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**To:** Honorable Chair Hee  
Vice-Chair Shimabukuro and Committee Members  
  
Senate Judiciary and Labor Committee  
February 10, 2012, 9:30 am, Room 016

**Submitted by:** Natalie Lukashevsky, Community Outreach Coordinator  
Hawaiian Humane Society, [nlukashevsky@hawaiianhumane.org](mailto:nlukashevsky@hawaiianhumane.org)

**Date:** February 9, 2012

**RE:** **Support SB2232;**  
**Relating to Animal Welfare: Prohibiting sale of bear bile**

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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 horrendously 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.

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
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**Cc:** JessicaRoseSimmons@hotmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB2232 on 2/10/2012 9:30:00 AM

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Conference room: 016  
Testifier position: Support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Jessica Simmons  
Organization: Individual  
E-mail: [JessicaRoseSimmons@hotmail.com](mailto:JessicaRoseSimmons@hotmail.com)  
Submitted on: 2/10/2012

Comments:

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Conference room: 016  
Testifier position: Support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Ginger Chock  
Organization: Individual  
E-mail: [gtchock@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:gtchock@hawaii.rr.com)  
Submitted on: 2/10/2012

Comments:

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Friday, February 10, 2012 7:32 AM  
**To:** JDLTestimony  
**Cc:** ampeep@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB2232 on 2/10/2012 9:30:00 AM

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Conference room: 016  
Testifier position: Support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Keith Watanabe  
Organization: Individual  
E-mail: [ampeep@yahoo.com](mailto:ampeep@yahoo.com)  
Submitted on: 2/10/2012

Comments:

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
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**To:** JDLTestimony  
**Cc:** suyin@hawaii.edu  
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Conference room: 016  
Testifier position: Support  
Testifier will be present: Yes  
Submitted by: Suyin Phillips  
Organization: Individual  
E-mail: [suyin@hawaii.edu](mailto:suyin@hawaii.edu)  
Submitted on: 2/10/2012

Comments:

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
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**To:** JDLTestimony  
**Cc:** owlit1@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB2232 on 2/10/2012 9:30:00 AM

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Conference room: 016  
Testifier position: Support  
Testifier will be present: Yes  
Submitted by: Frances Pueo  
Organization: Individual  
E-mail: [owlit1@gmail.com](mailto:owlit1@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 2/10/2012

Comments:  
I, Frances Pueo, support SB # 2232

To prohibit any exotic animals the purchase, sale, transportation and delivery of any product, item or substance containing, labeled, or advertised as containing bear gall bladders or bile.

Frances Pueo  
Hui Pono Holoholona,  
P.O. Box 943, Mt. View, Hi 96771

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Friday, February 10, 2012 12:47 AM  
**To:** JDLTestimony  
**Cc:** ngk002@hawaii.rr.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB2232 on 2/10/2012 9:30:00 AM

Testimony for JDL 2/10/2012 9:30:00 AM SB2232

Conference room: 016  
Testifier position: Support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Kitty Ng  
Organization: Individual  
E-mail: [ngk002@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:ngk002@hawaii.rr.com)  
Submitted on: 2/10/2012

**Comments:**

I support this bill. This is a cruel and barbaric practice. I would think it also would threaten the existence of these animals.

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 09, 2012 11:14 PM  
**To:** JDLTestimony  
**Cc:** pv44@clearwire.net  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB2232 on 2/10/2012 9:30:00 AM

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Conference room: 016  
Testifier position: Support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Paul Vick  
Organization: Individual  
E-mail: [pv44@clearwire.net](mailto:pv44@clearwire.net)  
Submitted on: 2/9/2012

Comments:



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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 09, 2012 10:11 PM  
**To:** JDLTestimony  
**Cc:** skylen@aol.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB2232 on 2/10/2012 9:30:00 AM

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Conference room: 016  
Testifier position: Support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Steven Aoki  
Organization: Individual  
E-mail: [skylen@aol.com](mailto:skylen@aol.com)  
Submitted on: 2/9/2012

Comments:  
I support SB2232!

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 09, 2012 10:09 PM  
**To:** JDLTestimony  
**Cc:** esmeralda.shelly@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB2232 on 2/10/2012 9:30:00 AM

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Conference room: 016  
Testifier position: Support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: shelly esmeralda  
Organization: Individual  
E-mail: [esmeralda.shelly@gmail.com](mailto:esmeralda.shelly@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 2/9/2012

**Comments:**

This is a horrific practice with no medical significance. It is right to ban the cruel practice of killing these creatures to harvest their organs or to use them as living donors in captivity.

