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TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON

ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AND BUSINESS

TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2011

Tuesday, February 8, 2011
8:00 a.m.

TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL NO. 1621, RELATING TO DOGS.

TO THE HONORABLE ANGUS L. K. MCKELVEY, CHAIR,
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is Celia Suzuki, Acting Licensing Administrator of the Professional and Vocational Licensing Division, Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department"). The Department appreciates the opportunity to testify on House Bill No. 1621, Relating to Dogs.

House Bill No. 1621 creates a new chapter to regulate large dog breeders. Section 26H-6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, requires that new regulatory measures being considered for enactment be referred to the Auditor for a sunrise analysis before any measure is enacted. The statute further requires that the analysis shall set forth the

probable effects of regulation, assess whether its enactment is consistent with the legislative policies of the Hawaii Regulatory Licensing Reform Act, and assess alternative forms of regulation.

Therefore, the Department strongly supports a sunrise study on this measure, as mandated by law, before regulating large dog breeders. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Bill No. 1621.



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the humane treatment of
all animals.*
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February 4, 2011

Angus L.K. McKelvey, Chair
Isaac W. Choy, Vice Chair
Committee on Economic Revitalization & Business

Re: Testimony on HB 1621

Dear Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Choy and Members of the Committee on Economic Revitalization & Business:

We strongly support passage of HB 1621, which establishes the regulation of large-scale dog breeders.

With no law to specifically address these types of businesses, dogs live in cruel and inhumane conditions until they are no longer profitable to the breeder and are discarded. The purpose of this act is to ensure that dogs are provided with humane care and treatment as well as to protect the public from purchasing dogs that come from an inhumane environment.

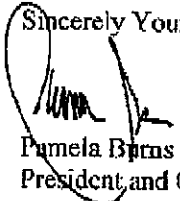
The act would regulate businesses that have 20 more intact female dogs over the age of six months; or who have a total of 30 intact dogs that are 6 months or older; or sells 25 or more puppies within a year. It would also not allow a breeding business to have more than 50 intact dogs.

These large scale breeders would be required to be licensed and this Bill establishes minimum standards of care that includes: veterinary care, maximum allowed breeding within an 18 month period, space requirements, exercise and access by inspectors at any reasonable time during regular business hours.

We ask for your unwavering support of HB 1621.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Sincerely Yours,


Pamela Burns
President and CEO

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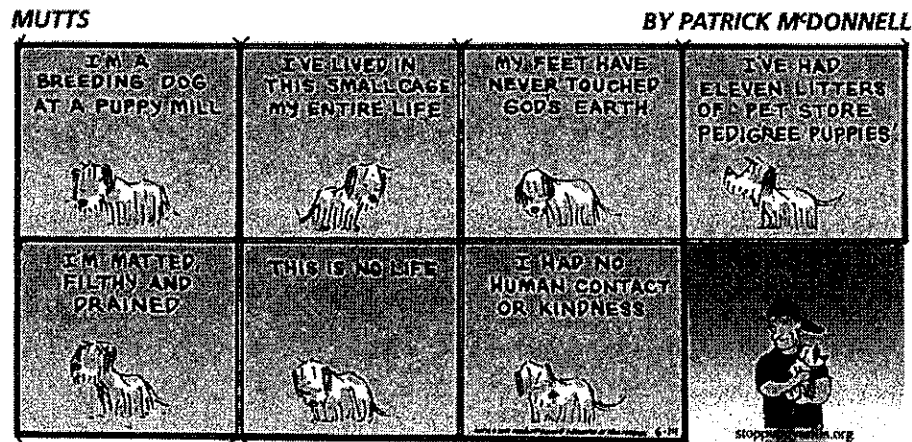
HB1621
(LG. SCALE DOG BREEDING)
Tuesday, February 8, 2011, 8:00 a.m.
State Capitol, Rm. 312

ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION & BUSINESS COMMITTEE (ERB)
Rep. Angus L.K. McKelvey, Chair
Rep. Isaac W. Choy, Vice Chair

Dear Representatives:

It's about time large-scale dog breeders (puppy mills) are more stringently regulated! This is **one industry that has flown under the income tax/work licensing radar too long**. While breeders make huge tax-free profits from puppies, the dogs that helped them earn that are often treated cruelly, existing only in sub par existence.

In June 2010, an investigation by **Last Chance for Animals (LCAAnimal.org)** exposed filthy & dire conditions for many dogs at *Bradley Hawaiian Puppies in Waimanalo*. The Hawaiian Humane Society was subsequently called in but in the end, **no fines/penalties resulted** from this investigation! As **the Aloha State is so weak on animal rights, owning/operating a puppy mill is not even illegal**. Though "federal law is in place, if federal authorities from the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture don't investigate, neither HHS nor HPD have jurisdiction to shut down puppy mills."



Unfortunately, this case isn't unique. It is just one of many others on the islands that are still going unchecked & uninvestigated. This shouldn't be. Please pass HB1621! Mahalo nui ~

Anjie Pham
Honolulu, Hawaii

Sources: www.lcanimal.org/invest/index.htm
<http://honoluluweekly.com/feature/2010/12/puppy-mills-in-the-land-of-aloha/>

To: House Economic Revitalization and Business Affairs Committee

Attn: Honorable Chair McKelvey
Vice Chair Choy
Distinguished Committee Members

Re: HB 1621- Support

Date: February 6, 2011

Please support HB 1621 to regulate large-scale dog breeders who often put profit over welfare. Puppy-mills are synonymous with gratuitous cruelty. Puppy mills house dogs in shockingly poor conditions. After their fertility wanes, breeding animals are often killed, abandoned or sold cheaply to another mill to try and get "one more litter" out of the dog. The annual result of all this breeding is more puppies in a state where we don't have enough loving homes for the dogs already on island.

To prevent suffering, large-scale dog breeders should be licensed and comply with basic humane care, exercise, veterinary care and housing standards.

Respectfully,

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February 5, 2011

Committee on Economic Revitalization & Business
Rep. Angus McKelvey
Hawaii State Capitol

Dear Rep. McKelvey:

RE: HB1621 (SUPPORT)

The Waimanalo Agricultural Association supports HB1621. Because we are an agricultural community, we understand the problems associated with "puppy mills". Kennels and the raising of dogs are permitted on ag zoned lots but some exploit this use.

Currently, there is nothing in our laws to regulate large scale breeders who abuse their animals by constantly breeding and selling without checks on vet care, sanitation, living space, shelter or sustenance. There needs to be a **state department** in charge of regulating these activities with the authority to enter premises to ensure compliance.

Mahalo,

Clifford Migita
President WAA

Tuesday, February 8, 2011
8:00 AM
Conference Room 312

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AND BUSINESS

**TO: Chair McKelvey
Vice Chair Choy**

RE: HB No. 1621

Testimony in Opposition

**TESTIFYER: Charlee D. C. Abrams
President, Hawaiian Chinese Shar-Pei Club**

Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Choy and members of the Committee:

Aloha, my name is Charlee Abrams, and I am a Breeder. I am the President of the Hawaiian Chinese Shar-Pei Club, an affiliate of the American Kennel Club Inc. the largest registry of pure bred dogs in America. I also show and breed Chinese Shar-Pei dogs and have been for more than 25 years. I speak of behalf of members of the Hawaiian Chinese Shar-Pei Club. Our combined membership consists of over 50 breeders, exhibitors, and owners throughout Hawaii.

HB 1621 attempts to restrict the enjoyment of pursuit of hobby breeding enjoyed my many of us in Hawaii. Regulating the number of dogs owned by a breeder, the number of puppies sold during a year, the number of litters born during an arbitrary time period, and how these animals are sold does not account for natural litter size (up to 15 puppies in some cases), the number of animals necessary in order to accomplish a credible AKC breeding/show program, or the condition of the animals involved. Breeding dogs is not a one dimensional hobby – some dogs may be used for show or obedience, some may be used in breeding programs, some placed as family companions, others retained as puppies in order to determine their future life path. This proposed law also ignores the fact that many animal negligence/cruelty laws, rules and regulations currently exist that address dog care/ownership in Hawaii!

In the case of HB 1621, the state of Hawaii attempts to “become a 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 them better or more humane owners! Additionally, adoption of this law 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.

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, expense, inspections, endless rules and regulations!

A few irresponsible breeders comprise a very small minority of an otherwise unique and special profession. Limit laws target 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 number of dogs they can keep on their property.

**Sincerely,
Hawaiian Chinese Shar-Pei Club
Charlee D. C. Abrams
President**

Testimony OPPOSING HB 1621

Re: HB1621: LARGE SCALE DOG BREEDER REGULATION ACT

Chair Angus McKelvey, Vice-Chair Isaac Choy and members of the House Committee on Economic Revitalization & Business:

While Section 1 of HB1621 states the following worthy purposes:

- (1) Ensure that the dogs are provided with humane care and treatment; and
- (2) Protect the public from purchasing unhealthy dogs. **I strongly oppose this bill for the following reason:**

It will fail to address those worthy purposes cited above, because the legislation addresses limits (numbers, sizes [volume or area], frequency) rather than the underlying assumptions regarding dog breeding by animal abusers. These include:

- a mistaken assumption that LARGE or SMALL SCALE BREEDING of dogs is profitable, WITHOUT cutting corners.
- a mistaken assumption that CURRENT STATUTES FOR ANIMAL TREATMENT are inadequate, so more statutes would address excesses in animal abuse.
- a mistaken belief that REIGNING IN BREEDING OF PURE-BRED DOGS alone, will address dog abuse or abandonment and dog overpopulation at animal shelters.

Following are some observations to refute the above assumptions:

All the related costs of breeding and raising healthy pure-breed puppies, until they go to their new owners, can run into 4 figures per puppy. Breeders, rarely if ever, recover their expenses through puppy sales. Additionally, the combined average licensing, feeding, veterinary, training and exhibition (excludes initial purchase, quarantine or any transportation) COSTS OF A PURE BRED DOG can run in excess of \$1800, annually.¹

Current state laws while adequate to address the above cited purposes, fail, due to inadequate provisions for enough animal control officers with the PROPER POLICING AUTHORITY to investigate animal abuse complaints and arrest alleged violators of state and county statutes. The records of the American Kennel Club and jurisdictions on the mainland point to a repeated pattern of pure-bred "puppy mill" operations being taken out of commission, due to diligence on the part of animal control officers who have the training, legal authority and resources to carry out their duties.

The LARGE % OF DOGS IN SHELTERS in this state is predominately a mixed breed population. And because pure-breed dogs, typically, are better adoption prospects, barring disease or temperament problems, their presence in shelter populations is usually of short duration. We still must euthanize our surplus pets, whose numbers far exceed those that are adopted.

Humane education helps keep the public informed and supportive of humane animal treatment. However, unless our state and counties are willing to provide the trained manpower and resources to enforce existing statutes and investigate and **bring to justice those who abuse animals, for profit or otherwise**, we will continue to have this on-going problem, not just with dogs but other animals in the pet trade from invertebrates, fish, amphibians, reptiles and birds to other mammals.

Respectfully,

Twylla-Dawn Steer, 618 Paopua Loop, Kailua, HI 96734

Officer and member of AKC member and licensed clubs in Hawaii

20+ year veteran of the Irish Wolfhound Club of America, National Rescue Directory, Hawaii IW rescue volunteer

¹Personal records: 2006-2010 (yearly avg./dog = \$1807; range \$1566-2150 for 5 year period)

February 7, 2011

Committee on Economic Revitalization, and Business
Hawaii State Capital
Honolulu, Hawaii

Honorable Chair Angus L. K. McKelvey, Vice Chairman Isaac W. Choy,
Economic Revitalization and Business Committee Members

RE: **SUPPORT FOR HB 1621**; Regulation of Large Scale Breeding Operations

A complaint was dispatched into the local humane society that a man was housing animals that were living in filth. No one needed to be given directions to this residence because the smell alone could have smacked you in the face. It was January 29, 2005, when the Hawaiian Humane Society took action and raided a breeding operation due to possible inhumane living conditions for animals. Later it was confirmed that it was a breeding operation and there were more than 200 animals residing on the property. Many were female dogs already pregnant. Some dogs were found stacked on each other in kennels that were leaking feces and urine. This was all too common. Other agencies were called in to assist when children were found to be living at the same residences.

How does this case differ from any other. I was one of many volunteers that helped care for these dogs for two years. And since the trial, I have adopted two dogs from this same group. It took four years for one of my females, whom I called Daisy, to overcome the fear of men. She has had to be taught how to trust humans and that there would be plenty of clean water and food for her remaining life. Two months after she was rescued, she gave birth to five pups, three survived.

What about the children that were residing in the house? Do we ignore this too? If laws and regulations were in place back then, the owners perhaps would have taken heed of the law.

Breeding operations across the nation are being shut down because they do not follow the laws that are set in place or regulations do not exist. Hawaii is no different. How many animals will it take to die before someone step up to the plate and say "yes" let's put something into law that will prevent breeding operations to operate inhumanely. Let Hawaii be an example for the rest of the country that we mean business. Set

regulations and breeders will be held accountable to their actions like any other business.

Help support SB1621. Let's stamp out abuse of all kinds.

Mahalo,

Gayle Puou,

Resident of Kapolei

Separate Testimony Packet for:

HB 1621

Relating to Dogs

Support: 180

Opppose: 4

Members of the House Committee on Economic Revitalization & Business,

My name is Theresa Donnelly, and I am writing to urge you to pass HB 1621 pertaining to dog breeders. As secretary of Boxer Club of Hawaii, every year I come into contact with hundreds of pet owners looking to own a Boxer puppy. It saddens me to think that there is no common-sense regulations in place ensuring breeders take care of animals properly.

The media coverage last year detailing the commercial dog breeding operation in Waimanalo (<http://www.hawaiinewsnow.com/global/story.asp?s=13001065>) underscores how terribly important it is that we here in Hawaii have the proper laws to hold inhumane breeders responsible for such egregious practices.

I know many owners who purchased their Boxers from a pet store or unethical breeder. Many of these dogs later develop health problems that could have been mitigated by imposing minimum health standards described in this bill. I have heard story after story from pet owners who have purchased a dog from an unscrupulous breeder. It is unacceptable that Hawaii does not have strong enough laws to hold unethical breeders to task. Profit is their primary motivation, and it is at the expense of a lifetime of suffering for both the animal and the owner.

Hawaii's reputation as having the weakest animal bills must come to an end. I have bred my Boxer before and even though I would not qualify as a breeder as per this law, I would gladly obtain a permits or licensing as I know this would raise the level of care for all of our pets.

