puppy mill”) do not justify imposing unnecessary and draconian regulations on the responsible majority of breeders.**

Few Hawai‘i-based breeders ever generate any actual net income from their breeding activities; in fact, for most their breeding programs are money-losing ventures. These breeders make serious commitments to the animals they raise to ensure the future health, welfare and breed type of their individual breeds. They carefully screen prospective purchasers to make sure the pets they sell will live in safe, caring environments. Pedigreed pets are almost always sold under contracts that require purchasers to spay or neuter their pets, and to return the pet to its breeder for re-placement if for any reason the purchaser cannot keep the pet.

HB 108 as amended last Friday would impose unreasonable and unnecessary burdens on Hawai'i's responsible, dedicated breeders. We support reasonable and enforceable regulations to protect companion animals from abuse in irresponsible “puppy mills” and other inhumane conditions. But those regulations should not restrict the rights of breeders and pet owners who meet their responsibilities. HB 108, with its last-minute deletions and amendments, is simply too broad in scope and application.

All proposed legislation seeking to improve the quality of life and care of companion animals should focus on promoting responsible ownership and on strict enforcement of *existing* animal neglect and cruelty laws – laws passed in years past at both the state and federal levels. Those existing laws have already established reasonable standards of care – but, sadly, they have not been effectively or consistently enforced. Had these existing laws been enforced, the tragedy of the Waimanalo puppy mill could have been averted, and HSUS would not have a compelling platform from which to base its assaults on pedigreed pet breeders in our state.

HB 108, as amended last Friday, would also impose unreasonably rigorous engineering and other logistical requirements on hobby breeders that would be virtually impossible for Hawai'i's responsible hobby breeders of cats or dogs to comply with; indeed, if it came into effect tomorrow, every hobby breeder we have consulted would instantly become in violation of its onerous provisions. Surely this cannot be the will of the people of our state or of the legislators they have elected; it is only the will of HSUS and HHS, whose real motives appear to be to discourage the breeding, sale, or ownership of pedigreed and purebred companion animals.

Additionally, **so-called “limit law” provisions such as those contained in the currently proposed version of HB 108 would be very costly and cumbersome in terms of enforcement.** If an otherwise conscientious and responsible breeder happens to own or breed more than their allotted number of animals, they would be required to dispose of those pet who are over-limit. These “surplus” pets will end up housed in shelters and, likely, euthanized by HHS or a neighbor island's local humane society, at taxpayer expense.

It should go without saying that **simply reducing the number of companion animals a person may legally own will not automatically make her or him a responsible or humane animal owner.** Enacting HB 108 as currently proposed would result in some animal owners attempting to conceal the number of animals they own and avoid seeking veterinary care for them. This would threaten the animals' health, jeopardizing and threatening public safety. We urge Committee members to keep in mind the “law of unintended consequences” when they consider whether to enact this over-reaching piece of legislation.

Finally, we ask the Committee members and all legislators to carefully scrutinize the agenda and true motives of the national interest group that is “pushing” this incarnation of HB 108, and at least 14 other pending bills (or bills capable of being “resuscitated”) seeking to impose unfair and unnecessary regulations upon the conscientious breeders, fanciers and owners of pedigreed pets in our state. **HSUS has become the animal rights industry’s most powerful player – but HSUS has avoided serious public scrutiny for years, while in the meantime it collects tens of millions of dollars in donations from television viewers who are sympathetic to the plight of the helpless diseased and maimed cats and dogs it portrays in its commercials, with popular entertainer Sarah McLachlan providing a compelling soundtrack.**

An analysis of HSUS’s television fundraising appeals that ran between January 2009 and September 2011 showed that more than 85 percent of the animals shown were cats and dogs. However, **HSUS doesn’t run a single pet shelter, and gives only about one percent of the money it raises to pet shelters.** Meanwhile, HSUS has spent millions of the dollars it received in donations on anti-farming and anti-hunting political campaigns.

