## LATE TESTIMONY



## Hawaiian Humane Society

People For animals. Animals For people.

2700 Waialae Avenue Honolulu, Hawaii 96826 808.946.2187 • hawaiianhumane.org

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

Committee on Economic Revitalization & Business March 13, 2012, 8:30 am, Room 312

Submitted by: Natalie Lukashevsky, Community Outreach Coordinator Hawaiian Humane Society

Date: March 12, 2012

RE: Support SB 2504, SD2; Relating to the Sale of Dogs, Cats: Pet Retailers

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

The Hawaiian Humane Society supports the passage of SB 2504, SD2.

This bill would require that retail pet stores provide microchipping, critical animal health and origin information to consumers and law enforcement agencies and provide life-saving written sterilization information. In the wake of the Waimanalo Puppy Mill rescue in 2011, light has been shed on the issue of irresponsible breeding where too often profit is prioritized over animal welfare.

While the original provision to provide spay and neuter before sale of animal was removed from this measure, we feel that this measure is a positive step in the direction of pet sellers being held to the same transparency as existing animal welfare adoption agencies.

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

From:mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.govSent:Monday, March 12, 2012 2:47 PMTo:ERBtestimonyCc:orrie@hawaiiantel.netSubject:LATE TESTIMONY - Testimony for SB2504 on 3/13/2012 8:30:00 AM

Testimony for ERB 3/13/2012 8:30:00 AM SB2504

Conference room: 312 Testifier position: Support Testifier will be present: No Submitted by: Orianna Skomoroch Organization: Individual E-mail: <u>orrie@hawaiiantel.net</u> Submitted on: 3/12/2012

Comments: Please support this bill which protects both the animals and consumers. From:mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.govSent:Monday, March 12, 2012 5:30 PMTo:ERBtestimonyCc:sweinrich7@aol.comSubject:LATE TESTIMONY - Testimony for SB2504 on 3/13/2012 8:30:00 AM

Testimony for ERB 3/13/2012 8:30:00 AM SB2504

Conference room: 312 Testifier position: Support Testifier will be present: No Submitted by: Sandra M Weinrich Organization: Individual E-mail: <u>sweinrich7@aol.com</u> Submitted on: 3/12/2012

Comments:

From:mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.govSent:Monday, March 12, 2012 8:53 PMTo:ERBtestimonyCc:suyin@hawaii.eduSubject:LATE TESTIMONY - Testimony for SB2504 on 3/13/2012 8:30:00 AM

Testimony for ERB 3/13/2012 8:30:00 AM SB2504

Conference room: 312 Testifier position: Support Testifier will be present: No Submitted by: Suyin Phillips Organization: Individual E-mail: <u>suyin@hawaii.edu</u> Submitted on: 3/12/2012

Comments:

We are far overdue for regulation of pet peddlers, for the protection of both consumers and helpless animals.

## LATE TESTIMONY

From:mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.govSent:Monday, March 12, 2012 11:53 PMTo:ERBtestimonyCc:stacykt@hawaii.eduSubject:LATE TESTIMONY - Testimony for SB2504 on 3/13/2012 8:30:00 AM

Testimony for ERB 3/13/2012 8:30:00 AM SB2504

Conference room: 312 Testifier position: Support Testifier will be present: No Submitted by: Stacy Takekawa Organization: Individual E-mail: <u>stacykt@hawaii.edu</u> Submitted on: 3/12/2012

Comments:

٢

From:mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.govSent:Tuesday, March 13, 2012 2:57 AMTo:ERBtestimonyCc:g2@hokua.orgSubject:LATE TESTIMONY - Testimony for SB2504 on 3/13/2012 8:30:00 AM

Testimony for ERB 3/13/2012 8:30:00 AM SB2504

Conference room: 312 Testifier position: Support Testifier will be present: No Submitted by: Ginny Tiu Organization: Individual E-mail: <u>g2@hokua.org</u> Submitted on: 3/13/2012

Comments:

Dear Chair McKelvey and Committee Members,

I ask you to please pass this bill, as it would at least attempt to protect not ony the animals being sold, but the consurmers buying them as well. We get more information and warranties when we buy a computer or any other product. How can we do less where a life is involved? By being required to give the name of their supplier, it would discourage the sellers from acquiring their animals from suspicious sources, whether knowingly or unknowingly. This would minimize the pain and suffering of animals who live in deplorable conditions, and the expense borne by those who buy from these unregulated suppliers, who are allowed to sell inferior animals which have medical issues. I speak from my own experience, when I took over the care of a dog that the original owner had bought without knowing its source or having any medical history.

Thank you very much for your kind consideration.

Aloha, Ginny Tiu

## LATE TESTIMONY



| То:           | Honorable Chair McKelvey                          |
|---------------|---|
|               | Vice-Chair Choy and Committee Members             |
|               | Committee on Economic Revitalization & Business   |
|               | March 13, 2012, 8:30am, Room 312                  |
| Submitted by: | Donna Whitaker, Executive Director                |
|               | Hawaii Island Humane Society                      |
| Date:         | March 13, 2012                                    |
| RE:           | Support SB 2504, SD2                              |
|               | Relating to the Sale of Dogs, Cats: Pet Retailers |

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

The Hawaii Island Humane Society joins supports the passage of this measure to require retail pet stores to provide microchipping, critical animal health and origin information to consumers and law enforcement agencies, and provide information on sterilization. This measure will help protect consumers and the animals by requiring retail pet sellers to disclose this important information.

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