Please, let's give the Hawaiian Humane Society the laws they need to keep our animals safe and healthy.

Mahalo,

Theresa Donnelly
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Honolulu, Hawaii 96818

From: Roland Shanklin [rcshanklin@hotmail.com]
Sent: Friday, February 04, 2011 3:04 PM
To: ERBtestimony
Cc: HHS
Subject: Support HB 1621 Relating to Dogs

My name is Roland Shanklin, and I live at 295 Panio St., Honolulu, 96821. (phone number 808-255-9911). I'd like to submit my testimony in favor of HB 1621, Relating to Dogs.

I'm a shy person and don't speak well in public, so I'll not be there to testify, but I love animals, work in shelters like HH and am a resident of Hawaii. I lived in Waianae for two years and cared for abandoned and sick animals there. I believe this is a special problem in Hawaii (the animal quarantine regulations make it favorable for residents to purchase a puppy here on the Island).

I know how puppy mills operate. We must be careful that large scale breeders follow strict guidelines in their breeding operations. I own rescued dogs. People who buy puppies at stores often do not know anything about the actual breeders. We need limits on breeding, and controls so law enforcement persons have access to puppy mills, to insure animals get humane treatment.

Thank you for supporting HB 1621.

Roland Shanklin

From: clk@quixnet.net on behalf of clk [clk@quixnet.net]
Sent: Friday, February 04, 2011 1:53 PM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: Support for HB1621

Please regulate puppy mills by supporting HB1621. Many puppy mills are inhumane and should be shut down. Puppies are not healthy when they arrive at the pet stores. Law enforcement officials need to have access to breeders to inspect the premises to insure animals are being treated humanely.

Thanks for your attention to this issue.

Carolyn L. Knoll
Kaneohe, Hawaii

From: Karen Nakama [nakamak@hawaii.edu]
Sent: Friday, February 04, 2011 2:11 PM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: Puppy mills

To whom it may concern

Please look deep into an animals eyes & see how much they are suffering because they are pregnant many times throughout their lives. Animals have feelings & cry just as a human does. So please with all your heart(s) please pass a law that will save them from suffering.

Karen

From: Michelle Bowerman [mbowerman@isi-hawaii.com]
Sent: Friday, February 04, 2011 2:27 PM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: Support HB 1621 RELATING TO DOGS

You have my support in the regulation of puppy mills. Animals must be kept in clean facilities with access to clean and fresh water and food. They must have regular veterinary care. The number of litters must be regulated. Law enforcement must have access 24/7 to ensure compliance.
Thank you.

Michelle Bowerman
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From: Laurel Snow [laurel_snow@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, February 04, 2011 2:38 PM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: Support HB 1621 RELATING TO DOGS

To: Representative Representative Angus McKelvey (Chair) Committee Members of Economic Revitalization & Business

Help save the dogs and make their life better. NO one or NOthing deserves to be subjected to harsh conditions, for even though we live in luxury and choice, dogs do not have any power. We, as humans, can not just take advantage of anyone who is 'lower' than us, we have a responsibility, a duty, and we need to employ our potential in the *right* ways. Enact this law please.

From: April James [April.James@hawaiiantel.com]
Sent: Friday, February 04, 2011 2:53 PM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: BREEDING, TRAPS AND CHAINS

Female dogs should not be used for breeding purposes only. Chains are only supposed to be used for walking your dog. Traps should not be used. Dogs and cats are part of a family like one of the children. Just because they look different than humans, animals have the same diseases as humans. Animals understand every thing you say only they cannot talk back. It is just cruel to treat animals that way. I can go on an on on this subject.

I support the bill 100 percent.

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From: Sharon Miyashita [Sharon.Miyashita@hawaiiantel.com]
Sent: Friday, February 04, 2011 2:55 PM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: Support HB 1621 RELATING TO DOGS

Support this bill is a step in the right direction; how could it be not? They cannot speak but we see the cruelty afflicted upon them communicated thru their eyes. STOP THE CRUELTY, NOW ... NOT LATER.

Regards,

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From: hsato [hsato@mvnp.com]
Sent: Friday, February 04, 2011 3:00 PM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: Supporting HB 1621 RELATING TO DOGS Regulation of Large Scale Breeding Operations

TO: All Those In Government Who Can Help Animals!

I am a residents of Hawaii, and animal lovers, stand with Hawaiian Humane Society and against puppy mills, as well as the people and businesses that sell these animals for profit. We believe in stronger regulation of these businesses and better laws to protect animals in puppy mills.

Hidemi Sato
999 Bishop St., 21st Floor
Honolulu, HI 96813

From: Edward R. Lebb [cdcerl@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Friday, February 04, 2011 3:24 PM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: HB 1621

The Honorable Angus McKelvey, Chair
and members of the Committee on Economic Revitalization & Business

I urge you to support HB 1621. large scale breeding of any animal is cruel and unhealthy. I am a social worker. A society is measured by its treatment of its disabled and animals. Please step up for those who cannot speak for themselves!

Faith Lebb
99-128 Aiea Heights Drive, #209
Aiea, Hawaii 96701
488-3399

From: Colleen Murphy [cmurphyrealtor@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, February 04, 2011 3:27 PM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: Support HB 1621 RELATING TO DOGS

Dear Representative Angus McKelvey (Chair) and Committee Members of Economic Revitalization & Business,

I stand in strong support of HB 1621. Large-scale breeding operations and all that they entail need stronger regulation and oversight. Please help by voting "yes" on this bill.

Thank you,
Colleen Murphy

Colleen Murphy, RA, CRS, CDPE, ePRO
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From: Andrew Rosenberg [courtreporters@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Friday, February 04, 2011 3:29 PM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: Support HB 1621 RELATING TO DOGS

TO: Representative Representative Angus McKelvey (Chair) Committee Members of Economic Revitalization & Business

This email is meant to support House Bill 1621. This is long overdue and has been a concern for Hawaii residents for a long time. It is both an ethical and a public safety concern. The welfare of animals in large scale breeding operations cannot be put to simple trust, monitoring is absolutely essentially. Do you want to see or read a national news piece about a puppy mill horror story in Hawaii? That shameful stain has been publicized in the mainland, particularly Missouri, all too often. Similarly, numerous examples of serious disease disasters at large scale puppy mills abound. That this could occur in Hawaii because we have very limited (and frankly weak) laws targeting large scale breeding operations.

I ask you to do the right thing and vote YES for House Bill 1621.

Mahalo
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From: Ann Nishida [annnishida@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, February 04, 2011 3:29 PM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: Support HB 1621 RELATING TO DOGS

To Whom It May Concern,

I support House Bill 1621 to ensure proper care, clean conditions and humane treatment of dogs or any animal by large-scale breeders. It's unfortunate that there is a need for this, but there are too many news reports about puppy mills with unsanitary conditions and female dogs who are exhausted from giving birth too often. This leads to overbreeding and puppies born malnourished or with birth defects. No one should be allowed to operate this type of business, not in Hawaii, not anywhere.

Animals depend on people for proper care. They need us to speak up for them and to enact laws to protect them against unscrupulous individuals who only see them as a means to make money. If you are going to breed dogs, you need to do it right and put the needs -- medical, physical, nutritional, etc ... before profit. Please help put an end to inhumane puppy mills.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

Ann Nishida Fry
238 Aikane Street
Kailua, HI 96734

From: jacqueline just [jacquelinejust@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, February 04, 2011 3:33 PM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: HB 1621

Representative Angus McLelvey and Committee Members of Economic Revitalization and Business
I support HB 1621 regulation of Large Scale Breeding Operation. It should be mandated that these business operations be licensed and limit sets in regards to breeding frequency. Also, a cap should be set for the number of puppies sold per year . Minimum standards should be maintained for dogs health and welfare including indoor and outdoor access and annual veterinary care. Inspections should be mandatory to allow law enforcement access needed to assure the dogs protection.

Please support this bill!!!

Jacqueline Just
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From: Carolyn Macina [cmacina@htbyb.com]
Sent: Friday, February 04, 2011 3:35 PM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: Please support Housebill #1621

The breeding of dogs has gotten out of hand. Those that suffer are the discounted and unwanted animals. They have feelings, physically, psychologically and they can be subject to hurt and pain. Please, please stop the suffering of many who through no fault of their own suffer from the inhumane treatment of others because they simply can't be cared for or others abuse and abandon them. There are way too many abandoned and abused animals now. Please take action and stop the puppy mills.... Aloha, CAM

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From: Michie [michiesugita@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, February 04, 2011 3:45 PM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: Support HB 1621 RELATING TO DOGS

Dear Legislature,

My name is Michie Sugita.

I am in support of the animal welfare bills that could strengthen animal protection in Hawaii.

I am in support of the bill against animal and inhumane treatment.

I am against animal breeders over breeding and in poor living conditions.

So I am in support of House Bill 1621.

All animals should not be suffering.

Love and Aloha,

Michie Sugita
1103 Prospect Place Honolulu, HI 96822

From: Maxine Shea [koreanmax2@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, February 04, 2011 3:55 PM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: Re: House Bill 1621

Dear Representative Angus McKelvey

Regarding House Bill 1621 Relating to Dog.

Please notate my support of HB 1621 as this bill would help to set minimum standards of care in the breeding of dogs.

A much needed measure of this bill would enable law enforcement the access needed to help in ensuring the welfare of animals which as I observe in some individuals perspective on how animals should be treated requires regulation.

Please vote in favor of HB 1621.

Thank you,
Maxine N Shea
Property Manager and Broker, Big Surf Condo
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From: Kyle Kennedy [kylekenne@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, February 04, 2011 3:59 PM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: House Bill 1621,579,1576, and Senate Bill 1424

My name is Kyle Kauilaokalani Kennedy and I writing this to give my support for these current bills: House Bill 1621,579,1576, and Senate Bill 1424. In caring for other humans we care for ourselves, in caring for Planet Earth we are protecting ourselves, in protecting all animals from pain and cruelty we are doing our part. Love and Aloha
Kyle Kennedy

From: sandy sueoka [sandysueoka@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, February 04, 2011 4:10 PM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: puppy mills

To Whom It May Concern,

Count me as one in favor of this bill. Too often, these animals are treated as a commodity. They deserve respect and care for the living beings that they are. Help to protect those without a voice. Please pass this legislation.

Thank you.

From: Cynthia Clark [cynthiac Clark8@msn.com]
Sent: Friday, February 04, 2011 4:05 PM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: Please stop the puppy mills....

This Island has too many stray and abused animals that need attention. We don't need any puppy mills.

Thank you

From: ginger edmunds [ginger@danafoto.com]
Sent: Friday, February 04, 2011 4:13 PM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: animal laws

As my representative please support the bills to protect animals who are subject to unheard of cruelties.
We are their only hope.

Thank you,

Ginger Edmunds

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From: Leila ishiki [leilai@earthlink.net]
Sent: Friday, February 04, 2011 4:14 PM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: Please vote YES for HB 1621 Regulation of Large Scale Breeding Operations

I support HB 1621. I would really prefer that this type of slavery and cruelty-for-profit be abolished, however, at least this bill would help to regulate puppy mills and set some minimal humane standards. This would also support the Hawaiian Humane Society and law enforcement efforts to protect these poor animals who cannot protect or speak for themselves. Please vote YES for HB 1621.

Mahalo,

Leila ishiki
leilai@earthlink.net

From: Carrie-Lynn Asing [clkasing96744@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, February 04, 2011 4:26 PM
To: ERBtestimony

Stop Animal Cruelty now legislature!

Sent from Yahoo! Mail on Android

From: Antoinette Perez [ms.capili@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, February 04, 2011 5:09 PM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: Support HB 6021 Relating to Dogs

I support the passing of this bill.

Sincerely,

Antoinette S.N. Perez

From: kshimata [kshimata@live.com]
Sent: Friday, February 04, 2011 5:20 PM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: Puppy Mills

I support proposed legislation to protect animals from repeated breeding & to insure that they receive medical care.

Thank you for considering my views.

From: fishcake [info@fishcake.us]
Sent: Friday, February 04, 2011 5:22 PM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: large scale breeding - house bill 1621

no more puppy farms please! we support house bill 1621!
maura fujihira



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• <http://fishcakefishbowl.blogspot.com/>

From: jaime.kurosawa@gmail.com
Sent: Friday, February 04, 2011 5:30 PM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: Bill 1621

I vote to pass this bill. Put yourself in their shoes. Thank you.

Sent from my Verizon Wireless Phone

From: Arthur Moss [hawaiimoss@hotmail.com]
Sent: Friday, February 04, 2011 5:36 PM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: HR1621

Aloha Rep. Angus McKelvey (chair) and members of the Economic Revitalization and Business Committee:

I support economic revitalization, but not through puppy mills. Most of the breeders involved love profits more than animals so let's take steps to at least slow down the cruel process; we cannot fix potholes, but perhaps we can protect some animals by passing HB1621 which will establish an opportunity for good. Art Moss

From: Mary Naman [m_naman@hotmail.com]
Sent: Friday, February 04, 2011 6:15 PM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: Regulation of Large Scale Breeding Operations (House Bill 1621)

To whom it may concern:

We support House Bill 1621 to regulate puppy mills.

Please vote in support of this bill.

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

From: Liliy Zheng [sparkly_lz@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, February 04, 2011 6:30 PM
To: ERBestimony
Subject: no more puppy mills!!!!!!!!!!!!

Breeding of animals for profit is inhuman and must be stopped. Think if a woman close to you gave birth continuously to sell the babies to someone else cause its cute or they can't have children. Its a horrible situation for the mom and maybe the dads. Passing the bill will help to tighten the security and help dogs in need. Also dogs have many good points but focusing on one too much is not good.

From: Jacque LeBlanc [jacquelyn_leblanc@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, February 04, 2011 6:56 PM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: Support HB 1621 RELATING TO DOGS

Please support HB 1621.

Learn more about puppy mills here:
http://hawaiianhumane.org/end_puppy_mills.html

And please watch the video links.

Animals suffer in for profit operations and we need your support to help regulate these businesses.

Sincerely,

Jacque LeBlanc
480-B Mananai Place
Honolulu 96818

From: Jo Ann Fujita [j_m_fujita@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, February 04, 2011 7:07 PM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: Regulation of Large Scale Breeding Operations (House Bill 1621)

Dear Representative Angus McKelvey (Chair) Committee Members of Economic Revitalization & Business

I am writing in support of passage of House Bill 1621 which would mandate licensing of large scale breeders, defined as follows: any business operation with 20 or more breeding females; or 30 breeding dogs of either gender; or an operation that sells 25 or more puppies a year.