In December 2011, CharityWatch (formerly the American Institute of Philanthropy) reissued its “D” rating for the HSUS, finding that **HSUS spends as little as 49 percent of its budget on its programs.** Additionally, the 2011 Animal People News Watchdog Report disclosed that **HSUS spends about 43 percent of its budget on its overhead costs.** As of 2008 (the last year for which we have accessible data), **less than one-half of one percent of HSUS’s budget consisted of grants to actual hands-on “humane societies” that actually deal with the thankless task of sheltering unwanted pets.**

In February 2010, David Martosko, the Director of Research for the Center for Consumer Freedom (“CCF”), was quoted as stating that: “Nearly one million Americans donate money to HSUS every year. And most are completely unaware that they’re bankrolling PETA-style propaganda,¹ far-reaching anti-meat campaigns, a huge staff of lawyers, and bloated pension plans for HSUS executives.” The CCF reported that **in 2008 alone, HSUS put more than \$2.5 million into pension plans—money that its own advertising suggested would be directed toward the direct care of animals.** In fact, however, HSUS neither operated, nor was legally affiliated with, any pet shelters anywhere. **HSUS regularly contributes more to its own pension plan than it**

¹ “PETA” is the acronym for the organization “People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals.” PETA has been described as “by far the most successful radical organization in America.” The key word is *radical*. PETA seeks “total animal liberation,” according to its president and co-founder, Ingrid Newkirk. That means PETA advocates for no meat or dairy consumption, of course; but it also means no aquariums, no circuses, no hunting or fishing, no production or use of leather products, and no medical research using animals. PETA is even opposed to the use of seeing-eye dogs.

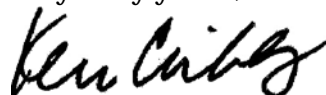
does to pet shelters. An analysis of HSUS's tax returns determined that HSUS funneled \$16.3 million to its executive pension plan between 1998 and 2009—over \$1 million more than HSUS gave to pet shelters during the same time period.

Serious doubts concerning HSUS's "charitable" activities have even been raised in the United States Congress. **In April 2011, six Congressmen wrote the IRS Inspector General expressing concerns over HSUS's attempts to influence public policy, which they believe has "brought into question [HSUS's] tax-exempt 501(c)(3) status."**²

We urge our local lawmakers to recognize that **Hawai'i's pet owners, and the responsible breeders who provide the companion animals they love and cherish, are under attack from well-funded special interest groups whose true motives aren't as altruistic as they have been portrayed.** We ask for your help in drafting and implementing legislation that will actually help to stop irresponsible "puppy mill" operations, and not just advance the agendas of outsider animal-right special interests whose operations deserve serious scrutiny.

We urge that HB 108 H.D.1 S.D.1 be rejected. We also urge legislators to support House Concurrent Resolution 141, which calls for formation of task force to study how to prevent animal cruelty by large scale commercial breeders. Thank you again for your attention and consideration.

Very truly yours,



Kenneth Cribbs

President, Hawai'i Hulacat Club

² Further information and source verification for the information provided herein concerning the HSUS can be found at www.humanewatch.org.

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Testimony for JDL 3/28/2012 10:30:00 AM HB108

Conference room: 016
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: Yes
Submitted by: Anne SCHEFFELMAIER
Organization: Individual
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Submitted on: 3/25/2012

Comments:

As a long time Hobby Breeder of Pure Bred Dogs
(one litter every three years or longer) I strongly Oppose HB 108

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Testimony for JDL 3/28/2012 10:30:00 AM HB108

Conference room: 016
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Sandra Scarr
Organization: Aloha Labradors and Kona Poodles
E-mail: sandrascar@aol.com
Submitted on: 3/25/2012

Comments:
To the Judiciary Committee:

HB108 is a re-hash of earlier bills that were deferred, because they are defective. The bill purports to control canine abuses by large breeding operations, such as that discovered in Waimanalo, but it tasks Counties with licensing and inspecting all breeders with 10 or more intact dogs more than 4 months of age.

I have bred Labrador retrievers for 11 years, and standard poodles for the past two years. My dogs are all AKC registered, and most were imported from reputable kennels in Australia. Puppies go to responsible families throughout the state.

I test my dogs for hip and elbow problems, clear eyes, and for several genetic disorders known to be common in these breeds. My dogs are exercised every day on my 8.9 acre farm, fed a raw-meaty-bones diet, and swim every day in their pool. The dogs are very well loved and cared for. Females are bred only once per year, after 24 months of age, and retired at age 8. Puppies are raised in my bedroom for 4 weeks, until they are ready to go outside to the puppy yard with their mothers. The dogs' quarters are very suitable for the Kona climate but probably would not meet the requirements stated in this bill, because the requirements of the bill are inappropriate for Hawaii.

HB 108 should be deferred until leading canine organizations in the State can meet with Humane Society representatives to work out a more suitable bill to address abuses, such as the Waimanalo case. This bill will not protect dogs from such abuses, but will create an expensive morass of paper work for Counties and responsible breeders.

