

# SB 2504

Measure Title: RELATING TO THE SALE OF DOGS AND CATS.

Report Title: Sale of Dogs and Cats; Pet Sellers; Spay and Neuter; Identification Microchip

Description: Requires pet sellers to implant an identification microchip in a dog or cat prior to sale or exchange and to provide specific written documentation regarding each dog or cat sold. Prohibits pet sellers from selling an unsterilized dog or unsterilized cat.

Companion:

Package: None

Current Referral: CPN/EDT, JDL

Introducer(s): HEE

<b>Sort by Date</b>		<b>Status Text</b>
1/20/2012	S	Introduced.
1/23/2012	S	Passed First Reading.
1/23/2012	S	Referred to CPN/EDT, JDL.
1/27/2012	S	The committee(s) on CPN/EDT has scheduled a public hearing on 02-07-12 9:00AM in conference room 229.



**THE HUMANE SOCIETY**  
OF THE UNITED STATES

TO: Honorable Chair Baker and Fukunaga, Vice-Chair Taniguchi and Wakai, and Committee Members

**Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection and Economic Development and Technology**  
**Tuesday, February 7, 9:00am, Room 229**

**RE: Testimony in SUPPORT of SB2504; Relating to the Sale of Dogs and Cats, with amendments**

Submitted by: Inga Gibson, Hawaii State Director, The Humane Society of the United States, P.O. Box 89131, Honolulu, HI 96830, [igibson@hsus.org](mailto:igibson@hsus.org), 808-922-9910

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Dear Honorable Chairs Baker and Fukunaga, Vice-Chairs Taniguchi and Wakai and Members,

On behalf of our more than 50,000 members and supporters in Hawaii, we thank your Committee's for considering SB2504; Relating to the Sale of Dogs and Cats. This is an important measure to better protect Hawaii's animals *and* consumers by requiring that dogs and cats be sterilized prior to sale; as sterilization is the only proven method to reduce pet overpopulation and the thousands of animals who are euthanized annually due to lack of homes. In addition, this bill requires that "pet sellers" provide critical history and medical information to purchasers, and animal care and control agencies, regarding the origin and care of the animals.

We appreciate your support of this important measure and consideration of the below amendments:

1. Page 1, line 8, amend definition of pet seller to "pet seller" means any person, partnership entity, or corporation that sells dogs or cats in any public place or to customers through a store operation . This measure should only apply to pet retailers and those who sell in public places NOT to responsible breeders who sell from their private homes or residences where the animals are appropriately bred and raised.
2. Page 1, line 12, add who provide animals for adoption. Clarify that the term "pet sellers" does not apply to bona fide, 501(c)(3) animal care organizations that provide animals for adoption rather than for sale.
3. Page 1, line 13, add definition of "public place" from HRS 711-1100. It is critical to define a "public place" to apply to roadside sales, swap meets, and people who advertise animals for sale on the internet and via classified ads then meet the purchaser in a parking lot or other public place that does not allow the purchaser to see the conditions the animal was bred or raised in. This provision should not apply to breeders who sell privately from their homes and do not sell roadside or via pet stores.
4. Page 2, line 10, add shall deliver the following information to the purchaser. Please clarify that documentation is provided to the purchaser at time of sale.
5. Page 2, line 11, delete comma between breeder's name, address and insert breeder's name and address, and license information... Clarify the need for breeders name and address regardless of whether or not they are licensed by USDA. Furthermore, we have no USDA licensed dealers in

Hawaii at this time. This measure could help to identify those who *should* be licensed by USDA but who currently are not.