On behalf of the many innocent animals this law will protect, I strongly urge you consider support of this bill.

Respectfully,

Jo-Ann Fujita
3356-A East Manoa Road
Honolulu, HI 96822

From: Joe Strzempka [jstrzempka@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Friday, February 04, 2011 7:10 PM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: Regulation of Large Scale Breeding Operations (House Bill 1621)

Representative Angus McKelvey - I fully support this bill before your your committee. Personally, I would like to see a total breeding ban until the animal shelters are empty, but I am also a realist. Please support this bill and all of it's regulations.

Mahalo -

Joe Strzempka
Waipahu, Hawaii

From: DebSchuessler@aol.com
Sent: Friday, February 04, 2011 7:36 PM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: mandate

this bill should be passed to mandate large scale breeding facilities. Some one has to have a voice for these animals who cannot speak for themselves.

thank you

debschuessler@aol.com

From: Shima Ohana [ShimaOhana@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Friday, February 04, 2011 7:48 PM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: HB 1621

Representative McKelvey and Economic Revitalization & Business Committee Members:

Please support HB 1621 as this bill would mandate licensing of large scale breeders. We also need to set a cap on total number of breeding animals and limit the number of times a female can be bred and requires care to include indoor and outdoor access and annual veterinary care. Law enforcement needs access to provide inspections to assure the welfare of our animals.

We need to be the voices for animals and are obligated to protect them from cruelty.

Thank you.
Donna Shimabukuro
94-1071 Kaaholo St
Waipahu, HI 96797

From: Jessie [jessie.freise@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, February 04, 2011 8:17 PM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: Support HB 1621 RELATING TO DOGS

I support this bill on Regulation of Large Scale Breeding Operations.

Jessie Freise

From: Karina Koda [kkoda64@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, February 04, 2011 7:52 PM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: Puppy mills

To whom it may concern,

I am the proud family member of 2 wonderful dogs Marley and Lono. Lono is the classic case of an inbred pit-bull. I adopted him from a person who was ever-so-willing to buy a cheap puppy who seemed to be healthy and cheap. This person, unable and unwilling to attend to the high costs of buying such a physically demanding dog, has allowed me to adopt this wonderful dog.

Since Lono's birth, he has had a history of surgeries and numerous vet visits which have accumulated over the first 4 years of his life. He has the most wonderful temperment and endures the painful procedures year after year without complaint.

Puppy mill owners do not care about the pain and suffering that occurs once these dogs leave their "farms" and they do not care about the excruciating pain and suffering of the parents nor the offspring. I have been waiting time and time again for some type of legal restriction limiting and even shutting down these "breeding farms" but to no avail.

Please consider my story and the millions of others out there that are asking for help! These dogs do not have a voice of their own and only we can help to save them!

Much mahalo for lending an ear,
Karina Koda

From: Patti Mickelsen [patti@palikea.com]
Sent: Friday, February 04, 2011 8:51 PM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: Breeding controls...

This bill is better than nothing. Please pass without delay, even though it does not go far enough.

Paul and Patti Mickelsen
Kohala Coast, HI

From: Sybil Hamada [hamadasn@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Friday, February 04, 2011 9:01 PM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: Support HB 1621 RELATING TO DOGS

Dear Representative Angus McKelvey and Committee Members of Economic Revitalization & Business:

Please support HB 1621 relating to dogs. I have met many people who had purchased their purebred puppies from certain breeders. It turned out that their puppies developed severe physical or psychological issues due to POOR BREEDING. These puppies with papers cost over \$1,200 each, some going for \$2,000. Some of these breeders refuse to take back their puppies!

If this bill is passed, it will stop a particular breeder who has over 25 pomeranians on her flea and tick-infested property and whose dogs are primarily bred for money. My first purebred puppy grew up to be a sickly dog who was on medications for the rest of her life. I did not buy another pomeranian from her again.

Please stop this kind of people who are not breeding to perfect the breed, but to bring in money at the expense of the dogs' health and well-being.

Thank you.

Sybil Hamada

From: STEPHANIE M. [aloharunner@hotmail.com]
Sent: Friday, February 04, 2011 9:15 PM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: SUPPORT HB 1621 TO LIMIT DOG BREEDING

PLEASE SUPPORT HB 1621 TO REGULATE LARGE SCALE BREEDING OPERATIONS. WE MUST OUTLAW THE OPERATIONS OF PUPPY MILLS IN HAWAII. THEY ARE INHUMANE. STEPHANIE MCLAUGHLIN, 95-310 HAAKUALIKI PLACE, MILILANI, HAWAII, 96789 PHONE (808)3844764



Aloha from ...

Stephanie McLaughlin

"Be the change you wish to see in the world"

From: Kathy Takayama [ktakayama@honhl.com]
Sent: Friday, February 04, 2011 9:34 PM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: Support HB 1621 Relating to Dogs

I am in complete support of this bill. I am a dog owner and it saddens me every single day to think that there are so many dogs in need of love, warmth, shelter, food and water. I want puppy mills eliminated completely! Being a pet owner, I know that dogs have feelings, they are in tune with their surroundings and it is very heartbreaking to even think that anyone can abuse or neglect a pet. I truly hope that the laws for animal care will improve and be enforced and that the penalties for neglect and abuse are substantial...MAKE THEM PAY for harming helpless animals. PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE do all that you can!!!



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From: Marilyn Cutter [marilynnhi@aol.com]
Sent: Friday, February 04, 2011 9:41 PM
To: ERBtestimony

Dear Committee Chair and Members,

I am writing in support of HB 1621. I believe this bill will help to regulate larger scale dog breeders and help to curtail puppy mills in

Hawaii, plus establish at least some minimum standards of care.

Thank you for your positive consideration of this bill.

Aloha,
Marilynn Cutter

From: alicesaul [alicesaul@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Friday, February 04, 2011 9:43 PM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: Support HB 1621 RELATING TO DOGS

Dear Representative Representative Angus McKelvey (Chair) and Committee Members of Economic Revitalization & Business

Please add my voice to those seeking to support HB 1621 Relating to Dogs. We in Hawaii are defined by how we treat each other as well as how we treat animals for whom we are responsible. Please help us curtail the inhumane practices of the 'puppy mills' in the absence of the reasonable restraint brought about by good legislation.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my view, along with a fervent hope of support.

Aloha,

Alice Saul
147 Opihikao Way
Honolulu, HI

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From: Greg [gregoi@hawaiiintel.net]
Sent: Friday, February 04, 2011 9:54 PM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: Support HB 1621 RELATING TO DOGS

TO: Representative Angus McKelvey (Chair) Committee Members of Economic Revitalization & Business

Please accept my testimony IN FAVOR OF HB 1621 to regulate large-scale dog breeding businesses in Hawaii. This legislation is long overdue in a state where the spirit of aloha should extend to animals as well as people.

In addition, please remember that licensing and regulation would be "toothless" without the necessary enforcement resources, which must be provided to the appropriate state agency.

Finally, may I suggest that this legislation include an amendment to existing animal cruelty laws which adds the limitation of a female dog's breeding to no more than two litters in 18 months (same as HB 1621), and that ANY dog owner, not just puppy mills, who exceeds this limit be guilty of animal cruelty. I have personally witnessed this form of over-breeding in my neighborhood by individuals supplementing their incomes by selling puppies without establishing a legitimate business. The effect of this abuse on the mother dog's health and well-being is devastating and pitiful.

Thank you and aloha,

Gregory S. Oi
3251 Lamaloa Pl
Honolulu, HI 96816
gregoi@hawaiiintel.net

From: Mary Morioka [mkimie@mawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Friday, February 04, 2011 11:42 PM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: Support HB 1621 RELATING TO DOGS

Dear Rep. Angus McKelvey (Chair) Committee Members of Economic Revitalization & Business,

What argument could anyone make to not support measures that make this a more humane society?
Please do everything possible to support this bill.

Regulation of Large Scale Breeding Operations (House Bill 1621)

This bill would mandate licensing of large scale breeders, which would be defined as follows: any business operation with 20 or more breeding females; or 30 breeding dogs of either gender; or an operation that sells 25 or more puppies a year. This bill aims to set a cap on total number of breeding animals at 50 and limits the number of times a female can be bred to twice in an 18-month period. It also sets minimum standards of care to include indoor and outdoor access and annual veterinary care. This bill also enables law enforcement the access needed to provide inspections to assure the welfare of animals. For more info on puppy mills [click here](#).

From: Lyn Pendragon [lyn.pendragon@gmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, February 05, 2011 12:13 AM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: House Bill 1621

We strongly urge support of House Bill 1621, to regulate and license animal breeders. Animal welfare is one of our highest priorities, and we vote in every election, based on how well our representatives act to take care of those who are unable to have a voice for themselves.

Thank you for considering this carefully.

Sincerely,

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Pendragon

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From: carroll [lacarroll@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Saturday, February 05, 2011 12:34 AM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: Support HB 1621 RELATING TO DOGS

Chairman Representative Angus McKelvey,

Please support HB 1621 RELATING TO DOGS.

Mahalo!

L.Carroll

From: spenardo@peoplepc.com
Sent: Saturday, February 05, 2011 1:04 AM
To: ERBtestimony

Please do all you can to pass these very much needed laws to protect animals. There are all sorts of laws and facilities to protect people, a lot of them whom bring their problems upon themselves. But domestic innocent animals need more advocacy and laws to protect them from heartless acts of ignorance and greed. Please have a heart and don't be ignorant and get these and other animal rights laws passed. Sincerely and with hope, John Konjevich

From: ilc5b@virginia.edu
Sent: Saturday, February 05, 2011 4:36 AM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: Support HB 1621 RELATING TO DOGS

To Representative Angus McKelvey and Committee Members of Economic Revitalization & Business, I urge you to support this legislation, which would regulate large-scale breeding operations and prevent many of the abuses that come along with puppy mills. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,
Isabella Cooper

From: CAROL SUTHERLAND [brightideas@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Saturday, February 05, 2011 6:36 AM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: Support HB 1621 Relating to Dogs

I'd like to place my support w/this Bill to regulate dog breeding and licensing.

Carol Sutherland

From: Donna Keefer [hitshawaii77@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Saturday, February 05, 2011 6:40 AM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: large scale breeding....aka puppy mills! Please stop them!

please shut down the puppy mills. Hawaii, our Aloha state is about quality of life for all living creatures....sacrificing the lives of innocent animals to make money is not PONO! Sincerely, donna keefer

From: GMADRIAGA@aol.com
Sent: Saturday, February 05, 2011 6:48 AM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: HB 1621

Dear Legislators:

I urge you to pass this bill. I am an owner of a dog that was purchased through one of these puppy mills and when I first received him he was in bad condition. This puppy was soon found to be ill and my uncle had brought it back to the puppy mill to ask for a refund and the owners refused to take the puppy back. I am now grateful because he has given me over 10 years of happiness and continues to do so today. This dog has and will always have medical problems, but it is a small price to pay for the joy he brings into my life.

Had there been some type of legislation to regulate breeders, maybe these puppies would be treated much sooner.

Concerned dog owner,

Gail M. Madriaga
405 Lunalilo Home Road
Honolulu, HI 96825
808-479-6082

From: Marcie Purdy [marcieinhi@yahoo.com]
Sent: Saturday, February 05, 2011 6:50 AM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: Animal Welfare Large Scale Breeding Operations

Please pass the pending bill to restrict animal breeding operations in Hawaii, limiting the number of times a female can be bred, setting minimal standards of care.

Thank you,

Martha Purdy

From: Vicky Keough [vicky.keough@gmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, February 05, 2011 7:38 AM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: SUBJ Header: Support HB 1621 RELATING TO DOGS

Please support this bill. Thank you!

From: susankroe@aol.com
Sent: Saturday, February 05, 2011 7:41 AM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: Support HB 1621 RELATING TO DOGS

This letter is in support of Support HB 1621 RELATING TO DOGS

Large scale breeders should be required to have mandate licensing and follow other business practices that support humane animal treatment.

Susan Kroe-Unabia
808-295-0647
susankroe@aol.com

Regulation of Large Scale Breeding Operations (House Bill 1621)

This bill would mandate licensing of large scale breeders, which would be defined as follows: any business operation with 20 or more breeding females; or 30 breeding dogs of either gender; or an operation that sells 25 or more puppies a year. This bill aims to set a cap on total number of breeding animals at 50 and limits the number of times a female can be bred to twice in an 18-month period. It also sets minimum standards of care to include indoor and outdoor access and annual veterinary care. This bill also enables law enforcement the access needed to provide inspections to assure the welfare of animals. For more info on puppy mills [click here](#).

Email Testimony: ERBtestimony@Capitol.hawaii.gov

SUBJ Header: Support HB 1621 RELATING TO DOGS

Deadline: Monday, Feb. 7

Testify in Person: Tuesday, Feb. 8 at 8 am at State Capitol Conference Room 312

Address to: Representative Representative Angus McKelvey (Chair) Committee Members of Economic Revitalization & Business

Susan Kroe-Unabia, CI, CT
susankroe@aol.com
kroe@hawaii.edu

From: Gerrit Osborne [hellogbo@gmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, February 05, 2011 8:14 AM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: "Puppy Mills"

Please register me as a strong supporter of HB 1621, designed to regulate "large scale breeding operations."

Better than regulating them, shut them all down!

Gerrit Osborne
1430 Ehupua St.
Honolulu, 96821
N21° 16.830' W157° 45.830'
808-222-2450

From: Patti Arakaki [patti_mie1@msn.com]
Sent: Saturday, February 05, 2011 8:19 AM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: Support HB 1621 relating to dogs

Please support this bill.

Thank you,
Patti Arakaki

From: Ted Akimoto [tgakimoto@aol.com]
Sent: Saturday, February 05, 2011 8:20 AM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: Puppy mills

Thank you for introducing legislation regulating breeding practices, especially those done on a wide scale strictly for profit. This law is the first for Hawaii and is a start. It will also help Humane Society investigators follow some type of law. As a dog lover, it is hard to see such abuses or neglect to our canines. Please see this law through.