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Subject: Testimony for HB108 on 3/28/2012 10:30:00 AM
Date: Tuesday, March 27, 2012 9:56:59 AM

Testimony for JDL 3/28/2012 10:30:00 AM HB108

Conference room: 016
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Ainsley K Halemanu
Organization: Individual
E-mail: Ainsley@hawaii.rr.com
Submitted on: 3/27/2012

Comments:

I oppose bill HB108 as it was gutted and somehow the meat of SB2494 was inserted in its place. These bills will not stop people who run puppy mills like the one in Waimanalo , instead they will force our resposile breeders out of their hobby and not help the situation. The responsible dog breeders of Hawaii are scrambling to try and help you find a way to fix the problem. These bills are not the answer. Please do your homework on this matter before even thinking of passing such ludacris bills that take away our rights as human beings.

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
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Testimony for JDL 3/28/2012 10:30:00 AM HB108

Conference room: 016
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Angela Leslee
Organization: Individual
E-mail: angelaleslee@gmail.com
Submitted on: 3/26/2012

Comments:

I strongly oppose HB108 on the grounds that it was originally an anti-dog fighting bill, and now has nothing to do with that. The language from another bill SB2494 that didn't pass, has been taken and inserted verbatim into HB108 in an attempt to sneak it in through the back door so to speak. Please see this sneaky tactic for what it is, and uphold the decision already made on this bill.

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
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Testimony for JDL 3/28/2012 10:30:00 AM HB108

Conference room: 016
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Barbara Gordon
Organization: Individual
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Submitted on: 3/26/2012

Comments:

I am a dog owner and lover and oppose this bill!!

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
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Testimony for JDL 3/28/2012 10:30:00 AM HB108

Conference room: 016
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: Yes
Submitted by: Brian Walsh
Organization: Individual
E-mail: bdwalsh@computer.org
Submitted on: 3/26/2012

Comments:

Testimony in OPPOSITION to HB108

To the Committee on Judiciary and Labor

HB108 on dog fighting was introduced in 2011. It passed 3 readings and the JUD committee and crossed the floor to the Senate as HB108 HD1 where it passed the first reading, stalled in this JDL committee and was continued to the 2012 session.

This proposed draft HB108 HD1 SD1 before you now has completely deleted the dog fighting language and replaced it with the text from SB2494 SD1 and SB2504 SD1 pertaining to dog breeding and pet shops. These bills have already been considered by this committee and are currently being considered by House committees after making revisions.

This proposed draft HB108 HD1 SD1 has zero content from either of the previous dog fighting drafts - the original intent is gone. Any previous committee support or votes are meaningless. This bill has now been approved by several committees and floor votes but with not a single word remaining that they had approved.

If not illegal, this is certainly immoral, makes a mockery of the legislative process and shows a lack of respect to your fellow legislators. I hope that you and your fellow Senators on this committee reject this cynical and unethical proposed draft.

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Testimony for JDL 3/28/2012 10:30:00 AM HB108

Conference room: 016
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Catherine Staege
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Submitted on: 3/25/2012

Comments:

Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor

To: Chair Clayton Hee

RE: HB No. 108 H.D.1, S.D.1 Proposed

Testimony in **Opposition**

Testifier: Charlee D. C. Abrams

President, Hawaiian Chinese Shar-Pei Club

Chair Hee and members of the Committee:

As HB 2494/92 and SB 2504 seem to join HB 108, we find ourselves involved with legislation that attempts to control every aspect of dog/cat breeding/housing and sales as mandated by the state of Hawaii. Apparently, the ownership of more than ten breeding dogs, more than thirty whole dogs at the same is considered a threat to the proponents of this legislation, and to the state of Hawaii. **Limiting dog ownership will not protect dogs!** Irresponsible owners exist regardless of how many dogs they own. There are irresponsible owners of many dogs and irresponsible owners of one dog!

Selecting an arbitrary limit, changing it from year to year, will not prevent these people from being bad owners. Your proposed limits on the number of dogs an individual can own would restrict the many responsible breeders who raise and breed purebred dogs. These breeders make a serious commitment to their animals and to ensuring the future health, welfare and breed type of their individual breeds. They work carefully to screen potential owners to make sure the dogs will be placed in a safe, caring environment. In addition, these numerous bills that target “puppy mills” impact the many responsible fanciers and dog owners who also rescue unwanted animals and either personally adopt them as pets or find them permanent homes.

Any bill that seeks to improve the quality of life and care of dogs must focus on responsible ownership and strict enforcement of neglect and cruelty laws. Laws have been passed both by our state and the federal government that establish these reasonable standards of care. This new and far reaching bill would impose

rigorous engineering and other requirements on hobby breeders that are difficult to follow and difficult to enforce.