6. Page 4, line 14, insert new (c) and add section -3(c) shall apply to humane societies, animal control, rescue or care organizations who provide animals for adoption. The Hawaiian Humane Society and other animal care organizations would like the sterilization requirement to apply to their organization and all other animal care groups who are already, and have for many years, been sterilizing animals prior to adoption. Sterilization is the only proven way to reduce pet overpopulation. In addition, sterilized animals live longer healthier lives, are less aggressive and likely to bite, and display fewer negative/nuisance behaviors.
7. Page 4, line 7, delete to the public and replace with in a public place. Again, clarify application to those who sell IN a public place not TO the public.
8. Page 4, line 11, delete "the public." This section should only apply to those who give, free of charge/for free, animals to pet stores and retailers.
9. Page 4, line 16, add \$500 fine. The average fine for a petty misdemeanor without a specified amount is only \$50. We recommend a fine of \$500.
10. Page 5, line 5, extend effective date to January 1, 2013. Extends effective date to allow pet sellers 6 months to come into compliance and to educate the community and pet purchasers about these new requirements.

If amended, this bill would *not* impact responsible breeders who would never sell their offspring via a pet store, at puppy swap meets or on the side of the road or other public place. Reputable, responsible breeders only sell directly from their homes and invite potential buyers to the area where the animal is bred and raised so the buyer may meet the animal, the animal's parents and siblings, and see the conditions the animal was raised in. Both the American Kennel Club and Hawaii Kennel Club advise those wanting to purchase an animal to always meet and talk with the breeder in person and at a minimum, meet at least one of the animal's parents. Again, this is not possible when someone is purchasing an animal from a pet store or from the side of the road.

In addition, responsible breeders are already providing critical history and medical information as required in this bill to protect both the animal and the purchaser from any unexpected illness or medical condition.

Thank you again for your consideration of this important measure. While other communities across the country have and continue to prohibit sales of animals at pet stores and public places altogether, we believe this is a good compromise and ask for your support, with the above-proposed amendments.



AMERICAN  
KENNEL CLUB<sup>SM</sup>

Members of Senate Committees on Commerce and Consumer Protection  
and Economic Development and Technology  
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February 2, 2012

**RE: AKC's Strong Concerns with SB2504**

Dear Committee Members:

The American Kennel Club (AKC) writes on behalf of responsible dog owners in Hawaii to express strong concerns with Senate Bill 2504. This bill would outlaw selling unsterilized dogs and cats.

Because importation of dogs to the Hawaiian Islands is limited and strictly regulated, **it calls into question where citizens will obtain future generations of pets if all cats and dogs sold or given away are sterilized** as would be required by SB2504.

Problematic provisions of this bill include, but are not limited to:

- The definition of "pet seller" includes **any person who sells pets to the public.**
- It would be unlawful for a "pet seller" to sell, give away, or exchange an unsterilized cat or dog.
- Responsible breeders could be limited to breeding dogs currently in their possession, leaving them with few options to introduce new bloodlines and create healthy expansion of their gene pools.
- The definition of "pet seller" excludes humane societies, animal control, rescue and care organizations, thereby exempting such organizations from the provisions of the bill.

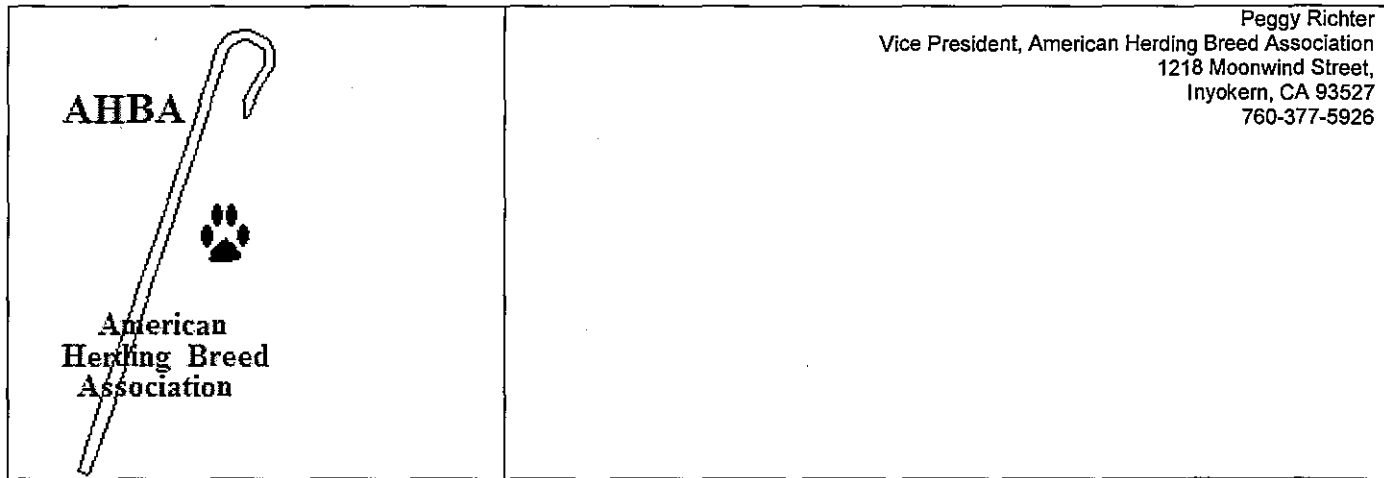
The AKC strongly supports and actively promotes a wide range of programs to educate the public about responsible purebred breeding practices and the responsibilities of dog ownership. The AKC opposes the concept of breeding permits, breeding bans or mandatory spay/neuter of purebred dogs. Instead, we support reasonable and enforceable laws that protect the welfare and health of purebred dogs and do not restrict the rights of breeders and owners who meet their responsibilities.