Sent from my iPad

From: Joyce DeBos [jdebos1@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Saturday, February 05, 2011 8:25 AM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: Regulation of Large Scale Breeding Operations

Aloha:

As an animal activist I support this bill to stop Large Scale Breeding Operations. May the owners be fined if they are caught breeding their dogs, and be forced into cleaning the dog runs at the HHS. Also, there are a number of Pet Stores around the Island that are full of puppies that need homes, these puppies are not cheap, they cost upward from \$500.-\$2000.00 if we continue to allow these pet stores to sell these pets for big bucks they will not stop supplying the clients with animals who we as a state cannot support. These pet stores should be limited to the amount of animals that come and go, and put a ceiling on the cost of the pet. If we do not take action on this there will be an over the limit pet population that has already gone spiraling out of control. If you don't believe me just visit the HHS., and there only (1) of the facilities on this Island that deals with Pet Over Population.

Sincerely yours,

Joyce Mehringer-DeBos
PO Box 22
Haleiwa, HI 96712

From: Lorna Kaaloa [paddleyourheartout@gmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, February 05, 2011 8:46 AM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: Support HB 1621 RELATING TO DOGS

Aloha,

I am writing to support House Bill 1621 and its efforts to regulate/put to end the large scale breeding of dogs. NO more inhumane use of these domestic pets for the greedy financial gains of large scale breeders. I bought my cocker spaniel from one of these and because of the inbreeding, she is afflicted with many illnesses and other problems that cost me not only in the dollars but more the heartache to see her suffer through them. STOP large scale breeding and please support House Bill 1621.

Mahalo,
Lorna Kaaloa
1515 Nuuanu Ave. #3
Honolulu, HI 96817

From: Lena Yafuso [beanie466@hotmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, February 05, 2011 8:54 AM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: Support HB 1621 RELATING TO DOGS

Dear Representative McKelvey and Committee Members of Economic Revitalization and Business,

Please pass HB 1621. A cap on the number of breeding animals a person may own and limiting the amount of times a female may be bred in an 18 month period is common sense. There are too many animals ending up in shelters as it is. It is sound business for the state to insure that people running these dog breeding operations are providing adequate medical care so that they are not creating more problems for individuals and for the animals that will ultimately affect the rest of the state, economically. It is cruel and inhumane for any living creature to breed until their bodies give out and too many dogs and cats in one tiny space creates the potential for suffering and disease. Please empower law enforcement with the right to inspect conditions to ensure that these breeders are doing the right thing. Please pass HB 1621.

Thank you for your time,
Lena Yafuso

From: mary babcock [marybandito@yahoo.com]
Sent: Saturday, February 05, 2011 8:55 AM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: support HB1621

in support of HB1621
mary babcock
Kailua, HI

From: Linda Caldwell [lindakennels@yahoo.com]
Sent: Saturday, February 05, 2011 8:49 AM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: oppose HB 1621 relating to dogs

From: Betty Bodlak [surfzone@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Saturday, February 05, 2011 9:14 AM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: House Bill 1621

Please, PLEASE help us control the number of wonderful, four-legged creatures in this state. We have so many animals who are mistreated in so many ways, those of us who care at all MUST take whatever action possible to ensure our fellow creatures are treated humanly and where possible, limited in their numbers so they can have the quality lives they deserve as living creatures. Please vote for HB 1621.

Thank you.

Betty Bodlak
PO Box 1124
Haleiwa

From: Linda Lee [ljblee@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Saturday, February 05, 2011 9:20 AM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: Regulation of Large Scale Breeding Operations

PLEASE PASS THIS BILL.

I'm speaking for all the helpless animals I encounter in the world, but most especially here in Hawaii. They were not put on this earth as money makers for us. They are deserving of living their lives as much as we are. They don't have voices but all one needs to do is look into their eyes and you'll be touched.

I've seen many animals in my work and this is only ONE of the areas that needs control. Please make it a start with our breeding dogs.

Thank you,

Linda Lee

From: Robert Smith [boogiedownrob@yahoo.com]
Sent: Saturday, February 05, 2011 9:32 AM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: Yes on House Bill 1621

To Whom it may concern,

I vote yes on House Bill 1621 (Regulation of Large Scale Breeding Operations).

I think that over-breeding is not only harmful for the animals doing the breeding but also adds to the overpopulation epidemic. This leads to more animals being euthanized. Over-breeding of animals should be stopped.

Respectfully,

Robert Smith

From: karen mckinnie [klmckinn@gmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, February 05, 2011 9:40 AM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: HB 1621

Please pass this bill creating greater oversight over these heinous operations. Much stricter measures are called for but this is a beginning to try to curb some of the torture these animals endure. Puppy mills should be outlawed altogether in this state and the bill's terms are extremely lenient for number of breeders allowed. It also only regulates "large" operations, not small ones. A much stricter bill is required but it should be an easy no brainer to pass this for anyone with a conscience which is what most puppy mill owners don't have.

Karen McKinnie

From: cheri honda [cherihonda@gmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, February 05, 2011 10:26 AM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: Support HB 1621 RELATING TO DOGS

Representative Angus McKelvey and Economic Revitalization & Business Committee Members:

I would like to ask for your support of HB 1621. I have worked in the pet industry and seen first hand how inhumane breeders treat their dogs. We need a bill regulating this industry. I have heard stories of puppy mills where breeders aren't worried about breeding mothers with their sons. Also, breeders who never give the proper care to their animals because all they need are their puppies. It doesn't help that many local pet stores will purchase those puppies without asking anything about the breeding environment.

Please help the animals by setting a cap on total number of breeding animals and especially the number of times a female can be bred to twice in an 18-month period.

Thank you,
Cheri Honda
95-124 Kaalolo Place
Mililani, HI 96789

From: Ginger Kolonick [gingerk@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Saturday, February 05, 2011 10:27 AM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: HB 1621

Please add me to the long list of strong supporters for the abolition of "puppy mills". Thank you

Ginger Kolonick
531 Hahaione St., #13A
Honolulu, HI 96825

From: Ginger Plasch [gplasch@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Saturday, February 05, 2011 10:35 AM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: I Support HB 1621 Re: DOGS

To: Rep Angus McKelvey, Chair, Committee Members of Economic Revitalization & Business

Please support HB 1621 mandating licensing of large-scale dog breeders ("puppy mills").

In our society, we humans are responsible for dogs, so their quality of life depends upon how we humans care for them.

This bill would require that some minimum standards of human care be met in breeding dogs. That's a good thing!

Mahalo,

~Ginger Plasch

From: WynnieJoy Hee [anthuriumz@hotmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, February 05, 2011 11:03 AM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: Support HB 1621 RELATING TO DOGS

Representative Angus McKelvey, Chairman, & Committee Members of Economic Revitalization & Business:

It is heartbreaking and appalling when cases of animal abuse by "puppy mill" operators come to light: so many dogs living in filthy, small cages without proper nutrition and health care, their only purpose -- to be bred and make money for greedy owners.

The Hawaiian Humane Society wants to enforce our animal cruelty law, but the current law wasn't created to deal with large-scale, profit-driven breeding operations. It limits the Humane Society's access to commercial breeding facilities and law enforcement. Please change the law to ensure humane treatment of animals in puppy mills!

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From: S. N. [schnauzerlaw@gmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, February 05, 2011 11:15 AM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: Support HB 1621 RELATING TO DOGS

TO: Representative Representative Angus McKelvey (Chair); Committee Members of Economic Revitalization & Business

I respectfully submit this testimony in support of House Bill 1621 which relates to the regulation of large scale dog breeders. HB 1621 would prevent the abuses which sometime occur at so-called "puppy mills." The living conditions at such facilities are deplorable and the dogs are subjected to intolerable conditions. This bill would ensure that dogs which are handled by large scale breeders are treated in a humane manner. Please vote in favor of HB 1621 so that these animals which many of your constituents hold dear are protected.

Thank you.

Respectfully,

Shohei Nishimoto

Honolulu, Hawaii

From: Carla Cavaco [ccavaco@clearwire.net]
Sent: Saturday, February 05, 2011 11:47 AM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: OPPOSE HB 1621 RELATING TO DOGS

When animal control concerns arise, legislators often look to limit laws as a quick fix. In reality, limit laws cause more problems than they solve. Here is why:

- Limit laws do not address the heart of the problem, which is irresponsible dog ownership.
- There is no link between a specific number of dogs and nuisance problems. One dog that barks or runs loose will cause trouble, while several dogs that are quiet and stay home will not.
- Limit laws are extremely difficult to enforce and can be evaded by irresponsible animal owners.
- Limit laws may result in a decrease in the number of dogs licensed, since individuals may choose not to license their pets as a way to avoid giving up a beloved pet. Animal control officers therefore have no way of knowing how many pets an owner has unless they make regular door-to-door inspections, an expensive and time-consuming process that in many cases would require a search warrant. A drop in licensing would also severely impact a community's animal control budget.
- Hoping to evade limit laws, pet owners may try to hide the number of dogs they own. To do so, owners avoid taking their animal to veterinarians and getting needed vaccinations. This not only jeopardizes public health, but also affects rabies prevention and threatens public safety.
- People who are forced to give up their dogs due to limit laws usually relinquish them to local shelters, creating additional financial and emotional burdens for animal control and shelter officials.
- Limit laws would impact those who rescue unwanted animals and either adopt them or find them permanent homes.
- Limit laws target all owners, regardless of their actions or the behavior of their animals. Responsible owners should be allowed to use their own discretion in determining the number of dogs they can keep on their own property.

From: E Palafox [msseniorhi2001@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Saturday, February 05, 2011 12:04 PM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: Re: Suppor House Bill 1621-Relating to dogs

To: Mr. Angus Mckelvey, Chair-Committee Members of Economic Revitalization & Business

I am a dog lover and it pains me to see whenever someone is discovered with hundreds of animals in their possession & they are unable to care for them. They start out with a few animals & soon it is an overwhelming number which becomes a burden to society, especially the Humane Society, who has to take over & try to fix them up & then find homes for them. If this bill passes, it would be a big boost in controlling the number of animals that could be bred & sold. It would be a step toward not having to euthanize so many animals.

Please pass this bill.

Thank you.

Elsie T. Palafox

From: aliaska@hawaii.rr.com
Sent: Saturday, February 05, 2011 12:36 PM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: HB 1621

I think it should be illegal for puppies to be sold AT ALL! We have WAY TOO MANY dogs at shelters just begging for homes... Really. Have you been to a shelter recently? The least we can do is make it difficult on these profit-hungry dog abusers.

From: Kari Ann Kumashiro [kariann.kumashiro@gmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, February 05, 2011 12:46 PM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: House Bill 1621

I support House Bill 1621 Regulation of Large Scale Breeding Operations. I am an animal owner and am appalled at the thought of any form of animal cruelty. Hawaii's animal cruelty laws need improvement. House Bill 1621 is a step forward for the future of Hawaii.

Thank you,
Kari Ann Kumashiro

From: Rich Lane [rlane@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Saturday, February 05, 2011 12:50 PM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: Support HB 1621 Relating to Dogs

Representative Angus McKelvey; Committee Members of Economic Revitalization and Business,

All,

Strongly urge passage of this bill. Passage of this bill will help reduce unwanted pets and to maintain purity of various dog breeds.

It will also help reduce indiscriminate breeding solely for monetary gain.

Thank you,

RICHARD C. LANE
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From: MMMMahalo2000@aol.com
Sent: Saturday, February 05, 2011 12:54 PM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: *****SPAM***** Support of HB 1621 8AM Rm 312 2/8/11

Aloha Chair McKelvey & Committee,

Please support HB 1621 to reduce or eliminate "puppy mills" or business of this ilk, as in Hawaii we have no need to breed more animals, while we are killing thousands of them in our so called shelters every year. If these individuals & businesses had any concern for the animals, who have no voice, instead of profit only, they would not be in this weakly regulated business. Living in Kihei, I am unable to attend these committee in person, but appreciate this digital method of offering testimony.

HB 1621
SUPPORT
2/8/11 8:00 AM
NOT ATTEND

Mahalo,
Mike Moran Kihei, Hi 96753

From: Rene Umberger [octopus@maui.net]
Sent: Saturday, February 05, 2011 1:00 PM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: HB1621 in Support

Dear Honorable Chair McKelvey, Vice-Chair Choy, and Committee Members:

Please pass HB 1621 regulating large scale dog breeders who often put profit over welfare. Large scale operations put more animals at risk. To prevent suffering, these large-scale dog breeders should be licensed and required to comply with basic humane care, exercise, veterinary care and housing standards.

Mahalo,
Rene Umberger

From: Arthur Kluvo [akluvo@gmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, February 05, 2011 1:06 PM
To: ERBtestimony
Cc: akluvo@gmail.com
Subject: For HB1621

5 Feb 2010

Please support House Bill 1621 to regulate the large scale breeding operations for dogs.

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From: S Matsui [fullhouse@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Saturday, February 05, 2011 1:11 PM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: Support HB 1621 RELATING TO DOGS

To Representative Angus McKelvey and the Committee Members of Economic Revitalization & Business,

I am asking for your support of HB 1621, relating to the regulation of puppy mills. As a Hawaii resident, I care deeply about how my community treats its animals, and the manner in which animals are controlled and managed.

HB 1621 would mandate licensing of large scale breeders, as well as enable law enforcement the access needed to provide inspections to assure the care and well-being of animals.

Please think of those dogs in Waimanalo that are waiting for YOUR help. Do they remain caged and trapped, to be used as money makers forever? Don't you think they DESERVE the chance of living a decent life? Only YOU can make that difference in their lives.

I urge you to please support HB 1621. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Aloha,

Susan Matsui
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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Saturday, February 05, 2011 1:12 PM
To: ERBtestimony
Cc: akluvo@gmail.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1621 on 2/8/2011 8:00:00 AM

Testimony for ERB 2/8/2011 8:00:00 AM HB1621

Conference room: 312
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Arthur A. Kluvo
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E-mail: akluvo@gmail.com
Submitted on: 2/5/2011

Comments:

Please support House Bill 1621 to control and regulate the large scale breeding of dogs.

From: Anika Glass [anika.nui@gmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, February 05, 2011 1:13 PM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: SUPPORT HB 1621 (Puppy Mills/Large-scale Breeders)

Anika Glass, Waikoloa
House Economic Revitalization and Business Affairs Committee.
Tuesday, Feb 8, 800am, Rm 312
HB1621
SUPPORT

Dear Honorable Chair McKelvey, Vice-Chair Choy, and Committee Members:

Please **SUPPORT HB 1621** to regulate dog breeders who often put profit over welfare. To prevent suffering, large-scale dog breeders should be licensed and supply humane care, exercise, veterinary care and suitable housing.