Limit laws are very costly and burdensome to enforce. If someone owns/breeds more than their allotted number of dogs, they will be then required to dispose of those over the limit. These dogs will end up housed in shelters and /or euthanized at the local humane society at taxpayer's expense. In addition, implementation of this bill with its stringent engineering and many other requirements will not only be difficult to enforce, but also result in an enormous strain on animal control officials.

In the case of this proposed law, the state of Hawaii also attempts to "become the breeder," by overseeing every single aspect of a dog breeding program and also assumes that by simply reducing the number of animals a person may own will automatically make them better or more humane owners! Additionally, adoption of this bill may cause owners to try to hide the number of dogs they own, avoid taking them to veterinarians for care/vaccinations thus possibly jeopardizing the health of the dog, or even threatening public safety.

We are different! Due to Hawaii's quarantine laws, the purchase of a pedigree dog from abroad is not only time consuming but also very expensive. We local dog breeders, committed to improving our breeds over time, able to afford the acquisition of breeding stock, continue to be both willing and able to provide the community access to both exotic and quality pets without the necessity of going out of state. We do not deserve to be further penalized by our state, enduring more fees, licensing expenses, inspections, endless rules and regulations!

The heartbreaking stories and pictures of mistreated dogs are not the result of an individual owning too many dogs. They are the result of irresponsible owners who are unable and/or unwilling to properly care for their animals. The dog breeders of Hawaii strongly oppose the breeding of dogs by those who do so without regard for the dogs' welfare. **And, we support scrupulous enforcement of the federal Animal Welfare Act and state and local county regulations governing the humane care of animals.**

A few irresponsible breeders comprise a very small minority of an otherwise unique and special profession. Limit laws target, arbitrary breeding restrictions, penalizes all owners, regardless of their actions or the behavior and care of their animals. Responsible owners/breeders should be allowed to use their own

discretion in determining the management, breeding, and number of dogs they can legally keep on their property.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this measure.

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Testimony for JDL 3/28/2012 10:30:00 AM HB108

Conference room: 016
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Christopher Feld
Organization: Individual
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Submitted on: 3/25/2012

Comments:

Strongly opposed to HB 108! Shame on the Senate in misrepresenting this dog BREEDING bill as a dog FIGHTING bill!!!

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Testimony for JDL 3/28/2012 10:30:00 AM HB108

Conference room: 016
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Connie Jackson
Organization: Individual
E-mail: mconniej@comcast.net
Submitted on: 3/26/2012

Comments:

I'm a dog owner and do not think this added language is the right thing to do. The bill was supposed to be about dog fighting, not about regular pet owners or small breeders.

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Testimony for JDL 3/28/2012 10:30:00 AM HB108

Conference room: 016
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Darrell Meister
Organization: Individual
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Submitted on: 3/25/2012

Comments:

This bill would deny responsible dog owners and breeders from pursuing a passion that is still useful in keeping breeds of animals true to their nature and historical traits.

The bill should be killed.

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Testimony for JDL 3/28/2012 10:30:00 AM HB108

Conference room: 016
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: Yes
Submitted by: Des Akau
Organization: Individual
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Submitted on: 3/26/2012

Comments:

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Testimony for JDL 3/28/2012 10:30:00 AM HB108

Conference room: 016
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Gary Hodgson
Organization: Individual
E-mail: lowercaseg@gmail.com
Submitted on: 3/26/2012

Comments:

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Testimony for JDL 3/28/2012 10:30:00 AM HB108

Conference room: 016
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: HERB SCHEFFELMAIER
Organization: Individual
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Submitted on: 3/25/2012

Comments:

As a long time Hobby Breeder of Pure Bred Dogs
(one litter every three years or longer) I strongly Oppose HB 108

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Testimony for JDL 3/28/2012 10:30:00 AM HB108

Conference room: 016
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Jacqueline Kensler
Organization: Individual
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Submitted on: 3/26/2012

Comments:
I am a dog lover and I oppose this bill.

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Testimony for JDL 3/28/2012 10:30:00 AM HB108

Conference room: 016
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: Yes
Submitted by: Jacqueline Paishon
Organization: Individual
E-mail: blksands@gmail.com
Submitted on: 3/26/2012

Comments:

I strongly oppose HB108, this bill is a sneaky underhanded way of trying to get SB2494 and SB2504 SD1 passed. It is unconstitutional, unethical and cynical and has already been heard in "other" bills and is an insult to the intelligence of our legislature and "we" responsible dog owner/fanciers.