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 09, 2012 9:58 PM  
**To:** JDLTestimony  
**Cc:** Ahimsamary99999@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB2232 on 2/10/2012 9:30:00 AM

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Conference room: 016  
Testifier position: Support  
Testifier will be present: Yes  
Submitted by: Mary Markl  
Organization: Individual  
E-mail: [Ahimsamary99999@gmail.com](mailto:Ahimsamary99999@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 2/9/2012

Comments:

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 09, 2012 8:24 PM  
**To:** JDLTestimony  
**Cc:** denise320@hawaii.rr.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB2232 on 2/10/2012 9:30:00 AM

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Conference room: 016  
Testifier position: Support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Denise S Honda  
Organization: Individual  
E-mail: [denise320@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:denise320@hawaii.rr.com)  
Submitted on: 2/9/2012

Comments:

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 09, 2012 8:23 PM  
**To:** JDLTestimony  
**Cc:** jordanhorie@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB2232 on 2/10/2012 9:30:00 AM

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Conference room: 016  
Testifier position: Support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: JEAN AYRESMAN-HORIE  
Organization: Individual  
E-mail: [jordanhorie@gmail.com](mailto:jordanhorie@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 2/9/2012

Comments:

# **SUPPORT!**

**SB2232**

**(BANNING BEAR BILE)**

**Friday, February 10, 2012, 9:30 a.m.**

**State Capitol, Rm. 016**

**COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY & LABOR (JDL)**

**Sen. Clayton Hee, Chair**

**Sen. Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair**

Dear Senators:

I support SB2232. If passed, it will close a loophole on all products containing bear biles. Like shark fins, this is an outdated practice that has no scientific or moral support.

Thank you for putting forward SB2232.

**Anjie Pham  
Honolulu, HI**

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 09, 2012 6:30 PM  
**To:** JDLTestimony  
**Cc:** jennylinmorris@hotmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB2232 on 2/10/2012 9:30:00 AM

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Conference room: 016  
Testifier position: Support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Jennifer Morris  
Organization: Individual  
E-mail: [jennylinmorris@hotmail.com](mailto:jennylinmorris@hotmail.com)  
Submitted on: 2/9/2012

Comments:

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 09, 2012 5:39 PM  
**To:** JDLTestimony  
**Cc:** peeweeamy@holani.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB2232 on 2/10/2012 9:30:00 AM

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Conference room: 016  
Testifier position: Support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: kathy saiki  
Organization: Individual  
E-mail: [peeweeamy@holani.com](mailto:peeweeamy@holani.com)  
Submitted on: 2/9/2012

Comments:  
i support sb2232. so barbaric!



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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 09, 2012 4:20 PM  
**To:** JDLTestimony  
**Cc:** lauren\_boulanger@hotmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB2232 on 2/10/2012 9:30:00 AM

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Conference room: 016  
Testifier position: Support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Lauren Boulanger  
Organization: Individual  
E-mail: [lauren\\_boulanger@hotmail.com](mailto:lauren_boulanger@hotmail.com)  
Submitted on: 2/9/2012

Comments:

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
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**To:** JDLTestimony  
**Cc:** l.lum@hotmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB2232 on 2/10/2012 9:30:00 AM

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Conference room: 016  
Testifier position: Support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Laura Lum  
Organization: Individual  
E-mail: [l.lum@hotmail.com](mailto:l.lum@hotmail.com)  
Submitted on: 2/9/2012

Comments:

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 09, 2012 2:05 PM  
**To:** JDLTestimony  
**Cc:** jeannecat@aol.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB2232 on 2/10/2012 9:30:00 AM

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Conference room: 016  
Testifier position: Support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Jeanne Talbot  
Organization: Individual  
E-mail: [jeannecat@aol.com](mailto:jeannecat@aol.com)  
Submitted on: 2/9/2012

**Comments:**

There should be a complete ban on the use of bear products either sold alone or incorporated in another product(s). There is absolutely no use or function to these bear body parts, other than keeping the bear alive and healthy!

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 09, 2012 10:59 AM  
**To:** JDLTestimony  
**Cc:** vdv@hawaii.rr.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB2232 on 2/10/2012 9:30:00 AM

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Conference room: 016  
Testifier position: Support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Eleanor Vandervoort  
Organization: Individual  
E-mail: [vdv@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:vdv@hawaii.rr.com)  
Submitted on: 2/9/2012

### Comments:

Copied from the website [www.piaberrend.org](http://www.piaberrend.org) excerpt from "Moon Bears in Bear Bile Farms":

In China and Vietnam, bear bile is used for medicine and other so called healing purposes.

For these bile, the bears are confined in small cages with no room to move, declawed and with their teeth pulled out.

When the bile is ready for extraction, the workers bring them to a room where they search for the location of the bile, puncture a needle through, and extract a huge amount of bile from the bears. Other methods include sticking a heavy metal tube to the bear's gall and then extracting the bile from the tube.

The truth is, bear bile is far from healthy, and there are alternative medicines which have the exact healing properties. Today's bile are actually detrimental to humans' health as it contains puss, feces, rust and other contaminants. Bear bile farming is still practiced in Asia where the bears are kept in small cages and bile is extracted for traditional medicine. There are a few methods used for bile extraction. The most recent technique is called 'free dripping'. It involves making a permanent hole or fistula into the bears' abdomen and gall bladder.

During bile milking, a metal tube will be used to poke through the hole to reach the gall bladder and break the membrane, so that the bile is released. This process is often done without anaesthetic and sterilization.