Respectfully,

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Anika Glass
Waikoloa, HI

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Saturday, February 05, 2011 1:24 PM
To: ERBtestimony
Cc: clairegearen@gmail.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1621 on 2/8/2011 8:00:00 AM

Testimony for ERB 2/8/2011 8:00:00 AM HB1621

Conference room: 312
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Claire Gearen
Organization: Individual
Address:
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Submitted on: 2/5/2011

Comments:

Regulation of such large operations just makes common sense, even aside from the ethical considerations of treatment of animals.

From: Sophia Vuong [svuong@hawaii.edu]
Sent: Saturday, February 05, 2011 1:24 PM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: I support

I SUPPORT this bill fully, Regulation of large scale Breeding Operations (House Bill 1621).

From: robert menacho [rmkona@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Saturday, February 05, 2011 1:42 PM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: Support HB 1621

Dear Honorable Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Choy and Committee Members,

Please SUPPORT HB 1621 to regulate large scale dog breeders who often put profit over welfare. To prevent suffering, large-scale dog breeders should be licensed and comply with basic humane care, exercise, veterinary care and housing standards.

Mahalo, Mary Menacho

From: Denise [onewahine@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Saturday, February 05, 2011 1:49 PM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: Support HB 1621

Dear Honorable Chair McKelvey, Vice-Chair Choy, and Committee Members:

Please **SUPPORT HB 1621** to regulate large scale dog breeders who often put profit over welfare. To prevent suffering, large-scale dog breeders should be licensed and comply with basic humane care, exercise, veterinary care and housing standards.

Sincerely,

Denise Edwardy Towle

Kailua Kona, HI

From: Hui Ilio [hui-ilio@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Saturday, February 05, 2011 1:50 PM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: puppy mills

To: Representative Angus McKelvey (Chair) Committee Members of Economic Revitalization & Business

Please put an end to the inhumane treatment of dogs in puppy mills.

Elaine Dobashi
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From: Robert Wintner [robertw@snorkelbob.com]
Sent: Saturday, February 05, 2011 2:08 PM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: *****SPAM***** HB 1621

I support HB 1621. Puppy mills lead to suffering. Please pass this bill.

Robert Wintner, Maui

From: Allan & Faith Rossman [alfaith@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Saturday, February 05, 2011 3:13 PM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: HB 1621

Dear Honorable Chair McKelvey, Vice-Chair Choy, and Committee Members:

Bill to be considered on **Tuesday, Feb 8, 800am, Rm 312**

Please **SUPPORT HB 1621** to regulate large scale dog breeders who often put profit over welfare. To prevent suffering, large-scale dog breeders should be licensed and comply with basic humane care, exercise, veterinary care and housing standards.

Mahalo,

Faith Rossman, RN, MN
Kailua-Kona

From: owlit1@gmail.com
Sent: Saturday, February 05, 2011 3:19 PM
To: ERBtestimony; Inga Gibson
Subject: I support HB161

I, Frances Pua Pueo, support HB1621 Feb 5, 2011

On the Big Island, it is obvious to see so many selling these dogs along roadside, placing adds in the newspaper, websites, and any other means for profit, as the female dogs "bitches", are bred mostly without care for profit means only.

Never assume that purebreds get better treatment than poi dogs, these animals are bred for profit, whether they are in healthy condition or not, whether they carry a defective heredity gene line or not, whether they are sheltered in a clean environment or not. It's a money gain; keep in mind that less money paid out is more money for the breeders pockets.

Some years ago in Hilo, a breeder was bringing in purebreds (PitBulls) from the mainland for sale, there's been quite the demand for Pit Bulls, no doubt for the underground dog-fighting that is happening in this community.

The assumption is that purebreds get good treatment, please do not be fooled. For this Hilo Breeder, as example, many of the neighbors started complaining about the down wind smell of stench coming from this residence. Finally, the authorities came to investigate, standing at the property line, the stench was unmistakable. How they were able to get onto the property was that there was an elder woman and her welfare concerns allowed the police access to this property. What they found was the dogs were in horrible shape, standing in thick deep filth, and even maggots in their live bodies.

Had this person had this ongoing in rural area, the dogs would never have been discovered, rescued, and exposed. I firmly believe that anyone selling once a year more than 3 dogs/or puppies should be consider a business. Every Sunday along the Eastman across from Safeway and Longs Drug Store, outside of cars, breeders are selling dogs solely for profit. They are not registered, they are not paying taxes, and these dogs have no protection.

Did you know that nationally, over 30 percent of purebreds land up at the Humane Society Shelters, and eventually are euthanized. Why, people know that any purebred coming into a shelter is for a serious reason, one would be health defects, and the other is or could be that the animal has mental problems. These animals are euthanized with our tax dollars. I support animal legislature HB #1621.



Respectively yours,

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From: Betty Lewis [lewisb016@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Saturday, February 05, 2011 3:20 PM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: Support HB 1621 RELATING TO DOGS

From: Susan Eubank [tigerlily@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Saturday, February 05, 2011 3:44 PM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: Support of House Bill 1621

I support House Bill 1621.

Please count my voice to pass this bill.

Sincerely,

Susan Eubank
Honolulu, HI

From: Torun [starfire_retreat@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Saturday, February 05, 2011 3:48 PM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: Support HB 1621

Dear Honorable Chair McKelvey, Vice-Chair Choy, and Committee Members:

*Please **SUPPORT HB 1621** to regulate large scale dog breeders who often put profit over the welfare of their breeding dogs. To prevent suffering, large-scale dog breeders should be licensed, limited to a manageable number of breeding animals, and comply with basic humane care, exercise, veterinary care and housing standards.*

Thank you very much for your consideration.

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From: Li Wang [cafemocha@gmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, February 05, 2011 3:59 PM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: Support HB 1621 RELATING TO DOGS

Please support the regulation of puppy mills.
Thank you, Li

From: Judy Mick [ppchawaii@yahoo.com]
Sent: Saturday, February 05, 2011 4:40 PM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: Fw: HB 1621

--- On Sat, 2/5/11, Judy Mick <ppchawaii@yahoo.com> wrote:

From: Judy Mick <ppchawaii@yahoo.com>
Subject: HB 1621
To: ERBtestimony @capitol.hawaii.gov
Date: Saturday, February 5, 2011, 3:31 PM

Aloha Chair McKelvey ,Vice-Chair Choy and Committee members-

I ask that you support HB 1621 so that large scale dog breeding operations can be regulated by licensing and inspection for care of the animals. As a present pet sitter and animal rescue person, it disturbs me to know that that cruelty to animals exists in Hawaii. I learned as an adult that relatives of mine ran a puppy mill in Missouri years ago and I have been sickened by the thought of that for many years. Breeders may be raising pure breeds rather than mixed,but when money is more important that care, you are nothing but a more expensive type of puppy mill. Please step up and stop this activity. Mahalo and aloha, Judy Mick,Kailua

From: Liz Limtiaco [balancedbestfriend@gmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, February 05, 2011 5:03 PM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: Support HB 1621 RELATING TO DOGS

Dear Representative Angus McKelvey and Committee Members of Economic Revitalization & Business,

Please support this house bill (1621). The proposed mandate on regulation of large scale breeding operations is a very reasonable and essential standard of protection, for the health and welfare of man's best friend.

" The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way it's animals are treated." - Mahatma Gandhi

Sincerely,

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From: captjen83@aol.com
Sent: Saturday, February 05, 2011 5:04 PM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: In Support of House Bill 1621 Relating to Dogs

TO: All Those In Government Who Can Help Animals!

We Stand United to End Puppy Mills

Marked by overbreeding and poor living conditions, puppy mills are large-scale breeding operations that sell pets through stores, the internet and puppy swap meets. Profit is often more important than animal welfare. Sellers charge big bucks for puppies but the highest price is the cost of suffering endured by parents of these animals.

We, the residents of Hawaii, and animal lovers, stand with Hawaiian Humane Society and against puppy mills, as well as the people and businesses that sell these animals for profit. We believe in stronger regulation of these businesses and better laws to protect animals in puppy mills.

Hawaii faces a huge pet overpopulation problem that has led to thousands of unwanted, homeless and abandoned animals.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Oka & Clarice Young
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Aiea, HI 96701

From: Nancy Harrison [harrisonh001@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Saturday, February 05, 2011 6:26 PM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: Support HB1621Relating to Dogs

From: Lynette/Neil Sakamoto [sakamotos2u@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Saturday, February 05, 2011 8:01 PM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: Animal Welfare Bills

Protection for animals/pets is long overdue. We are among the many who consider our pet as a part of our family.

An important measure of our community and its values is the way we treat the animals around us. Animals help make our lives more meaningful and to have people abuse or take advantage of them for profit is just wrong.

We fully support the legislative measures that are being proposed to protect animals from being mistreated by thoughtless people.

Neil & Lynette Sakamoto

From: Jared Scott [jaredscott3@gmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, February 05, 2011 8:02 PM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: House Bill 1621(Puppy Mills)

To whom it may concern,

The regulation of large scale breeding operations of any animal should be no different one from another. A pig is just as smart and can develop even more of an emotional attachment than a dog, yet what laws envelop large scale breeding of pigs. Just because an animal is categorized as a pet or a meat product, doesn't mean someone else can come in dictating whether one animal has more rights than another, just because it looks cuter. All laws for large scale breeding operations of any species, shouldn't differ unless that species starts showing a development of higher cognitive functions, proven in a court of law. I hereby oppose House Bill 1621 on the grounds of discrimination against all other species and farm animals it does not provide for.

From: Julie Ray [mj1baray@gmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, February 05, 2011 8:12 PM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: Puppy mill bill

Dear Representative McKelvey,

Driving to Kailua one morning before sunrise, my friend and her husband realized that the pickup truck in front of them was crammed with dogs in cages. It was so full that the animals were on top of each other. It brought her to tears. These dogs were not loved. It was obvious to our friends that the dogs were not pets, rather they were merely a source of income. Our beloved island is drowning with pet overpopulation. I have lived in four states other than Hawaii, and the sad state of homeless pets here has no parallel. Craigslist is brimming with pleas for adoption and many, many ads from breeders. You would be shocked if you were to compare the pet listings found on Hawaii's Craigslist page to the pets section of Boston's Craigslist page. Boston's is practically empty, with most ads for pet supplies.

Hawaii's is teeming with homeless animals of all sorts. If you were to support bill 1620, you could help to improve the problem of pet overpopulation and perhaps empower law enforcement to cripple puppy mill operations and fewer terrified animals would be confined to overcrowded cages.

Thank you SO much for your time,

Julie Ray

mom and former middle school teacher

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From: Diane M. Kimura [dianekimura@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Saturday, February 05, 2011 8:16 PM
To: WLOtestimony; ERBtestimony
Subject: Support HB 579 RELATING TO WILDLIFE and Support HB 1621 RELATING TO DOGS

Honorable Representative Jerry Chang (Chair) & Water, Land & Ocean Resources Committee Members

I am writing in support of **House Bill 1621** which are coming before your committee. As a long-time supporter of the Hawaiian Humane Society and the good work that they do, I have seen, firsthand, the horrors of animals in puppy mills.

One of my dogs came from a puppy mill and suffered from parasites, skin lesions, malnutrition, and long-term skeletal issues from over breeding. Only after he was brought home and we contacted the breeder, asked to return the puppy. Only then did we think to ask to see the mother, the condition of the nursery and ask the critical questions of the age of the mother and the number of times she had been bred over two years. The response from the breeder sickened me. The dog was bred several times and a what should have been a 2 year-old golden, looked like an old arthritic with tumors on her nipples from having too many puppies.

The last litter was 13. All together, we were told that she had over 85 puppies. She looked malnourished and suffered from the same fungal infection that the puppies had.

We figured out quickly that the returned puppy would be put to sleep, so we brought him home and provided lifelong medical care for the skin and skeletal issues. A family with fewer resources would not have been able to care for the puppy and provide it with a good quality of life and pain management.

I am fully in support of this bill as well as those listed below. By domesticating animals, our human contract is to treat them humanely and not cause unnecessary suffering. If you spend any time at the Hawaiian Humane Society, you will see pitiful cases of neglect, abuse, and worse.

To: Representative Angus McKelvey (Chair) Committee Members of Economic Revitalization & Business

**I implore you to please pass HB 1621 relating to dogs as well as the following House Bills:
Prohibition of Body Crushing Traps (House Bill 579)**

This bill prohibits and in some cases regulates the use of body crushing traps and other inhumane types of traps.

Chaining Dogs (House Bill 1576 & 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.

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.

The way that a society treats animals is a reflection on how we value and respect life. Most people, I believe, will do the right thing. The House Bills before you, would protect the animals from those people who would not.

Very respectfully yours.

Diane M. Kimura
808-373-5347

From: Tracy L [tracy3636@hotmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, February 05, 2011 8:21 PM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: Support HB 1621 RELATING TO DOGS

We support this bill for the animals of Hawaii
Terry Olival
Ernest Olival
Tracy Olival

Regulation of Large Scale Breeding Operations (House Bill 1621)

This bill would mandate licensing of large scale breeders, which would be defined as follows: any business operation with 20 or more breeding females; or 30 breeding dogs of either gender; or an operation that sells 25 or more puppies a year. This bill aims to set a cap on total number of breeding animals at 50 and limits the number of times a female can be bred to twice in an 18-month period. It also sets minimum standards of care to include indoor and outdoor access and annual veterinary care. This bill also enables law enforcement the access needed to provide inspections to assure the welfare of animals.

From: frances f [natsueh@yahoo.com]
Sent: Saturday, February 05, 2011 8:44 PM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: Support HB 1621 RELATING TO DOGS

I strongly support this bill and it is about time we have more regulations on breeding. I have been working at an animal hospital for over 5 years and have seen hundreds of puppies coming from "big name" pet stores, which lead back to "puppy mills" Not only are the consumers being sold puppies at high prices, they come with tons of health problems. Although this bill will not solve these problems all-together, but it sends a message and is the first of many steps Hawaii needs to protect not only the animals, but the people buying the dogs.

Frances Freitas

From: Colleen Otsuka [otsukac@hotmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, February 05, 2011 8:58 PM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: Regulation of Puppy Mills

Please support this bill! Animals need our help and are unable to voice their needs.

Thank you!

From: Isis Van Natta [isis.vannatta@gmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, February 05, 2011 9:59 PM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: Support HB 1621 RELATING TO DOGS

To Whom It Concerns,

Please help get rid of puppy mills and create better conditions for these poor animals!! There are too many animals as it is that are homeless, and forcing animals to breed in cruel conditions is just sick! If you come visit the Hawaiian Humane Society you will see just how many dogs are out there that are perfectly good and homeless! It is so unnecessary to have these twisted operations. Please give a voice to the animals because they don't have one.