I have owned, exhibited and bred Labrador Retrievers since 1982. I am a past president of the Labrador Retriever Club of Hawaii as well as a past board member. I am a conscientious and responsible dog owner/breeder/fancier. I have bred a Best in Show Labrador who is also an OTCH and dual Champion, which is one of the few in the entire U.S. I have had my dogs used for service dogs as well as drug dogs for the Hilo police. My dogs are not just "pretty" dogs but intelligent family members as well. I think it is horrific that this state is trying to tell me what I can and cannot do with my "property" (law says animals are deemed property which I totally disagree with)

Sincerely,

Jacqueline Paishon
89-396 Mokiawe St.
Nanakuli, HI (808)668-2114

I strongly urge you to vote NO on this bill; it is an embarrassment to the State of Hawaii.

March 26, 2012

Hello,

My name is James McBee. I am a resident of Saint Louis Heights and a 20 year resident of the State of Hawaii. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony and allowing me to voice my opposition to HB 108.

I am a dog owner. I have owned or been around dogs my entire life (almost 50 years). I currently own two wonderful dogs. Over my life, I have owned both pure bred and poi dogs. I have purchased dogs from breeders, taken in strays, and rescued dogs from shelters, but I have **never** purchased any pet from a pet store.

Before getting any breed, I research the breed so that I understand the dog's temperament, exercise requirements, training challenges, and potential health issues. I donate money annually to the Hawaii Humane Society and to Hui 'Ilio Hawaii. Each of my dogs has gone through multiple obedience and handling classes. I micro-chipped my dogs as soon they were old enough and paid their City and County of Honolulu licensing fees. I neutered my male as soon as my vet recommended doing so.

In short, I am a responsible pet owner and want what is best for my dogs. I feel with all my heart that anyone that abuses or mistreats an animal deserves to be punished by the law. Puppy mill operators that do not provide their dogs with adequate space, food, and exercise should be shutdown.

One would think that given my love of animals, I would support any effort to protect them, but I fear that HB 108 is being defined too broadly. The definitions of a breeder put forth in HB 108 will unfairly penalize and restrict responsible breeders that love their animals and their breeds.

When I last purchased a dog from a breeder, I felt more like I was going through a job interview than purchasing a pet. The breeder had many questions for me covering a range of topics including had I researched the breed, could I devote daily time for exercise, did I have a vet picked out, and what was my home life like (Loud? Children? A large yard?). The breeder made me sign a contract that I would neuter my dog, take him to at least one obedience class, that I would never tie up him, that I would provide him quality care, and that if I ever found that I could not care for the dog any longer, I must contact the breeder and return the dog.

These are the marks of a quality breeder that is concerned about placing a dog in a loving, forever home. Not some just concerned about getting a check. Most importantly, the public needs to be educated as to how to responsibly find, purchase, and own a pet.

I urge you to vote against this proposed bill.

Respectfully,

James McBee

Kaminaka Drive, Honolulu Hawaii

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Conference room: 016
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
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Submitted on: 3/25/2012

Comments:

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Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Jim Hoenig
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Submitted on: 3/27/2012

Comments:

I am OPPOSED to this bill which has been gutted and re-written so that applies way beyond dog fighting. Please do NOT pass it. BTW, I vote in every election.

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Conference room: 016
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: John P Gaidos
Organization: Individual
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Submitted on: 3/27/2012

Comments:

I oppose HB108 for the reason that the original bill was gutted and this one filled with the meat of SB2494 in a very uick and sneaky fashion. Plese oppose this bill. I have been active in the sport of purered dogs here for over 30 years. I have a small family of show dogs that have broken many show records here in the state and I show dogs for many of our top responsible breeders in many breeds. These bills will not help to stop people who run puppys mills. Instead they will endager the rights of respsible breeders who do care. As history shows us over and over again that these types of laws will only hurt the good breeders as it has in many other states.Please do your homework before voting in support of something like this. This bill was redone to get SB2494 in since they could not get it in under the original bill. This has happened so quickly as to not give us any due process to get together to oppose this. Please oppose this bill!! Aloha, John Gaidos
If you have any questions I can be reached t 225-4408

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Conference room: 016
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Karen Sylva
Organization: Individual
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Submitted on: 3/27/2012

Comments:

I dont like how the bill is written. Soon Hawaii will be dog less:(

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Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Kathy Rivera
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Comments:

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Testimony for JDL 3/28/2012 10:30:00 AM HB108

Conference room: 016
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: Yes
Submitted by: Kaye Walsh
Organization:
E-mail: brianandkaye@walsh.net
Submitted on: 3/26/2012