We respectfully urge the Senate CPN/EDT Committees to reject SB2504.

Sincerely,

Patty Van Sicklen  
Legislative Analyst

*Founded in 1884, the American Kennel Club is a non-partisan, not-for-profit purebred dog registry and educational organization dedicated to promoting responsible dog ownership, advocating for dogs as family companions, advancing canine health and well-being, and working to protect the rights of all responsible dog owners. The AKC represents more than 5,100 dog clubs nationally, including 46 clubs in the state of Hawaii.*



AMERICAN HERDING BREED ASSOCIATION

3 Feb 2012

Re: **SB2504**—OPPOSE

The American Herding Breed Association opposes the proposed Bill SB2504 as currently written on 3 February 2012. As an organization dedicated to dogs used in herding, AHBA has a significant interest in the continuance of these dogs. The use of dogs as an essential tool in livestock management dates back to prehistoric times and is documented within Hawaii. Whether as an adjunct to a farm or ranch, in herding events or as a pet, dogs have been companions to humans for more than 30,000 years. Significant studies have shown the value of the human/canine bond. We wish to point out some of the serious flaws in this bill.

The requirement that “any person, partnership entity, or corporation who sells pets to the public” and that “It shall be unlawful for a pet seller to sell an unsterilized dog or unsterilized cat to the public” means that NO dog may be sold or placed with anyone unless it is neutered. This essentially means that only a small number of individuals who are dog breeders may keep unneutered animals. There are no exceptions for any private individual.

Not only are there a number of studies which show that neutering involves both short term and long term health risks, there are also a number of studies which show that neutering impacts an animal's performance.  
<http://www.naiaonline.org/pdfs/LongTermHealthEffectsOfSpayNeuterInDogs.pdf> AND  
<http://avmajournals.avma.org/loi/javma> - June 15, 2008 (Vol 232; No. 12: pp. 1774-1872) Prevalence of and risk factors for hip dysplasia and cranial cruciate ligament deficiency in dogs –“Castrated males were significantly more likely than other dogs to have hip dysplasia and castrated male and spayed female dogs were significantly more likely to have cranial cruciate ligament deficiency.”

This has direct impact on those who use dogs in their traditional role as a working animal, specifically as a herding dog, both in commercial operations (see <http://www.hicattle.org/> which notes 60,000 head of beef cows; more than 75% of all the beef cows in the State. Ranchers are the stewards of over 1 Million acres of land in Hawaii, or 25% of the State's total land mass) Most of these farms use dogs for herding and protecting their livestock. The majority of herding dogs and livestock guardian dogs are not neutered as there is significant evidence that neutering affects performance of such dogs. In addition, a number of private individuals use herding dogs in a competitive venue in the sport of herding, via the American Kennel Club (AKC) and via the AHBA. Both groups would be severely damaged with a ban on obtaining intact dogs. They might be able to breed dogs themselves, but could not, according to this bill, even exchange dogs to ensure that good breeding practices such as avoidance of inbreeding and elimination of defects were followed. We urge the committee to reject this bill.

