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To: Honorable Chair McKelvey
Vice-Chair Choy and Committee Members

Committee on Economic and Business Revitalization
January 30, 2012, 8:30 am, Room 312

Submitted by: Pamela Burns, President and CEO
Hawaiian Humane Society

Date: January 30, 2012

RE: Support HB2161;
Relating to Dogs- Dog Purchaser Protection

The Hawaiian Humane Society supports this measure to protect both dogs and consumers, similar laws are in 20 states.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide support on this measure and to offer the following suggested amendments to HB2161.

- Add application of law to those who sell animals to the public to include roadside/public sales and puppy "swap meets."
- Remove waiver of Guarantee of Good Health; require a health certificate issued by a veterinarian.
- Notification: Extend from 2 to 7 days

Thank you for your consideration of these suggested amendments.



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improving the quality of lives of pets and their people.

Testimony from
Alicia Maluafiti, President, Poi Dogs & Popoki

**Support of HB 2161 – Relating to Dogs
With Amendments**

The House Committee on Economic Revitalization & Business
Tuesday, January 31, 2012 - Room 312, 8:30 a.m.

Aloha Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Choy and members of the Committee.

My name is Alicia Maluafiti and I am the President of Poi Dogs & Popoki (PDP), a local nonprofit helping people and their pets with the cost of caring for their pets. I am also the former Director of Community Relations for the Hawaiian Humane Society and the founder and former president of the Oahu SPCA. PDP support HB 2161 but proposes amendments.

We appreciate a number of the bills introduced this legislative session to address animal welfare issues and HB 2161 is a step in the right direction. There are a few things we would like to address:

- We believe “Seller” should apply to anyone that sells more than one litter of puppies per year. It shouldn’t matter if they own or operate a kennel or pet shop because some people sell on the internet. We recommend deleting this reference.
- We’d like to see a definition for animal welfare organizations that offer adoptions because we should be setting the standard by providing this information to families – especially military families that have to show some kind of proof to take their dogs onto base. PDP recently completed adoption of 12 rescued puppies and each family received a record that includes most of the information being mandated in this bill.
- Because all of our puppies are spayed/neutered, microchipped, dewormed, and receive first shots, there is no additional burden to provide a certificate of health.
- There are some challenges with the “remedies” section because it really perpetuates society’s belief that pets are commodities and if you’re not happy with your purchase, then you get to return the pet for a full refund. Breeder’s that get a puppy back because of a health condition that they probably knew about will just try to sell it to another person or worse – have it euthanized. We appreciate the language in section 3 (3) and would ask that (1) and (2) be deleted.

With the recommended amendments, we fully support HB 2161. Mahalo for your support.-

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Submitted by: Libbie Belback
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Submitted on: 1/30/2012

Comments:
To Whom It May Concern:

I support HB2161. It is sad to say that sometimes consumers purchasing a puppy may be in need of protection or have the option of legal recourse. But I would just like to draw attention to something that may have been overlooked, The 10 day period for the consumer to have the puppy looked at by a veterinarian is too long of a period with too many possibilities & variables happening to the puppy while in the consumers care.

One possibility that could arise is the consumer/owner of the puppy being irresponsible and letting a not fully vaccinated puppy play outdoors and the puppy contracts Parvovirus, 7 days is the typical incubation period for this disease. A lot of other possibilities could happen in this time period too. In the best interest of the puppy's health a veterinarian visit should be performed, as soon as possible after the date of purchase of the puppy.

I would recommend that the time period for the puppy to be examined by a vet be reduced to 7 calendar days from the day of purchase. Not 10 business days from the day of purchase. This will help ensure the puppy stays healthy and reduce some complications for both the seller and the purchaser.

Thank you for your time,
Libbie Belback