Comments:

This testimony is submitted on behalf of the over 100 voting citizens and members of the Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club of Hawaii. Senate Judiciary Committee members please be aware that HB104 to be heard on Wednesday, March 28, is no longer a dog fighting bill, the language of the original 2011 bill has been completely deleted and the language of SB2494, SB2492 and SB2504 regarding dog breeding was inserted, most likely without your knowledge and approval. This appears to all of us, your constituents, who have been attending hearings, submitting testimony and suggesting an alternative to these bills, that the concerns of your voting citizens are being ignored in order to promote the goals of the Humane Society of the United States (which is NOT an animal welfare organization) and it's paid lobbyist. This is a travesty on the legislative process, citizen input, and should not be sent to the floor of the Senate.

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Testifier position: Comments Only
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Kimberlee
Organization: Individual
E-mail: kimber862001@hotmail.com
Submitted on: 3/26/2012

Comments:

I believe that people should have the right to breed their animals if they love and care for each animal. And to the people who choose to do puppy mills and neglect animals should be arrested and spend time in jail and do to them like they do to the animals. We love our dogs very much and as respectable people should have the right to breed and bless people with their own precious animals.

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Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: LARA HODGSON
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Submitted on: 3/26/2012

Comments:

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Conference room: 016
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: LINDA HUNT
Organization: Individual
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Submitted on: 3/27/2012

Comments:

After reading it over a second time in disgust, I fail to understand how legislation can be put up for discussion with errors like "four moths" of age? What is that? come on, hire some intellegent people who can proof read. this would probably pass the idiot test! No to this whole bad measure, and shame on Mr. Hee. I wonder if he cares that this type of legislation will eventually get him off his horse and not able to rope a cow ever again. It is only the beginning of USHS and PETA getting their biased foot in our door here in Hawaii.

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Conference room: 016
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: Yes
Submitted by: Linda Kuribayashi
Organization: Individual
E-mail: KuribayaL002@hawaii.rr.com
Submitted on: 3/26/2012

Comments:

We are united in wanting to create a world in which animals are protected. This bill have been transformed from one addressing dog fighting to one ineffectively addressing dog breeding. As a dog fancier for over 20 years (involved in showing dogs in obedience, agility and confirmation), dog lover who has never bred a litter and who has supported both the Humane Society of the United States and the Hawaiian Humane Society for decades, and a voting constituent who believes that the best legislation arises from the involvement of community stakeholders and knowledgeable individuals, I strongly urge you to support HCR141 which seeks input from the community regarding the regulation of substandard dog breeders.

Please oppose HB108 HD1 and SB2492 and allow this task force consisting of representatives from rescue organizations, local dog fanciers, veterinarians, pet stores, legislative experts, and legal services create an enforceable bill which protects animals without creating excessive regulations, infringing upon constitutional rights, or penalizing ethical hobby breeders in an ineffective effort to close puppy mills. I believe a bill created by this task force would be in the best position to successfully protect our canine companions, allow effective prosecution of wrong-doers, and create a standard of care which will have widespread support because it was created through the collaborative efforts of key stakeholders.

Thank you for your time and please support of HCR141 and oppose HB108 HD1 and SB2492.

Sincerely,

Linda Kuribayashi

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Conference room: 016
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: Yes
Submitted by: Lisa Malmberg
Organization: Individual
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Submitted on: 3/25/2012

Comments:

Testimony OPPOSING HB 108

Lynn Muramaru

Kapolei, HI

To the Senators of the House Judiciary Committee:

I have been following SB 2492, 2494, and 2504 and I was shocked to learn that HB 108, a bill relating to dog fighting, had its contents replaced with SB 2494 and SB 2504. These bills have been going through the legislature at an alarming rate and I am extremely disappointed that elected officials would stoop so low as to try to fool the public by pulling such a stunt!

I have said before and I will say again, I as a licensed professional social worker in the State of Hawaii for over 30 years abhor cruelty, abuse, and neglect of people and animals. I am more than willing to help protect animals who cannot advocate for themselves but I will not tolerate those persons who abuse the use of these animals' misfortune to try to pass laws that will hurt many innocent people such as hobby breeders, pet shop owners, hunters, and all prospective pet owners!

No one liked what happened at the Waimanalo farm and the public demands justice for those dogs, I do too. However these bills will not do that! These are "feel good bills", bills that will satisfy the public's demand for justice but these bills will not eliminate the corporate loopholes that allowed Vernon Luke and family to evade punishment. These bills will only hurt the innocent pet shop owner, hobby breeder, or hunter as these parties are the only ones who will even attempt to comply with the law. These bills also are difficult and expensive to enforce, an expense our State auditor feels our citizens do not need in these tough economic times.

