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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

Date: February 9, 2012

RE: **Support SB2502;**
Relating to Animal Cruelty: Snares- trapping

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

The Hawaiian Humane Society supports the passage of SB2502 in order to better protect animals from snares, conibears and leg-hold traps as they are cruel, antiquated means of trapping.

We support this measure for the following reasons:

- Steel-jawed traps are not currently in use by any state or federal agency and are prohibited in a number of states, banned in 89 other countries and opposed by the American Veterinary Medical Association and the American Animal Hospital Association
- Prohibiting snares, conibears and leg-hold traps in areas zoned as residential will further protect pet animals that may fall victim to them. Pet dogs and cats, are known to chew off their own limbs in an attempt to escape, causing severe injury or death.
- This bill requires that any pet captured using a snare or foot-hold trap be checked for identification and reported to the local humane society for reunion with their owner or adoption.
- The bill provides exemptions for state and federal agencies and their authorized agents in protecting threatened and endangered species or other wildlife.

Thank you for the opportunity to present to the committee and we respectfully ask for your support of this measure.

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, February 09, 2012 9:33 AM
To: JDLTestimony
Cc: ktntt@hawaii.rr.com
Subject: Testimony for SB2502 on 2/10/2012 9:30:00 AM

Testimony for JDL 2/10/2012 9:30:00 AM SB2502

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

Comments:

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, February 09, 2012 9:40 AM
To: JDLTestimony
Cc: nestingnoah@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for SB2502 on 2/10/2012 9:30:00 AM

Testimony for JDL 2/10/2012 9:30:00 AM SB2502

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

Comments:

No one should be allowed to capture an animal in an inhumane trap. When they do that, the animal suffers and that is a crime!

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, February 09, 2012 9:59 AM
To: JDLTestimony
Cc: DARCEYKATHERINE@GMAIL.COM
Subject: Testimony for SB2502 on 2/10/2012 9:30:00 AM

Testimony for JDL 2/10/2012 9:30:00 AM SB2502

Conference room: 016
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: KATHERINE UYENO
Organization: Individual
E-mail: DARCEYKATHERINE@GMAIL.COM
Submitted on: 2/9/2012

Comments:

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, February 09, 2012 10:23 AM
To: JDLTestimony
Cc: animalhumanitarian@gmail.com
Subject: Testimony for SB2502 on 2/10/2012 9:30:00 AM

Testimony for JDL 2/10/2012 9:30:00 AM SB2502

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

Comments:

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, February 09, 2012 10:28 AM
To: JDLTestimony
Cc: Jenny.fujiwara@farmershawaii.com
Subject: Testimony for SB2502 on 2/10/2012 9:30:00 AM

Testimony for JDL 2/10/2012 9:30:00 AM SB2502

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

Comments:

This should be a felony. If this were done to a human being I don't think it would be a misdemeanor.

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, February 09, 2012 10:33 AM
To: JDLTestimony
Cc: towle@hawaiiintel.net
Subject: Testimony for SB2502 on 2/10/2012 9:30:00 AM

Testimony for JDL 2/10/2012 9:30:00 AM SB2502

Conference room: 016
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Ginger Towle, President
Organization: West Hawaii Humane Society
E-mail: towle@hawaiiintel.net
Submitted on: 2/9/2012

Comments:

There is absolutely no reason to have or permit any type of snare near residential areas. We have seen tragic results on the Big Island.

PLEASE PASS THIS BILL!!!! Thank you for the opportunity to testify

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, February 09, 2012 10:52 AM
To: JDLTestimony
Cc: akele33@aol.com
Subject: Testimony for SB2502 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: gail McElrath
Organization: Individual
E-mail: akele33@aol.com
Submitted on: 2/9/2012

Comments:

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, February 09, 2012 11:20 AM
To: JDLTestimony
Cc: ldrewry44@gmail.com
Subject: Testimony for SB2502 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: Leigh Drewry
Organization: Individual
E-mail: ldrewry44@gmail.com
Submitted on: 2/9/2012

Comments:

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, February 09, 2012 11:50 AM
To: JDLTestimony
Cc: lovetteb@lokahiconsulting.com
Subject: Testimony for SB2502 on 2/10/2012 9:30:00 AM

Testimony for JDL 2/10/2012 9:30:00 AM SB2502

Conference room: 016
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Brenda Lovette
Organization: Individual
E-mail: lovetteb@lokahiconsulting.com
Submitted on: 2/9/2012

Comments:

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, February 09, 2012 1:57 PM
To: JDLTestimony
Cc: jeannecat@aol.com
Subject: Testimony for SB2502 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
Submitted on: 2/9/2012

Comments:

There is absolutely no reason why these inhumane animal traps should be used. Therefore, full punishment should be extended to persons caught using these traps. In addition, the owning of such traps should be illegal.