Thank you so much. God bless you.

Isis Van Natta

From: Amy [higaa005@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Saturday, February 05, 2011 10:22 PM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: H.B. 1621, Relating to Dogs

Please support H.B. 1621, Relating to Dogs, to mandate licensing of large-scale breeders and enable law enforcement to access and inspect their operations to check for any form of animal cruelty and poor living conditions. The bill should also include heavy penalties for non-compliance with the law.

There are so many dogs already in animal shelters and many have to be euthanized due to lack of space. We do not need large-scale breeders in Hawaii.

From: Starr Dods [starrd@gmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, February 05, 2011 11:05 PM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: HB 1621 RELATING TO DOGS

Aloha,

Imagine having no companionship, living in a confined space, not being allowed out of it to touch the grass and feel free, to not be able to see a doctor when you need one, to have your body pushed to its limits until you are of no use and then face a tragic end to a tragic life. This is what happens to some breeding dogs who end up in large scale breeding operations where profit is more important than the welfare of a life. Please, lets regulate this industry to ensure the welfare of these dogs. They don't have a voice. We do. Let's make it heard for them.

Mahalo,

Starr Dods

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From: haaejk@aol.com
Sent: Sunday, February 06, 2011 7:16 AM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: House Bill 1621

Aloha,

I am writing to voice my support for House Bill 1621. I am in full support of regulating large scale breeders. This bill is necessary to allow law enforcement the access it needs to the large scale breeders to ensure the animals being kept are properly treated. While I truly support the adoption of animals in shelters, this bill is just one small step to put a voice to all animals and send a message to breeders. People that choose to breed animals simply for the money need to be accountable for the welfare of the animals.

Mahalo,

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From: drt0324@aim.com
Sent: Sunday, February 06, 2011 7:35 AM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: House Bill 1621

I support the passage of this important bill

Regulation of Large Scale Breeding Operations (House Bill 1621)

This bill would mandate licensing of large scale breeders, which would be defined as follows: any business operation with 20 or more breeding females; or 30 breeding dogs of either gender; or an operation that sells 25 or more puppies a year. This bill aims to set a cap on total number of breeding animals at 50 and limits the number of times a female can be bred to twice in an 18-month period. It also sets minimum standards of care to include indoor and outdoor access and annual veterinary care. This bill also enables law enforcement the access needed to provide inspections to assure the welfare of animals. For more info on puppy mills

From: Hikari Phong [xxhikarixx@yahoo.com]
Sent: Sunday, February 06, 2011 7:52 AM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: House Bill 1621

Dear Hawaii's State Capital,

As an animal lover, I cannot stand to see them suffer. House Bill 1621 the regulation of large scale breeding operations will mandate licensing of large scale breeders. We want the maximum time a female can breed in an 18-month period to be twice. Some breeders push and force these dogs to do more than what they can. The minimum standards of care will include indoor and outdoor access and annual veterinary care. I truly wish to see more dogs in better health and happy. Thank you for your time and consideration. Remember, you can make a difference!

Sincerely,

Vina Phong

From: theplantplace@hawaii.rr.com
Sent: Sunday, February 06, 2011 8:30 AM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: Puppy Mill Bill, Committee on Economic Revitalization & Business, Rm.#312, Feb. 8, 2011

We are the owners of The Plant Place in Waimanalo, and have as neighbors, a puppy mill operation. Many emails, letters of complaint and calls have been made and sent to the Hawaiian Humane Society pertaining to the noise, odors, and general health of the dogs in the care of the property owner. Because of the lack of laws covering the breeding of dogs, nothing could be done by the authorities to compel the owners to correct the shameful existing conditions of the animals. HB1621 is needed so that breeders are subject to more stringent regulations and that the dogs are not abused and living in their own excrement.

Aside from the general welfare of the dogs, the laws already in the Land Use Ordinance, need to be enforced. New regulations are necessary to fill in the gaps and loopholes, but the old and new laws must give agencies the tools to have dog breeders adhere to and follow the laws or have their businesses shut down.

We are in complete support of HB1621 and hopefully it will pass.

Warren & Ellen Yee

From: Fabienne Herold [fab@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Sunday, February 06, 2011 8:36 AM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: Support HB 1621 RELATING TO DOGS

To the Chair of the Committee of Economic Revitalization & Business

Dear Representative Angus McKelvey:

I strongly support HB1621 relating to dogs, in particular to puppy mills. I was recently shopping in a nursery in Waimanalo and was appalled by the sounds of misery coming from the adjacent puppy mill. This needs to be stopped.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Respectfully yours,

Fabienne Herold
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From: Bianca Trombi [btrombi@yahoo.com]
Sent: Sunday, February 06, 2011 8:47 AM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: Support HB 1621 RELATING TO DOGS

Dear Representative Representative Angus McKelvey (Chair) Committee Members of Economic Revitalization & Business,

When I first discovered puppy mills, I am going to be honest, it was nearly 5 years ago when Oprah did a segment. I was astonished about how ignorant I was, and by being such, I was actually adding to the problem.

I strongly support the **House Bill 1621** to regulate large scale breeding production. This bill would mandate licensing of large scale breeders, which would be defined as follows: any business operation with 20 or more breeding females; or 30 breeding dogs of either gender; or an operation that sells 25 or more puppies a year. Although this number is still high, its aims are to set a cap on total number of breeding animals at 50 and limits the number of times a female can be bred to twice in an 18-month period. It also sets minimum standards of care to include indoor and outdoor access and annual veterinary care. This bill also enables law enforcement the access needed to provide inspections to assure the welfare of animals.

Please consider this bill, and help save more animal lives.

Bianca T. Radojevic
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Honolulu, HI 96826

From: Madelyn Barrea [madrbar@hotmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, February 06, 2011 8:57 AM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: FW: HB 1621 Puppy Mills/Large-scale Breeders

Dear Honorable Chair McKelvey, Vice-Chair Choy and Committee Members:

I would like to go on record as being in favor of you supporting HB 1621, Puppy Mills/Large-scale Breeders.

As a past animal control officer and manager of a shelter, I know first hand that there are way too many unwanted animals born in Hawaii. There is simply not enough homes for them or room in the shelters. It is a very sad thing to have to go to work every day and euthanize innocent animals just for being born, bred by irresponsible breeders and to see the deplorable conditions in which a lot of them are kept.

I feel by passing HB 1621 it will at least keep some of the numbers down and make the breeders adhere to providing their animals with better living conditions. Not all, but a lot of these large puppy mill breeders just view these poor animals as money making machines and they really don't know what health issues they are passing on through over breeding.

Thank you for your support.

Madelyn R. Barrea
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From: RS Weir [rswgc@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Sunday, February 06, 2011 9:43 AM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: OPPOSE HB 1621 Relating to dog breeding

Representative Angus McKelvey & Economic Revitalization and Business committee members:

I oppose HB 1621 and its provision for animal limits:

- Limit laws do not address the heart of the problem, which is irresponsible dog ownership.
- There is no link between a specific number of dogs and nuisance problems. One dog that barks or runs loose will cause trouble, while several dogs that are quiet and stay home will not.
- Limit laws are extremely difficult to enforce and can be evaded by irresponsible animal owners.
- Limit laws may result in a decrease in the number of dogs licensed, since individuals may choose not to license their pets as a way to avoid giving up a beloved pet. Animal control officers therefore have no way of knowing how many pets an owner has unless they make regular door-to-door inspections, an expensive and time-consuming process that in many cases would require a search warrant. A drop in licensing would also severely impact a community's animal control budget.
- Hoping to evade limit laws, pet owners may try to hide the number of dogs they own. To do so, owners avoid taking their animal to veterinarians and getting needed vaccinations. This not only jeopardizes public health, but also affects rabies prevention and threatens public safety.
- People who are forced to give up their dogs due to limit laws usually relinquish them to local shelters, creating additional financial and emotional burdens for animal control and shelter officials.
- Limit laws would impact those who rescue unwanted animals and either adopt them or find them permanent homes.
- Limit laws target all owners, regardless of their actions or the behavior of their animals. Responsible owners should be allowed to use their own discretion in determining the number of dogs they can keep on their own property.

This bill is just another intrusion of government into the lives of supposedly free people. Where will it stop?

RS Weir
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From: Leekooslee@aol.com
Sent: Sunday, February 06, 2011 9:47 AM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: Support HB 1621 RELATING TO DOGS

I support HB 1621 - the Regulation of Large Scale Breeding Operations. This bill is needed to prevent the mistreatment of dogs and limits the number of animals a breeder can own. Without this bill, individuals can set up puppy mills. We need to care for Hawaii's dogs not allow for their mistreatment.

Kathryn Koos-Lee, Registered voter from Moanalua Valley

From: CAROLINE VIOLA [waterkid@hotmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, February 06, 2011 9:55 AM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: Support HB 1621 Relating to Dogs

To: Representative Angus McKelvey and Committee Members of Economic Revitalization and Business:

I am writing to ask you to support HB 1621, which will mandate licensing of large scale breeders and enable law enforcement access to inspect such businesses and ensure the humane, ethical, safe treatment and care of all animals involved. We have seen how horrific these "puppy mills" and backyard breeding conditions are, with dogs' feet never touching the ground, animals constantly confined to a small cage atop one another, living in filthy conditions, and many having serious medical issues that require-and are denied-veterinary care. Puppies become mass produced with a conveyer-belt mentality on the breeders' part for the sole profit of the owner and so often turn out to have serious health issues related to inbreeding or overbreeding, not to mention the conditions of the female dogs bred repeatedly. We have seen most recently the living and health conditions of dogs at the mill in Waimanalo. Would any of us, in good conscience, ever want our own animals treated in such abysmal ways? Sadly, so many in our population are not fully aware of what goes on in these places and more puppies are being bred in unsafe, unsanitary, cruel conditions strictly for profit. Puppies are not products. They are living, sentient beings, and for us to deny them protection because we don't regard them as deserving of decent and humane treatment would surely be a black mark on us as a compassionate society.

I urge you to please support HB 1621 and ensure animals get the protection and humane care they so deserve.

Thank you,

Caroline Viola
Kailua, Hawaii

From: judy bird [birdja2001@yahoo.com]
Sent: Sunday, February 06, 2011 9:54 AM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: HB 1621

I, Judith Bird, do fully support HB 1621, on behalf of the cessation of cruelty to animals. Sincerely, Judith Bird,
HC1 Box 5234, Keaau, HI 96749.

From: Karen Scharff [alohashoes@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Sunday, February 06, 2011 10:19 AM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: Support HB1621 Relating To Dogs

I am supporting HB 1621 relating to Puppy Mills and hope you will pass this bill into law

Karen Scharff

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From: April Will [awill@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Sunday, February 06, 2011 11:02 AM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: Support HB 1621 RELATING TO DOGS

I am in full support of regulating large scale breeding operations – House Bill 1621.

-April Will

From: TumbleweedLogic@aol.com
Sent: Sunday, February 06, 2011 11:17 AM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: Outlaw Puppymills

Anyone who has witnessed a puppy mill, if they possess any kind of heart or compassion, would fight to have them banned. I highly recommend that anyone take themselves, and your children who will speak from the heart, to an actual puppy mill--then decide for yourself.

Zane Shonforest
Joseph Dominic

From: Lynn Donovan [lyndono40@hotmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, February 06, 2011 11:23 AM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: Support for HB1621 Relating to Dogs

Representative Angus McKilvey

I support this bill regarding regulation of Large Scale Breeding Operations. I know there are reputable breeders but there are others who don't care about the welfare of animals seeing only the \$\$\$ puppies can bring in. More needs to be done to protect defenseless animals. Conscientious breeders would support this bill I would think. Puppy mills can impact their business.....the competition can provide puppies much cheaper because appropriate care is taken.

Thank you for considering my testimony.

Lynn Donovan
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From: Michael Newman [mn4@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Sunday, February 06, 2011 12:05 PM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: House Bill 1621

To Whom it may concern,
Please end Puppy Mills!
I'm support the Bill described below:

Regulation of Large Scale Breeding Operations (House Bill 1621) This bill would mandate licensing of large scale breeders, which would be defined as follows: any business operation with 20 or more breeding females; or 30 breeding dogs of either gender; or an operation that sells 25 or more puppies a year. This bill aims to set a cap on total number of breeding animals at 50 and limits the number of times a female can be bred to twice in an 18-month period. It also sets minimum standards of care to include indoor and outdoor access and annual veterinary care. This bill also enables law enforcement the access needed to provide inspections to assure the welfare of animals. For more info on puppy mills

Thank You,

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From: Jay Gibson [wjaygibson@gmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, February 06, 2011 12:15 PM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: Support HB 1621 RELATING TO DOGS

Hi,

Please pass HB 1621. It is important that the animals bred in this state be treated humanely. It is very important to me and my family.

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Kindest Regards,

Jay

(808) 620-3871

From: Rachel Ariola [rariola2006@yahoo.com]
Sent: Sunday, February 06, 2011 12:46 PM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: Support HB 1621 RELATING TO DOGS

Please support this bill to stop puppy mills here in our beautiful state of Hawaii and prohibit the use of inhumane traps.

thank you.

Rachel

From: Suzanne Cobleigh [suzannecobleigh@yahoo.com]
Sent: Sunday, February 06, 2011 12:47 PM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: Fw: RE: Regulation of Puppy Mills

Dear representative McKelvey,

I am writing in support of House Bill 1621. By creating this bill we will create an incentive for breeders and consumers to breed and purchase healthier animals. I have seen many friends purchase dogs (unknowingly) from puppy mill establishments and then end up paying thousands in veterinary bills for the rest of the dog's life because the dog came from such unhealthy parents and an unhealthy environment. Such a small group is profiting from the misery and economic burden of many.

It is also important to recognize the amount of animal waste that puppy mills create. It goes directly into our soil and water destroying our beautiful island and decreasing property values.

Let's create a workforce of "animal protectors" to enforce animal regulations here in Hawaii. We can create jobs that people will feel good about doing. Think about how many former soldiers retire or separate from the military in this state-they are the perfect candidates for these types of jobs that will require self-discipline, autonomy and strict enforcement skills.

Last but not least, let's not forget the connection between animal cruelty and domestic abuse. By preventing animal cruelty we prevent the abuse of vulnerable populations, women and children. Hawaii deserves that and more.

Thank you for your time! Please make Hawaii a more beautiful place for animals!