What is the purpose of passing legislation like this bill, a bill that someone tried to disguise as something it isn't in order to get it passed? I question the true intent of this bill.

If the Hawaiian Humane Society and the HSUS are truly concerned about ending puppy mills, then why don't they join us in trying to educate the public about where to obtain a dog? This bill hurts the prospective pet owner because it limits options. Shelters are only 1 option. Responsible hobby breeders and pet shops are other options. The general public is fully aware that another puppy breeding operation is running in Mt. View and that the pups are sold at a pet shop in Aiea however I thought with all the negative publicity, it would have closed by now. It's still in business. The public's desire for a purebred dog is stronger than all that negative publicity! Encumbering hobby breeders with unreasonable laws will only serve to eliminate us as an option for pet owners and drive the profit driven breeders underground.

In an attempt to find a better solution than all these anti-breeding dog bills, HCR 141 was introduced. This calls for a task force to bring together the animal shelter operators, local dog community, veterinarians, and prosecutors so that we can all share in developing meaningful laws that will make a difference in Hawaii for all animals. There were NO oppositions to this resolution in a House ERB hearing.

Only YOU have an opportunity to correct this situation today by voting NO.

Lynn Muramaru

Kapolei, HI

Voting member of the HGEA!

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Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Mary Owens
Organization: Individual
E-mail: bdrterrier@aol.com
Submitted on: 3/26/2012

Comments:

I am a dog fancier and oppose this bill.

TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO HB108 SD1

Testifier: Michiro Iwanaga, individually, as Vice President of the Shetland Sheepdog Club of Hawaii, as a Director of the Obedience Training Club of Hawaii, and as Director of the West Oahu Kennel Club

Before: Senate Committee on Judiciary & Labor, the Honorable Clayton Hee, Chair

Time/Place: Wednesday, March 28, 2012, at 10:30 a.m. in Room 016

Dear Chairman Hee and Members of the Committee:

Like the entire community of dog enthusiasts, I support strong criminal and civil legislation to target puppy mills from their inception, to impose facility and care requirements, and to prosecute, stop, and severely punish violators. Nevertheless, I must strongly oppose the proposed amendments to House Bill 108, which are reflected in the proposed HB108 SD1.

Senate Bills SB2492, 2494, and others were passed out of the Senate and have been or are being given the appropriate, orderly, and fair consideration by the House of Representatives contemplated by the Hawaii State Constitution. You have done an much to further the fight against irresponsible large scale commercial breeders. At this point, however, the fate of the senate bills should be entrusted to the normal operation of the legislative process.

I oppose HB108 SD1 for reasons, including the following:

- SB109 SD1 does not address issues that enable puppy mills to arise, operate, and, along with their principals and agents, avoid punishment and fines.
- It uses simplistic criteria to identify a regulated “breeder.”
- It is overly broad and affects responsible breeders, sometime called “hobby breeders,” who are not part of the problem.
- It does not address an equally significant source of ill-cared for and overly abundant puppies, namely members of the general public who do not understand the tenets of responsible dog ownership or breeding.
- It imposes facility and care requirements that differ markedly from the humane, proactive, and loving care that dog enthusiasts are already providing to their dogs.
- It unfairly labels as criminal and noncompliant the facility and care practices followed by all individuals who are responsible dog enthusiasts.
- It creates serious problems of selective enforcement and abuse of Constitutional rights.
- It imposes breeding restrictions that do not reflect a full understanding of breeding issues.
- It will reduce the public’s choice of healthy dogs.

I urge you to defer HB108 and instead call for the task force referred to in House Resolution 141. Let the community of dog enthusiasts join in and contribute to the effort to control irresponsible large scale breeders.

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Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Mona Tomasu
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Submitted on: 3/26/2012

Comments:
I am a dog lover and oppose this bil

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Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: Yes
Submitted by: Nikki char
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Submitted on: 3/25/2012

Comments:

I am disappointed how this bill has turned into a Dog Breeding bill. And I strongly oppose HB108 and I vote

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Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: p fern
Organization: Individual
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Submitted on: 3/26/2012

Comments:

About time, dog fighting and cruelty to animals, I have found in discussions with friends, family, and co-workers, that they thought there were laws in place already that bans dog fighting, even for spectators, and that there are laws against animal cruelty, and imagine their disgust when they found out that is not the case. Please pass this and stop the cruelty.