Peggy Richter, Vice President, American Herding Breed Association.

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January 31, 2012

Testimony

Re: Senate Bill SB No. 2504  
Introduced by Senator Clayton Hee  
JDL Committee  
State of Hawaii

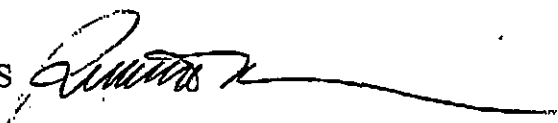
We support Senator Hee's intention to curb the puppy mill breeders and decrease suffering of animals in the State of Hawaii. Documentation of the sale of pets and definitive identification by microchips/tattoos will be helpful in prosecuting offenders. Licensing and inspections of breeding facilities of a specific maximum size (# of breeding females) should be required.

We don't support the "sale of unsterilized dogs and cats prohibited". The public should have the option of purchasing a purebred, hybrid ("designer") or mixed breed dogs or cats and have the freedom to enjoy breeding them if they wish. Observing the miracle of birth of kittens or puppies as a child has guided many of us to become veterinarians.

The pet stores in general is a better place for dogs and cats to be purchased since they have to maintain a reputation to have healthy pets and documentation of prior veterinary visits/vaccinations/tests. More importantly, the customer has a storefront that they can go to in case they have problems or concerns. This is not possible at times when our clients have purchased a dog or cat from an ad in the paper or internet.

Our hospital has worked with several pet stores over the years and have offered the first exam after purchase for free. We provide a free examination, fecal parasite test, deworming and samples of heartworm and intestinal parasite prevention medication. More importantly, we educate the new pet owner about responsible pet care. We emphasize training, sterilization, preventative medicine, and humane care. We have approximately 90 to 95 % compliance in micro-chipping and in sterilization.

Sincerely,  
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Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair  
Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Vice Chair  
Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection  
Senator Carol Fukunaga, Chair  
Senator Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair  
Committee on Economic Development and Technology

**SUBJECT: Senate Bill 2504 relating to the sale of dogs and cats**

Dear Chair Baker, Chair Fukunaga, Vice Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair Wakai and Members of the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection and Members of the Committee on Economic Development and Technology:

We believe that Hawaii's cat and dog over-population would be greatly decreased by your support of SB 2504. Besides reducing over-population, spaying/neutering increases the quality of life of companion animals.

We ask consideration for one amendment to the Bill; that "humane societies, or animal control, rescue, or care organizations exempt under title 26 United states Code section 501(c)(3)" be prohibited to "sell" or put up for adoption unsterilized cats or dogs. Non-profit animal welfare organizations neglecting to spay/neuter animals prior to adoption are comparable to pet stores.

Your support of SB2504 will help strengthen Hawaii's animal protection laws. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in Support of SB 2504.

Sincerely Yours,

Kelly Carrington  
Vice President  
CatFriends

**CatFriends'** is a 501(c)(3), all volunteer organization with a mission to humanely decrease the abandoned and feral cat population through the widely-accepted Trap, Neuter, Return, and Manage (TNRM) methodology. This approach returns neutered cats to where they were trapped under human caretaker supervision and care while ensuring they are not producing unwanted litters. CatFriends also fosters and adopts out rescued cats and kittens.

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**Hawai'i Hulacat Club**

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February 4, 2012

**RE: Opposition to S.B. 2504**

On behalf of the Hawai'i Hulacat Club, a component club of the Cat Fanciers Association, Inc., the world's largest registry of pedigreed cats, I submit this opposition to Senate Bill 2504. Thank you in advance for considering our club members' viewpoints.

Many pet owners choose to purchase pedigreed cats and dogs because of their predictable characteristics and temperaments. Pedigreed companion animals must be able to be sold or exchanged intact (i.e., not spayed or neutered) in order to plan for genetic diversity and avoid the dangers of inbreeding. But this bill, if enacted, would put an end to the breeding of fine pedigreed companion animals in Hawai'i after many decades of attempting to import breeding stock, despite expensive and formidable quarantine burdens, in order to maintain the vitality of their unique bloodlines.

