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To: Honorable Chair Keith-Agaran
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House Committee on Judiciary
February 21, 2012, 2:00 pm, Room 325

Submitted by: Natalie Lukashevsky, Community Outreach Coordinator
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Date: February 21, 2012

RE: **Support HB2296;**
Relating to Animal Welfare: Prohibiting sale of bear bile

Dear Honorable Chair Hee, Vice-Chair Shimabukuro and Members,

We submit testimony in support of prohibiting the purchase, sale, transportation and delivery of any product containing bear gallbladders or bile.

The methods of extracting bear bile are extremely inhumane. The bears are commonly kept in extraction cages, also known as "crush cages", that measure around 2.6 feet x 4.4 feet x 6.5 feet for an animal that weighs between 110 to 260 pounds. This prevents the bears from being able to stand upright, or in most cases move at all. Living for 10–12 years under such circumstances results in severe mental stress, pain and muscle atrophy. The process of extracting the bile causes these animals horrifying agony where hollow steel sticks are pushed through their abdomens to "milk" the bear.

The Hawaiian Humane Society supports efforts in preventing products derived from this type of cruelty from being distributed in Hawaii. Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony to the committee and we respectfully ask for your support of this measure.