Sincerely,

Suzanne Cobleigh
1552 Onipaa Street
Honolulu, HI 96819

From: LOVDEN@aol.com
Sent: Sunday, February 06, 2011 1:23 PM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: Re: HB1621

Aloha,

My husband & I support HB1621 as we are of the belief that regulation is needed for dog breeders to make sure that the animals they are breeding are well cared for. Please take our opinion in consideration when you vote for HB1621.

Denise & Tony Hernandez
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From: RSMITO@aol.com
Sent: Sunday, February 06, 2011 1:29 PM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: *****SPAM***** House Bill 1621: Relating to dogs

I support The above bill. We need to have oversight of these puppy mills.

Robert Mito
2036 Leiloke Drive
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From: Jeanelle [jeanellehorner@gmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, February 06, 2011 1:50 PM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: Regulation of Large Scale Breeding Operations (House Bill 1621)

I am writing in full support of Senator Clayton Hee's work with Hawaiian Humane Society in the regulation of these mills. Large scaled breeders especially should be regulated and organizations such as the Society should be allowed to set breeding standards and to monitor their operations in the best interest of the puppies and their parents by allowing them access to all parts of the facilities as well as enforcement power.

Mahalo.

--Jeanelle Horner
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fax: 808-442-7257

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From: J.Lilinoe [j.lilinoe@gmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, February 06, 2011 1:51 PM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: HB 1621 Puppy Mills/Large-scale breeders

I SUPPORT THIS BILL. Thanks.

Josephine Keliipio
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Kailua-Kona, Hi 96740

From: beeps2000@aol.com
Sent: Sunday, February 06, 2011 2:00 PM
To: ERBtestimony

I support this bill. Not only is it irresponsible to breed for profit, but we have too many animals in Hawaii that have been abandoned or are not wanted. We need to take care of the animals we have and breed selectively, knowing each one will go to their forever homes.

Dawn Foster

From: beeps2000@aol.com
Sent: Sunday, February 06, 2011 2:03 PM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: HB1621

I support this bill.

Dawn Foster

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Sunday, February 06, 2011 2:12 PM
To: ERBtestimony
Cc: lkartkart@gmail.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1621 on 2/8/2011 8:00:00 AM

Testimony for ERB 2/8/2011 8:00:00 AM HB1621

Conference room: 312
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Lisa Kart
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: lkartkart@gmail.com
Submitted on: 2/6/2011

Comments:

Please help stop this unnecessary cruelty. Breeding stock live their entire lives in wire cages, with no vet care, bred continually, and when they can no longer breed, they are killed, or tossed out. Their teeth are rotten, they are heart worm positive, full of parasites, and their coats are matted with urine and feces. Result of all this puppy mill breeding is adding to the 11000 dogs that will die today, and the 5 million that will die at the end of this year. Most of the puppies from these mills are born with health problems due to the poor health of the breeding stock.

Besides the cruelty issue, it makes fiscal sense for the state to stop this, as money is being paid to the Humane Society to euthanize thousands of homeless pets every year.
thank you for your support.

From: Spikecat1@aol.com
Sent: Sunday, February 06, 2011 2:46 PM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: Support for HB 1621 Relating to Dogs

Dear Representative Angus McKelvey (Chairman) and Committee Members of Economic Revitalization & Business,

We are writing in support of HB 1621 Relating to Dogs.

As you know, this bill would mandate licensing of large scale breeders and would set a cap on total number of breeding animals and the number of times a female can be bred in an 18-month period. It also sets minimum standards of care including proper housing, veterinary care and access to exercise. This is necessary since large scale breeders sometimes put profit over the welfare of animals. Finally, the law enables law enforcement to have the access needed to do inspections to assure the welfare of animals.

We urge you to pass this bill since insuring the welfare of animals is essential in a humane and civilized society.

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

From: Jaemi-Lise Yoshioka [jlmy@hawaii.edu]
Sent: Sunday, February 06, 2011 3:15 PM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: Support HB 1621 RELATING TO DOGS

To Representative Angus McKelvey (Chair) Committee Members of Economic Revitalization & Business,

Please support the Regulation of Large Scale Breeding Operations (House Bill 1621), which will help to provide breeding dogs with healthier living conditions and educate breeders on the importance of proper care for their animals. In a society where hundreds of dogs are abandoned and euthanized in shelters we should be focusing on getting this situation under control and encouraging potential dog owner to adopt instead of flood the market with more puppies.

Thank you,
Jaemi Yoshioka

From: Cindy Lenci [clenci@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Sunday, February 06, 2011 3:18 PM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: Support HB 1621 RELATING TO DOGS

Importance: High

To: Representative Angus McKelvey (Chair) Committee Members of Economic Revitalization & Business

Please help the people of Hawaii in supporting the regulation of large scale breeding operations, house bill 1621.

**Thank you,
Mrs.C.Lenci**

From: Khenn [khenng@gmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, February 06, 2011 3:33 PM
To: ERBtestimony
Cc: K
Subject: Bill 1621

To whom it may concern,

I am proud of the people/person who finally took the initiative to put a stop to the heartless people around who treat their dogs in such manner.

It is wrong and unhealthy to the dogs. There is no reason to abuse dogs that way because people would like some extra cash.

Thank you for bringing Hawaii back into civilization.

Aloha,
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From: Tina Bounds [care4petservices@yahoo.com]
Sent: Sunday, February 06, 2011 3:49 PM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: Support HB 1621

I, Tina Bounds, support **HB 1621** to regulate large scale dog breeders who often put profit over welfare. To prevent suffering, large-scale dog breeders should be licensed and comply with basic humane care, exercise, veterinary care and housing standards.

Sincerely,

Tina Bounds

From: Shari Au, PhD [aus008@yahoo.com]
Sent: Sunday, February 06, 2011 4:56 PM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: puppy mills

Please make puppy mills illegal. It is well documented that dogs from mills are susceptible to countless disorders and diseases. My girlfriend spent over \$1000 for her petstore puppy including papers. The dog suffered endless hospital bills, required special foods, was susceptible to disease. She checked the source and discovered all the petstore puppies were from the same breeder, a puppy mill.

A genuine breeder specializes in one breed not dozens. Allow certified breeders to prove their breed knowledge and provide quality dogs. Eliminate puppy mills, which are profit machines, impervious to quality of life, humane treatment, or ethical breeding. Puppy mills harm Hawaii's image, promote genetic defects, promote animal abuse, criminal negligence, and promote inhumane profiteering.

Puppy mills in Hawaii dampen Hawaii's appeal when viewed on media news. We don't need to further damage tourism with animal abuse.

Shari Au, Ph.D.

Licensed Clinical Psychologist, Hawaii & Guam

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The path to new horizons lies in seeing with new eyes...

From: marissa faleolo [pomahina@hotmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, February 06, 2011 6:42 PM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: House Bill 1621

I support this bill...please pass it. Thank you.

Regulation of Large Scale Breeding Operations (House Bill 1621)

This bill would mandate licensing of large scale breeders, which would be defined as follows: any business operation with 20 or more breeding females; or 30 breeding dogs of either gender; or an operation that sells 25 or more puppies a year. This bill aims to set a cap on total number of breeding animals at 50 and limits the number of times a female can be bred to twice in an 18-month period. It also sets minimum standards of care to include indoor and outdoor access and annual veterinary care. This bill also enables law enforcement the access needed to provide inspections to assure the welfare of animals.

From: Modika [modika@hotmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, February 06, 2011 7:19 PM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: Support

Support HB 1621 please, I do, thank you!!!

From: Dayna Place [dplace@rphawaii.com]
Sent: Sunday, February 06, 2011 7:21 PM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: Support HB 1621 RELATING TO DOGS

Addressed to: Representative Angus McKelvey (Chair) Committee Members of Economic Revitalization & Business



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From: Char Ouchi [ouchi@queens.org]
Sent: Sunday, February 06, 2011 7:47 PM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: Support of House Bill 1621

I am in support of House Bill 1621 regarding puppy mills. Please do whatever is necessary to stop this awful nightmarish act. These animals are so helpless and have no idea why they end up where they are. The humans must pay for this senseless and ruthless act on innocent animals. Shame on them!

Please, please vote to make puppy mills illegal in Hawaii and make it a harsher punishment, a felony, for the humans involved.

Thank you,
Char Ouchi

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From: priscilla [pelekila@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Sunday, February 06, 2011 7:59 PM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: Support HB 1621 RELATING TO DOGS

Dear Representative Angus McKelvey (Chair) Committee Members of Economic Revitalization & Business:

I am writing in support of Regulation of Large Scale Breeding Operations (House Bill 1621) which will mandate licensing for large scale breeders, setting a cap on the total number of animals at 50 and limiting the breeding of females to twice in an 18 month period. It will also set minimum standards of care to include indoor/outdoor access, annual veterinary care and enable law enforcement access to do inspections.

A concerned citizen,
Priscilla Gonzaga

From: Valerie [marijohrie@gmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, February 06, 2011 8:01 PM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: Support HB 1621

To whom it may concern:

I am in favor of mandating a license for large scale dog breeding. Please help put an end to puppy mills.

Thank you,
Valerie M. Wang

From: Valerie [marijohrie@gmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, February 06, 2011 8:07 PM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: Support HB 1621 Relating to Dogs

To whom it may concern:

I am in support of mandating licensing for large-scale breeding of dogs.

Thank you,
Marie Wang

From: Lmitsue [Lmitsue@aol.com]
Sent: Sunday, February 06, 2011 8:11 PM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: Support HB 1621 RELATING TO DOGS

Dear Representative Angus McKelvey (Chair) Committee Members of Economic Revitalization & Business

We will support Regulation of Large Scale Breeding Operation (House Bill 1622).
Thank you,
Mitsue Lincicum

From: Marie Wang [mariewang@ymail.com]
Sent: Sunday, February 06, 2011 8:17 PM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: Support HB 1621 Relating to Dogs

To whom it may concern:

I am in support of HB 1621 mandating licensing of large-scale dog-breeding. Please help end puppy mills.

Thank you,
Marie Wang

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Sunday, February 06, 2011 8:23 PM
To: ERBtestimony
Cc: ejnuuanu@hotmail.com
Subject: Testimony for HB1621 on 2/8/2011 8:00:00 AM

Testimony for ERB 2/8/2011 8:00:00 AM HB1621

Conference room: 312
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: elaine Johnson
Organization: Individual
Address:
Phone:
E-mail: ejnuuanu@hotmail.com
Submitted on: 2/6/2011

Comments:
please support this important bill, which better regulates large breeding businesses.

From: Kitty Ng [ngk002@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Sunday, February 06, 2011 8:26 PM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: Puppy mills and Inhumane traps

I am writing in support of this bill that would "regulate" puppy mills. Something is needed to help these poor dogs that are kept in horrendous conditions most of the time. I have seen many stories on puppy mills and all show dogs that are living in unhealthy conditions, need vet care, are in small cages forever, bred over and over again. Puppies that result from these breedings many times have health issues (how can they not have ?) and they are often taken from their mothers too early as well although with the conditions as they are maybe it is better for them to be taken. This puppy mill business is just that, a business run strictly for the money and the animals are "used " for that purpose, have no social interaction, no play, no love, no care, no nutrition , just bred until they cannot breed any longer. This is truly inhumane treatment and should be regulated to the highest extent possible. I think the number of breeding dogs should be less than what is mentioned in this bill but it is better than the 100's that there is sometimes in these places.

If they are allowing two breedings a year which are the times when the female would be in heat , they should at least also skip a cycle

to give her more time between litters. It is so sad to see so many nice dogs in shelters while all of this indiscriminate breeding continues over and over. Then more than likely half of these puppy

mill puppies will end up in a shelter as well. It is said that to put puppy mills out of business you should stop buying the puppies in the pet shops etc. The problem with that is that those puppies are faultless victims and need a home. They are here....they need a home or they will go back to the breeder and become more puppy mill breeders or killed. The ONLY way I see to correctly do away with these puppy mills is to stop it where it starts, with the PEOPLE who do it. Make it more difficult and there will not be so much of it.

The animals always pay for what people do.....the poor puppies that are victims need a home. The people behind it need to be taken

to task and regulated as much as possible. It is a cruelty issue.

Hawaii has the distinction of being one of the top states for being an animal abuser because our laws are few, lax or nonexistent for animal cruelty. Lets wake some people up by coming down hard on the puppy mills.

There is no shortage of nice dogs.....no need to keep making more and more and more. Those that are breeding should be kept in healthy clean conditions and interacted with, not just left alone to sit in dirty cages and inhumane conditions.

Also , on the issue of inhumane traps....They should all be banned.

There should not be any exemptions on humanity . Ban all inhumane traps.

Thank you for your time and attention to these bills

Kitty Ng
Honolulu

From: raew@hawaii.rr.com
Sent: Sunday, February 06, 2011 8:47 PM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: Support HB 1621 RELATING TO DOGS

Dear Representative Angus McKelvey, (Chair) Committee Members of Economic Revitalization & Business

Please make this bill law and help to ensure a more humane existence for dogs.

Thank you,
Rae Watanabe

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From: cHeLseA K. [kaiya_k@hotmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, February 06, 2011 9:41 PM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: Support HB 1621 RELATING TO DOGS

Dear Representative Angus McKelvey (Chair) & Committee Members of Economic Revitalization & Business:

Please support the Regulation of Large Scale Breeding Operations (House Bill 1621)

States across the nation are cracking down to better regulate large scale breeding operations.

Supporting the development of a licensing program that could be managed on the county level and setting a cap on total number of breeding animals at 50 would help. Minimum standards of care to include indoor and outdoor access and annual veterinary care are also critically important.

Please watch the videos here and support this important bill: http://hawaiianhumane.org/end_puppy_mills.html

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From: Catherine Jenkins [jenkinsm005@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Sunday, February 06, 2011 11:37 PM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: UBJ Header: Support HB 1621 RELATING TO DOGS

Aloha

Angus McKelvey (Chair) Committee Members of Economic Revitalization & Business

I urge all of you to support HB 1621. We must continue to our efforts to protect our animals from puppy mills and inhumane conditions. How we treat our animals is a strong indicator of how we treat each other.

Please support this legislation so that we can stop this horrible practice. We are the state of aloha, yet where is our aloha to our animals? I do vote, and most of my animal-loving friends vote, too. We appreciate those of

you who support increased protection for our pets.

Mahalo,
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From: A S [awavewriter@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2011 12:53 AM
To: ERBtestimony
Cc: smacquoid@hawaiianhumane.org
Subject: Support HB 1621 RELATING TO DOGS

Aloha,

Last November my beloved brother died of cancer. It was heartbreaking. I felt helpless because I couldn't do anything about it...