The wound from the bile extraction was never closed. So, the wound never recovered. After months and years of this physical torture, many of these bears suffer from infections, diseases, tumour, cancer growth and death from peritonitis (inflammation of the peritoneum, the serous membrane, that lines part of the abdominal cavity and viscera).

The bear in the photo above had liver cancer. Prior to rescue, this bear's paws were chopped off, and bile extraction was performed a few times a day on her.

The iron vest worn by the bear was already in bad shape; it showed countless times of bile extraction have been performed on the bear.

Some people think that the bear's paw is one of the best delicacies in the world, and it tastes the best when the paw is cut alive. This is truly absurd.

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
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**Cc:** akele33@aol.com  
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Conference room: 016  
Testifier position: Support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: gail McElrath  
Organization: Individual  
E-mail: [akele33@aol.com](mailto:akele33@aol.com)  
Submitted on: 2/9/2012

Comments:

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 09, 2012 10:34 AM  
**To:** JDLTestimony  
**Cc:** Jenny.fujiwara@farmershawaii.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB2232 on 2/10/2012 9:30:00 AM

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Conference room: 016  
Testifier position: Support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Jenny Fujiwara  
Organization: Individual  
E-mail: [Jenny.fujiwara@farmershawaii.com](mailto:Jenny.fujiwara@farmershawaii.com) Submitted on: 2/9/2012

**Comments:**

You would not allow us to sell human parts and we have a say in it. Animals cannot speak for themselves so we have to. Do not allow such cruelty.

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 09, 2012 10:25 AM  
**To:** JDLEvidence  
**Cc:** animalhumanitarian@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB2232 on 2/10/2012 9:30:00 AM

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Conference room: 016  
Testifier position: Support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Michelle Bowerman  
Organization: Individual  
E-mail: [animalhumanitarian@gmail.com](mailto:animalhumanitarian@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 2/9/2012

Comments:

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
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**To:** JDLEstimony  
**Cc:** DARCEYKATHERINE@GMAIL.COM  
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Conference room: 016  
Testifier position: Support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: KATHERINE UYENO  
Organization: Individual  
E-mail: [DARCEYKATHERINE@GMAIL.COM](mailto:DARCEYKATHERINE@GMAIL.COM)  
Submitted on: 2/9/2012

Comments:



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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 09, 2012 9:49 AM  
**To:** JDLTestimony  
**Cc:** nestingnoah@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB2232 on 2/10/2012 9:30:00 AM

Testimony for JDL 2/10/2012 9:30:00 AM SB2232

Conference room: 016  
Testifier position: Support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Laurie Kapaona  
Organization: Individual  
E-mail: [nestingnoah@yahoo.com](mailto:nestingnoah@yahoo.com)  
Submitted on: 2/9/2012

**Comments:**

Animals should not be killed just for their body part just so someone can eat it. This bill should be passed. We protect sharks, we should protect bears too!

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 09, 2012 9:43 AM  
**To:** JDLEstimony  
**Cc:** ktntt@hawaii.rr.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB2232 on 2/10/2012 9:30:00 AM

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Conference room: 016  
Testifier position: Support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Stacey Shimomura  
Organization: Individual  
E-mail: [ktntt@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:ktntt@hawaii.rr.com)  
Submitted on: 2/9/2012

Comments:

TESTIMONY BY RAY ZHU  
FORMER CHINA PUBLIC RELATION & EDUCATION MANAGER  
ANIMALS ASIA FOUNDATION  
THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR  
ON  
SENATE BILL NO. 2232  
FEBRUARY 9, 2012

Chair Hee and Members of the Committee,

My name is Ray Zhu, a Chinese citizen currently working on my Masters of Business Administration degree at Chaminade University of Honolulu. I was formerly the China Public Relation & Education Manager for the Animals Asia Foundation since 2004. I strongly support Senate Bill No. 2232 and its intent to ban the sale and promotion of bear bile products in the State of Hawaii.

Through my work with Animals Asia, I gained an in-depth understanding on bear bile farming. I have personally witnessed the cruelty that the bears are subjected to first hand. And it was my job to educate people through outreach programs and media campaigns.

Bear bile farming is a cruel and unnecessary industry that involves bears being milked for their bile through crude holes that are cut into their abdomen wall and into the gall bladder. These wounds are deliberately left open, leaving the bears subject to bacterial infection and disease and in great pain.

The bears that Animals Asia has rescued from bile farms are suffering from a range of ailments including liver cancer. The bile from such sick bears is contaminated with bacteria, pus, feces, urine, cancer cells and possible residue of antibiotics.

Bear bile has been used in Chinese Traditional Medicine for many centuries but, bear bile products can be easily and cheaply be replaced by over 50 herbal alternatives and synthetics according to traditional Chinese medicine doctors in China.

Bear bile farming is cruel and unnecessary and there is no place for this industry anywhere in the world. Hawaii should follow the nation wide trend and ban the sale and promotion of bear bile products.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this important measure.