From: The Humane Society of the United States [humanesociety@hsus.org] on behalf of Michele Nihipali [nihipalim001@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 09, 2012 2:02 PM
To: JDLTestimony
Subject: Please support SB2502, SB2492, and SB2208 to protect Hawaii's animals

Feb 9, 2012

Hawaii Senate Judiciary and Labor Committee
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

I respectfully request your support for modest -- but critical -- measures to better protect Hawaii's pets, including: SB2502, to prohibit the cruel snaring of pets; SB2492, to finally regulate puppy mills and pet sellers who put profit over animal welfare, and SB 2208, to create a voluntary spay/neuter tax check-off fund to humanely reduce pet overpopulation.

Thank you for your compassion for the animals. It's time Hawaii moves up in its standing as a state that does not promote animal cruelty.

Sincerely,

Ms. Michele Nihipali
54-074 A Kam Hwy
Hauula, HI 96717
(808) 293-1522

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, February 09, 2012 3:23 PM
To: JDLTestimony
Cc: cokuhi@msn.com
Subject: Testimony for SB2502 on 2/10/2012 9:30:00 AM

Testimony for JDL 2/10/2012 9:30:00 AM SB2502

Conference room: 016
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Robert Allison
Organization: Individual
E-mail: cokuhi@msn.com
Submitted on: 2/9/2012

Comments:

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, February 09, 2012 3:25 PM
To: JDLTestimony
Cc: tmtg44@hotmail.com
Subject: Testimony for SB2502 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: Melanie Goulart
Organization: Individual
E-mail: tmtg44@hotmail.com
Submitted on: 2/9/2012

Comments:

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, February 09, 2012 4:13 PM
To: JDLTestimony
Cc: l.lum@hotmail.com
Subject: Testimony for SB2502 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
Submitted on: 2/9/2012

Comments:

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, February 09, 2012 4:18 PM
To: JDLTestimony
Cc: lauren_boulanger@hotmail.com
Subject: Testimony for SB2502 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
Submitted on: 2/9/2012

Comments:

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, February 09, 2012 5:37 PM
To: JDLTestimony
Cc: peeweeamy@holani.com
Subject: Testimony for SB2502 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
Submitted on: 2/9/2012

Comments:
i support sb2502.

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, February 09, 2012 6:20 PM
To: JDLTestimony
Cc: jennylinmorris@hotmail.com
Subject: Testimony for SB2502 on 2/10/2012 9:30:00 AM

Testimony for JDL 2/10/2012 9:30:00 AM SB2502

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

Comments:

This is just a cruel cruel form of entrapment for the animal and without this bill it will just continue. There are other ways for hunters to catch animals so this is not necessary.

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, February 09, 2012 6:20 PM
To: JDLTestimony
Cc: jennylinmorris@hotmail.com
Subject: Testimony for SB2502 on 2/10/2012 9:30:00 AM

Testimony for JDL 2/10/2012 9:30:00 AM SB2502

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

Comments:

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, February 09, 2012 8:22 PM
To: JDLTestimony
Cc: denise320@hawaii.rr.com
Subject: Testimony for SB2502 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
Submitted on: 2/9/2012

Comments:

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, February 09, 2012 8:54 PM
To: JDLTestimony
Cc: rachelhw@hawaii.edu
Subject: Testimony for SB2502 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: Rachel
Organization: Individual
E-mail: rachelhw@hawaii.edu
Submitted on: 2/9/2012

Comments:

Thank you for hearing SB2502, I support this measure. Snares and traps are cruel, antiquated devices that cause suffering. When these traps are placed in residential or prohibited areas, they pose a threat to unintended targets; people and pets. Please consider this measure and help prevent future snare and trap related tragedies.

Thank you,
Rachel Huff-Wagenborg

SUPPORT!

SB2502

(LEG SNARES/TRAPS)

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 firmly support **SB2502**: Accountability is everything. It would be interesting to see how many "pet & endangered" animals are also victims of leg snares & traps under the title of feral control.

Mahalo~

**Anjie Pham
Honolulu, HI**

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, February 09, 2012 9:46 PM
To: JDLTestimony
Cc: Ahimsamary99999@gmail.comx
Subject: Testimony for SB2502 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.comx
Submitted on: 2/9/2012

Comments:

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, February 09, 2012 9:51 PM
To: JDLTestimony
Cc: Ahimsamary99999@gmail.com
Subject: Testimony for SB2502 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
Submitted on: 2/9/2012

Comments:

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, February 09, 2012 10:09 PM
To: JDLTestimony
Cc: skylen@aol.com
Subject: Testimony for SB2502 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
Submitted on: 2/9/2012

Comments:
I fully support SB2502.

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, February 09, 2012 10:13 PM
To: JDLTestimony
Cc: esmeralda.shelly@gmail.com
Subject: Testimony for SB2502 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: Abandoned and feral catfriends
E-mail: esmeralda.shelly@gmail.com
Submitted on: 2/9/2012

Comments:

Penalties should be increased. It should be banned for state and federal use as well. This is a cruel practice.