Pedigreed dogs and cats are the products of carefully-planned breeding programs that have spanned many decades (and, for some breeds, millennia). The disappearance of these magnificent and unique breeds of companion animals would be a terrible loss for humanity.

The overwhelming majority of Hawai'i's breeders of pedigreed companion animals are responsible and committed to protecting their animals' health and well-being. Few of them generate any actual income from their breeding activities; in fact, for most their breeding programs are money-losing ventures. Senate Bill 2504 would impose unreasonable and unnecessary burdens on these responsible, dedicated "hobby breeders." We could support reasonable and enforceable regulations to protect companion animals from irresponsible "puppy mills" and other abusive conditions. But those regulations should not restrict the rights of breeders and pet owners who meet their responsibilities. Senate Bill 2504 is simply too broad in scope and application.



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We advocate the spaying or neutering of dogs and cats as appropriate. But Senate Bill 2504's mandatory spay/neuter provisions are too broad and restrictive. The decision to sterilize is one that should be made on a case-by-case basis by pet owners after consultation with their veterinarians. Imposing spay/neuter responsibility and costs on pet sellers is an undue burden, one that should not rest solely on the sellers.

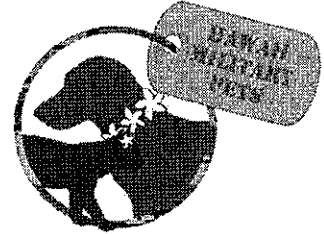
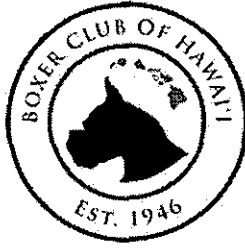
We urge that Senate Bill 2504 not be approved. It is a perfect example of good intentions making bad law. Thank you again for your attention and consideration.

Very truly yours,



Kenneth Cribbs

President, Hawai'i Hulacat Club



Dear Honorable Chair Baker and Fukunaga, Vice-Chair Taniguchi and Wakai, and Committee Members,

My name is Theresa Donnelly, and I am urging you to support SB 2504, Relating to the Sale of Dogs and Cats, but with some **specific amendments**. I am the secretary of Boxer Club of Hawaii, a club founded in 1946 affiliated with the American Boxer Club and the American Kennel Club. I am also the owner of Hawaii Military Pets, an online resource helping educate on responsible pet ownership.

The bill should be changed to only apply to those who sell in public places and pet stores. Public places includes roadside sales, swap meets, or outside the back of a car. **No responsible breeder sells to a pet store or at a public place. This is because they welcome inspections of the breeding home and want consumers to see first-hand how their puppies are raised.**

Just on Oahu, The Hawaiian Humane Society receives more than 30,000 animals per year, signaling an overpopulation crisis. Our pet stores could decide to help alleviate pet overpopulation and give the Hawaiian Humane Society the lists of their breeders (and associated medical history) in case deplorable breeding conditions are suspected. It is also worth noting that no breeder in Hawaii has the required USDA federal permit to sell to a pet store. We need that regulation enforced. **Responsible breeders ensure a lifetime home, willing to take back an animal at any time, thus not contributing to pet overpopulation.**

The Hawaiian Dog Fanciers Guidelines for Breeders (#6, listed below) states that no breeder will sell to a pet store. Responsible breeders will not be affected by the amended bill and can breed healthy, sound family animals. The American Boxer Club considers selling to a pet store a major infraction.

I also support an amendment to make this sterilization requirement apply to nonprofit shelters and rescues. If the animal rescue can't fix every animal they adopt out, then they should take in less homeless animals. This is a personal responsibility every shelter in Hawaii should be prepared to take on so we prevent accidental and irresponsible breeding.

I personally asked every major pet store on Oahu if they would be willing to stop all animal sales and only offer pet adoptions from shelters. To date, only the Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange Pet Stop is examining this policy. I received no reply from the others.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to submit this written testimony.