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Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: Yes
Submitted by: Pam Kutaka
Organization: Individual
E-mail: pikrik94@aol.com
Submitted on: 3/26/2012

Comments:

I humbly ask that you please vote "NO". More than ever, it is us responsible breeders that want to eliminate the puppy mills and backyard breeders and limit the amount of shelter dogs. BUT, we MUST come up with a win/win bill that will allow responsible breeders to continue and at the same time, put a stop to puppy mills.

We CAN do this by coordinating and working together. (Please hear bill HCR141.)

The people of our State know the meaning of "Aloha" and "working together to make it happen". This is what sets us apart from the rest of the world.
Please give us the opportunity to make this a win/win situation for all.

Thank you,
Pam Kutaka

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Testifier will be present: Yes
Submitted by: Richard Kutaka
Organization: Individual
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Submitted on: 3/27/2012

Comments:
Aloha Senators,

My name is Richard Kutaka and I ask that you vote NO on HB108.

Thank You,

Richard Kutaka

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Conference room: 016
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Sharleen Perreira
Organization: Individual
E-mail: shardust@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 3/27/2012

Comments:

This bill does not help or regulate puppy mills-it only hurts the small owner/breeder of quality pure bred dogs.

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Conference room: 016
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Shirley Wong
Organization: Individual
E-mail: ms.gingerella@gmail.com
Submitted on: 3/26/2012

Comments:

I am absolutely shocked that HB108, a Dog Fighting bill was permitted to be gutted out and morphed into SB2492 and SB2494, Dog Breeding bills. SB2492 was passed the day before with amendments to appease the Dog Fanciers. SB2494 was deferred for a later date. This should be illegal. I feel that if Senator Hee doesn't get his way, he will continue to use other bills until he satisfies his sponsors. This is a waste of time and money. The tax payers should be educated and made aware of these practices.

I am an exhibitor with minimum breeding. The dog shows in Hawaii bring a lot of revenue to the State. Even when I take my dogs out of State for a show, I am required to pay the State a re-entry fee to bring my dog home.

The majority of my dogs have been imported from Australia, Italy and Canada. In order for me to get these dogs processed without quarantine, they have to be processed on the mainland. The dogs do not in arrive in Hawaii until they are 7-10 months old. They also can't compete in any AKC events until they are 6 months old. I have a problem with several of the Senate Bills that count intact dogs as dogs over 6 months of age. This should be amended to a year of age or should not be regulated at all.

First, a toy dog such as a Yorkshire Terrier can't be spayed or neutered at such a young age without risking it's life. Second, I need time to evaluate my dogs in the ring to determine which ones I will show and which ones will be spayed or neutered then placed in their forever homes. I belong to several Dog Fancier clubs that have strict By-laws. One of the By-laws state that, if I sell a pet, it must be on a Spay or Neuter contract.

I have other issues with these Senate Bills dictating the allocated space in which my dogs sleep in. They start by the length of a dog under 25 inches being allowed 12 square feet. My dogs are 10-12 inches in length as are many other Toy Breeds. My dogs eat and sleep in 3 x 3 pens (9 square feet). The rest of the day they have 1500 square feet to run around and play. Can we not consider the Toy dog group? The majority of pet dogs in Hawaii are Toy breeds due to lack of affordable living space.

Who composed these Bills? Are they experienced enough to purpose such Bills? Have they verified if there is adequate funding to enforce these laws? Would they mandate the inspectors to have criminal background checks done prior to entering private property? Would they have a Veterinarian license to determine my dog's proper care or health? The taxpayers can't afford to pay for such expenses in this economically hard time. We already have City and County restrictions as well as Club By-laws that the legitimate dog breeders and fellow exhibitors must follow. Is there really a need for these bills? If there is, then, allow all of us to be stake holders in compiling the information for a proper Bill.

I understand that HCR141, a Task Force Resolution has passed through it's first committee and is waiting to be scheduled with the CPA. I am for this Resolution. I believe that all the stake holders should be involved when putting a Bill together. Please approve this Resolution to ensure a proper task force can be formed. Thank you for allowing me a voice and hopefully an input with a properly constructed Senate Bill.

Teresa Bell

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Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Winifred Nakatsu
Organization: Individual
E-mail: ran@hawaii.rr.com
Submitted on: 3/26/2012

Comments:

As an owner of pure breed dogs for over 40 years and an exhibitor for show dogs for nearly 25 years, I strongly urge you to oppose this bill. I also question how we will fund enforcing a new bill when we should be enforcing what we already have in place but lack the funds to do it. Please say "NO" to this bill.