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, February 09, 2012 11:12 PM
To: JDLTestimony
Cc: pv44@clearwire.net
Subject: Testimony for SB2502 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
Submitted on: 2/9/2012

Comments:

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Friday, February 10, 2012 12:00 AM
To: JDLTestimony
Cc: ngk002@hawaii.rr.com
Subject: Testimony for SB2502 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: Kitty Ng
Organization: Individual
E-mail: ngk002@hawaii.rr.com
Submitted on: 2/10/2012

Comments:

This is terribly cruel. These methods should never be able to be used and that includes Federal agencies . There should be no exemptions. I definitely support the bill but do not agree with having those special exemptions.

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Friday, February 10, 2012 12:07 AM
To: JDLTestimony
Cc: therapps@hawaii.rr.com
Subject: Testimony for SB2502 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 Rappenecker
Organization: Individual
E-mail: therapps@hawaii.rr.com
Submitted on: 2/10/2012

Comments:

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Friday, February 10, 2012 2:30 AM
To: JDLTestimony
Cc: owlit1@gmail.com
Subject: Testimony for SB2502 on 2/10/2012 9:30:00 AM

Testimony for JDL 2/10/2012 9:30:00 AM SB2502

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

Comments:

I, Frances P. Pueo - support SB#2502.

In the early 1970's at a Kailua, Oahu Hardware Store there on the shelf were approximately 5 to 7 steel jaw traps that could be purchased by anyone. I approached the manager of the store with my objections that such cruel devices as these traps were made available for sale without forethought of its harmful use towards animals or to humans.

At that time, I was not sure if it was illegal for anyone to bring these traps into our state. The manager did not seem to grasp the extent of cruelty these devices causes to animals or humans.

To ensure it would not be sold I bought all the traps in stock, and turned it over the Oahu Humane Society and then wrote to Senator Dan Inouye and other Congress Representatives.

So now, 40 years later...beyond belief that such devices or similar devices as animal snares are in use in our state! And without regulations, any form of control, or any penalties for misuse.

Animal snares are in use on this island. In Keaau I had dismantled 21 animal snares made from everything from string, cord, wire, and with spikes into the ground to increase the animal suffering.

I am direct witness to see pigs missing part of their legs struggling to forage for food on three legs. I am direct witness to see animals with snare ties around their ankles, buried into their flesh showing bone. Weaken, and struggling to survive.

On one occasion, 9 feral piglets were observed to have rope tied around their ankles, from being caught and escaping the animal snare traps. As they grew, the rope buried into their flesh and then into their bone. These animals were showing signs of suffering and pain barely able to walk. The wounds were large, exposing muscle tissue, torn flesh and bone, obvious massive infection. To capture these animals a humane (live) drop trap were used.

I am also witness to find dead cats in snares; I am also witness to find cats that have chewed off part of their limbs to free themselves from the snares. Of eight cats caught in animal snares, two did not survive the amputation surgery because of the massive infection.

People that are setting these animal snares must be held accountable as it is horrible animal cruelty and the only way to get them to stop is to make it a crime with a severe penalty - misdemeanor/heavy fine - I rather it be made into a felony.

Remember this - Small children or toddlers can equally walk into these animal snares and metal steel jaws of death.

Respectively yours,

Frances P. Pueo, (808) 769-1128

Hui Pono Holoholona

(People doing morally right helping animals) P.O. Box 943, Mt. View, Hi 96771

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Friday, February 10, 2012 7:26 AM
To: JDLTestimony
Cc: suyin@hawaii.edu
Subject: Testimony for SB2502 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: Suyin Phillips
Organization: Individual
E-mail: suyin@hawaii.edu
Submitted on: 2/10/2012

Comments:

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Friday, February 10, 2012 7:30 AM
To: JDLTestimony
Cc: ampeep@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for SB2502 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
Submitted on: 2/10/2012

Comments:

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Friday, February 10, 2012 7:36 AM
To: JDLTestimony
Cc: gtchock@hawaii.rr.com
Subject: Testimony for SB2502 on 2/10/2012 9:30:00 AM

Testimony for JDL 2/10/2012 9:30:00 AM SB2502

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

Comments:

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Friday, February 10, 2012 9:29 AM
To: JDLTestimony
Cc: catswede@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for SB2502 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: Cathy Swedelius
Organization: AdvoCats Hawaii
E-mail: catswede@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 2/10/2012

Comments:

I respectfully understand that the plan be carried out on Federal lands. I, personally, find it barbaric and reprehensible. I would rather have a forum for the groups and interested parties to try to negotiate a settlement rather than jump to such a drastic action. Animals of all kinds have been known to gnaw off their own appendage to get out of the trap, die of dehydration or starvation, suffer fatal injuries that take awhile for them to die. This is inhumane and barbaric. Please help us manage the problem rather than immediately jump to killing and maiming.