Last November I also signed up with the Hawaiian Humane Society to open up our home to help foster puppies and dogs. I received a mommy dog with six puppies who were just 3 days old-- although the mommy dog was practically a puppy herself. Sadly, several of the puppies did not survive. My family felt the pain and heartbreak with the loss of each little puppy. However, although I couldn't save the lives of these little puppies, there is something else I can do. We can do.

Please support this bill that would mandate licensing of large scale breeders (and help eliminate more puppy mills). It is the humane thing to do. This would help create a positive dominoes effect. If there are no (badly bred) puppies in stores, people will become more aware of the optional experience of adopting a pet from a shelter or the humane society. There would be less homeless animals and strays, and more healing for both humans and animals. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Arlene Scoville

From: Julie DeNucci [jadenucci@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2011 5:59 AM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: Support HB 1621 RELATING TO DOGS

Representative Angus McKelvey (Chair) Committee Members of Economic Revitalization & Business,

I am in support of this bill as it will enhance the quality of life for animals and mandate fairer sales.

Julie DeNucci

From: Katie Burleson [krmellinger@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2011 7:10 AM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: Regulation of Large Scale Breeding Operations (House Bill 1621)

Representative Angus McKelvey,

Please consider supporting House Bill 1621, which would mandate licensing of large scale breeders. It is our responsibility as humans to take care of all living creatures and as a pet owner myself, I feel it is our further responsibility to not only take care of our puppies once we own them, but before from the moment they are born to the time when they arrive in our homes and become a part of our families. This bill will also enable law enforcement the access needed to provide inspections to assure the welfare of animals. Speak out for the animals, it's time.

Katie Burleson
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From: Rosemary Karlsson [rosemarykarlsson@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2011 7:51 AM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: HB 1621

Dear Honorable Chair McKelvey, Vice-Chair Choy, and Committee Members:

Please **SUPPORT HB 1621** to regulate large scale dog breeders who often put profit over welfare. To prevent suffering, large-scale dog breeders should be licensed and comply with basic humane care, exercise, veterinary care and housing standards.

There are 'back yard breeders' here on the Big Island that admit breed the sister with the brother. The puppies have birth defects, like the toes being on the back of the feet instead of the front, or defects in their internal organs.

Rosemary Karlsson
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From: Trish Jeffords [pjeffords@tghawaii.com]
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2011 8:07 AM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: Support HB 1621 Relating to dogs

Please regulate puppy mills.

Thank you,

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From: elaine smith [smith.elaine@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2011 8:17 AM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: Support HB 1621 RELATING TO DOGS

To: Representative Angus McKelvey, Chair, Committee Members of Economic Revitalization & Business

Dear Representative McKelvey,

I want to take a moment to register my support of HB 1621. I ask that you and other members vote in favor of this bill, so that we can continue to protect man's best friend.

With respect,

Elaine and Brent Smith

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Carole Hagihara

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2011 8:53 AM
To: ERBtestimony
Cc: ebarker@hawaii.edu
Subject: Testimony for HB1621 on 2/8/2011 8:00:00 AM

Testimony for ERB 2/8/2011 8:00:00 AM HB1621

Conference room: 312
Testifier position: support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Eric Barker
Organization: Individual
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E-mail: ebarker@hawaii.edu
Submitted on: 2/7/2011

Comments:

Regulate and monitor those that would take full control over the lives of man's (and woman's) best friend!

Carole Hagihara

From: Denise Anderson [danderson@kahalaresort.com]
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2011 9:09 AM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: I support this bill 100%

In fact, I would support an even more stringent bill if there were one!

Regulation of Large Scale Breeding Operations (House Bill 1621)

To mandate licensing of large scale breeders, which would be defined as follows: any business operation with 20 or more breeding females; or 30 breeding dogs of either gender; or an operation that sells 25 or more puppies a year.

To set a cap on total number of breeding animals at 50 and limits the number of times a female can be bred to twice in an 18-month period. It also sets minimum standards of care to include indoor and outdoor access and annual veterinary care.

To enable law enforcement the access needed to provide inspections to assure the welfare of animals.

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From: Cristina Andrews [cat-lady@hotmail.com]
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2011 9:25 AM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: SUPPORT HB 1621 relating to dogs

I am in favor of this bill but feel it should be amended to include all breeders even the ones that only breed a few animals a year. Some individuals are breeding with their one and only goal being \$\$\$\$. There is no regulation and or licensing for local back yard breeders. This bill is a step in the right direction but it falls short in helping many, many animals that are being exploited and mistreated.

Mahalo,
Cristina

From: s nakagawa [berdie1951@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2011 9:26 AM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: Support HB 1621 RELATING TO DOGS

Representative Angus McKelvey (Chair) Committee Members of Economic Revitalization & Business:

Breeding dogs is, sadly, a lucrative business and has, even more sadly, resulted in very inhumane treatment of dogs and puppies. We are in need of legislation to regulate dog breeders. Please support HB 1621.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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From: Dana Kokubun [kokubund002@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2011 9:30 AM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: Support HB 1621 RELATING TO DOGS

Aloha,

I support HB 1621 which would mandate licensing of lanrge scale breeders of dogs. It is unethical to allow profiteering at the expense of other living creatures, in my opinion, and I hope this bill will be passed.

Mahalo,

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From: Rebecca Tillery [tillery7@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2011 9:32 AM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: House Bill 1621 Support

This letter is in SUPPORT of House Bill 1621. PLEASE pass this bill to further protect our precious animals from inhumane over breeding and puppy mills.

Thank you.

Rebecca Tillery, (B), CCIM, RPA
400 Hobron LN
Honolulu, HI

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Aloha,

Rebecca Tillery, (B), CCIM, RPA

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From: Nan Yamashiro [Nan_Yamashiro@hmsa.com]
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2011 9:57 AM
To: ERBtestimony
Cc: Rep. Cynthia Thielen
Subject: Support HB 1621 RELATING TO DOGS

To: Representative Angus McKelvey (Chair) Committee Members of Economic Revitalization & Business

Please vote in favor of regulating puppy mills.

I am generally not a proponent of regulation, however, since the industry has been unsuccessful in regulating themselves, and as a result puppy mills produce animals that are sick and over bred - I am in favor of HB 1621.

Thank you

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From: Stephanie McLaughlin [hawaiidogmom@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2011 10:03 AM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: SUPPORT HB 1621

Dear Honorable Chair McKelvey, Please SUPPORT HB 1621 which would regulate Puppy Mills in Hawaii and large scale breeders. Thank you. Stephanie McLaughlin, 95-310 Haakualiki Place, Mililani, Hawaii, 96789, phone (808)384-4764

From: Donna Whitaker [exec.dir@hihs.org]
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2011 10:25 AM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: Support HB 1621 RELATING TO DOGS

Representative Angus McKelvey (Chair) and Committee Members of Economic Revitalization & Business;

I support HB 1621 due to the fact that Hawaii does not currently regulate the large scale breeding of dogs and that this lack of regulation may result in the breeding and housing of dogs in a cruel and inhumane manner. Having a registration process and setting minimum standards for veterinary care, housing and breeding will help protect the dogs from less than ideal conditions and help protect the consumers from less than healthy dogs,

Thank you for your consideration,

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From: Saiki, Kathy L CIV NAVFAC PAC [kathy.saiki@navy.mil]
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2011 10:40 AM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: Regulation of Large Scale Breeding Operations (House Bill 1621)

Regulation of Large Scale Breeding Operations (House Bill 1621)

This bill would mandate licensing of large scale breeders, which would be defined as follows: any business operation with 20 or more breeding females; or 30 breeding dogs of either gender; or an operation that sells 25 or more puppies a year. This bill aims to set a cap on total number of breeding animals at 50 and limits the number of times a female can be bred to twice in an 18-month period. It also sets minimum standards of care to include indoor and outdoor access and annual veterinary care. This bill also enables law enforcement the access needed to provide inspections to assure the welfare of animals.

I strongly support the above house bill.

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From: katie turner [kateinparadise@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2011 10:31 AM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: hB1621

Please support HB 1621 ...for the poor innocent animals that cannot protect themselves from mistreatment.
Mahalo.

Janis Turner
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From: Brett Lum [blum@hawaiianhumane.org]
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2011 11:09 AM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: Support HB 1621

Sent from my iPhone

From: Barry Ching [chingb019@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2011 11:11 AM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: Support HB1621 Relating to Dogs

To: Rep. Angus McKelvey

Please support HB 1621 to help eliminate the suffering caused by the repeated breeding at puppy mills. It is an inhumane life for these dogs - they have a very poor quality of life. No pet should be put through this needless suffering especially for profit.

Your support is really needed.

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From: lisaefowler@aol.com
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2011 11:18 AM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: Support HB1621 Relating to Dogs

Aloha Rep. Angus McKelvey

I am writing to ask you to support HB1621 which would limit the number of breeding dogs and the number of times times a female dog can be bred. This is an important law that would reduce the suffering of these poor animals that live their lives confined to small spaces and are not allowed to have a natural life.

Please support this bill - it is vital to health and welfare of animals in our communities.

Mahalo,

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From: Starr, Deborah J CIV NAVFAC, PRJ232 [deborah.starr@navy.mil]
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2011 11:20 AM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: Support HB 1621 RELATING TO DOGS

Representative Representative Angus McKelvey (Chair) Committee Members of Economic Revitalization & Business

Please support the subject bill to stop breeders' inhumane treatment to animals.

v/r,
Debbie Starr
NAVFAC HAWAII
FEAD FSC Service Contract Administrator
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From: Tracy.Kane@kp.org
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2011 11:29 AM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: House Bill 1621

Please count me as in favor of House Bill 1621. Mahalo
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From: Surfor888@aol.com
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2011 11:41 AM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: Support HB 1621 RELATING TO DOGS

I would like to be counted as supporting HB 1621.

Linda Salibad

From: Dottie Prideaux {dmp@rsmhawaii.net}
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2011 12:00 PM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: Animal cruelty bill

Sent from my iPad

We support the animal cruelty bill please pass it and protect our loyal friends.

Thank you

The Prideauxs

From: Margo S. Kitts [mkitts@hpu.edu]
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2011 12:03 PM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: puppy mills and dog fighting

I find it astonishing and upsetting that we are so very behind in shutting down puppy mills and recognizing the cruel treatment of dogs forced to bear endless litters. Our unwanted dog populations are enormous and it is a tragedy to see shops at malls with cuddly puppies so unlikely to land in a loving household until old age. My own relatives here keep their dogs in cages or chained, despite my complaints. In order to ensure the more humane treatment of animals, we must put an end to puppy mills.

We must also end dog fighting on this island. I know there are cultural factors in the insistence on the humane treatment of animals, but this is one subject for which the West had it right. It is just unnecessary to perpetuate traditions which result in the suffering of any creature.

Thank you for accepting my opinions.

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From: Rosita Sipirok-Siregar [RSipirok@ahldesign.com]
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2011 12:36 PM
To: ERBtestimony
Subject: Support HB 1621 RELATING TO DOGS

From: Rosita Sipirok-Siregar
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2011 12:34 PM
To: ERBtestimony@Capitol.hawaii.gov
Subject: Support HB 1621 RELATING TO DOGS

Please support to legislate this House Bill 1621 - mandating license for Breeding Operations.

Thank you.

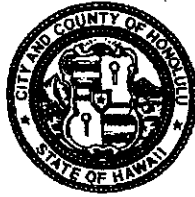
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February 8, 2011

The Honorable Angus L. K. McKelvey, Chair
and Members of the Committee on Economic
Revitalization & Business
House of Representatives
State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair McKelvey and Members:

**Subject: House Bill No. 1342
Relating to Telecommunications**

The Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) **opposes** House Bill No. 1342.

While we recognize the intent of what the bill is trying to achieve, the permitting process provides a very essential function to ensure efficient and safe construction when these lines, as well as other utility lines, are installed. Bypassing this essential function in the interest of expediting deployment of broadband telecommunications places other interests at potential risk.

County ministerial permitting requirements include entitlement for permittees. In our view, ministerial permitting is a vital process, as it:

1. Supports public safety, convenience, and general interest by:
 - a. Establishing accountability and responsibility. Permittees are held accountable and responsible for their work. This is especially important when permit inspections reveal substandard work or damages. Without permits, there would be no means to pursue enforcement.
 - b. Enabling proper maintenance and restoration of affected infrastructure. Regular inspections of permitted work by the county are critical not only to final restoration of infrastructure, but also to daily, temporary repairs on streets and sidewalks. Without permits, immediate attention to potentially hazardous situations by the responsible parties would be hampered.

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- c. Providing documentation and records. If broadband companies were to proceed without county permits, there would be no record of their presence in city rights-of-way. Permitting records are usually utilized as a source of information about existing site conditions, including existing lines, on Construction Plans (CP). The absence of this information would increase the chances that the broadband companies' lines would be disturbed or damaged by construction in a city right-of-way.
2. Protects public facilities. In addition to permit inspections, permit procedures include engineering reviews of potential impacts and appropriate remedies to affected roadways, sidewalks, and other improvements on the surface, as well as to underground utilities. Public facilities would be exposed to problems such as open and sunken trenches, leaking pipelines, and unknown damages should permits not be required.
3. Enhances coordination among users. Users include the county, utility companies, contractors, and the general public. Without permits, there would be no notices of upcoming work, no conflict checks, no way to address complaints or inquiries, and no traffic control.

The bill, if amended, should include language stating that the city shall not be responsible or held liable for unapproved improvements placed in city rights-of-way or unauthorized modifications to our rights-of-way by the broadband companies.

The bill, if amended, should also include language requiring broadband companies to indemnify, hold harmless, and defend the counties against any claims arising from any and all work or negligence without permits for their work and facilities in the public rights-of-way.

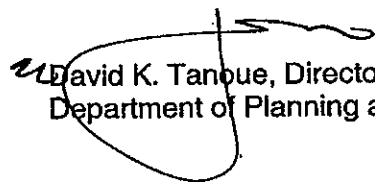
Having gone through several streamlining efforts at reducing the time required to permit public and private construction projects, our experience is that there are other areas in the development process that have extra "fat" that could be cut to speed up project delivery. We will be happy to work with the telecommunications companies to expedite their projects through the permitting process, but exempting broadband projects from obtaining various permits would jeopardize public safety and could add extra costs to projects.

In conclusion, we respectfully request that the aforementioned concerns and suggested amendments be considered..

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Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Very truly yours,


David K. Tanoue, Director
Department of Planning and Permitting

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