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### **Hawaiian Dog Fanciers Guidelines for Responsible Breeders**

1. All dogs shall be kept under sanitary conditions and shall be given maximum health protection through regular veterinary care, inoculations, adequate exercise and proper nutrition. Dogs shall be provided with a safe and secure environment at all times.
2. All breeders shall keep accurate and complete personal records of breedings, litters, pedigrees and puppy owners' names, addresses and phone numbers.
3. All puppies leaving the breeder's possession shall be a minimum of seven (7) weeks of age.
4. All breeders of purebred dogs shall breed to conform to the American Kennel Club's Standard of Excellence for their breed and only from quality, healthy stock. Breeders will screen for inherited diseases as known for their breed.
5. Breeders shall provide the puppy buyer with written details of feeding, general care, dates and types of inoculations and wormings, grooming instructions, training resources, etc., and be available to offer future advice as needed.
6. Breeders will not sell or consign puppies or adult dogs to pet stores, puppy brokers or other commercial dealers.
7. All dogs will be sold with written contracts with specifications, guarantees or restrictions. The contract will ensure that the breeder will be contacted if an owner can no longer keep the dog at any time in the dog's life and that the breeder will find a new home for the dog.
8. All puppies not of show or breeding quality will be sold on a spay/neuter contract with an AKC Limited Registration.
9. Bitches will not be bred before or after such age as is customary for their breed as outlined by the Parent Club's guidelines. Only healthy, mature dogs will be bred and the breeder will allow proper, healthful spacing between litters.
10. Breeders will permit stud service only to quality, healthy bitches, appropriately screened for inherited diseases; owned by individuals who give satisfactory evidence that they will give these puppies proper care and attention and who are in agreement with these guidelines for responsible breeders.
11. Prospective buyers should be screened as thoroughly as possible to determine their desire and ultimate intent for each puppy or dog, and also for their interest and ability to provide a safe, adequate and loving home for each puppy or dog acquired.
12. All dogs will be provided with appropriate socialization and training to become good companion animals.
13. All dog owners and breeders will obey all laws and ordinances of the community pertaining to dogs.

14. Any advertising - oral or written - shall be factual and not worded so as to attract undesirable buyers or encourage the raising of purebred dogs for profit.

**CPN/EDT Committee Chair and Members:**

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker Chairman, Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection

Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Vice Chairman, Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection

Senator Carol Fukunaga Chairman, Senate Committee on Economic Development and Technology

Senator Glen, Wakai Vice Chairman, Senate Committee on Economic Development and Technology

Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Senator Josh Green, Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Senator Sam Slom, Senator Malama Solomon

**RE: Hawaii SB2504 Prohibiting the Sale or Give Away of Any Unsterilized Dog**

**I strongly oppose the intent of SB2504 to regulate the sale, give away, or exchange of an unsterilized dog under any circumstances.**

- Importation of dogs to the Hawaiian Islands is limited and strictly regulated. If all dogs sold or given away must be sterilized, it calls into question where citizens of Hawaii will obtain future generations of pets. Problematic provisions of this bill include, but are not limited to: The definition of "pet seller" includes any person who sells pets to the public. Responsible breeders could be limited to breeding dogs currently in their possession, leaving them with few options to introduce new bloodlines and create healthy expansion of their gene pools.
- The definition of "pet seller" excludes humane societies, animal control, rescue and care organizations, thereby exempting such organizations from the provisions of the bill.
- The American Kennel Club (AKC) strongly supports and actively promotes a wide range of programs to educate the public about responsible purebred breeding practices and the responsibilities of dog ownership. The AKC opposes the concept of breeding permits, breeding bans or mandatory spay/neuter of purebred dogs. Instead, we support reasonable and enforceable laws that protect the welfare and health of purebred dogs and do not restrict the rights of breeders and owners who meet their responsibilities.

**Carol Agard President**

**Dachshund Club of Hawaii**

# Testimony before the Committee on Commerce & Consumer Protection/Committee on Economic Development and Technology

## In strong opposition to SB2504 Feb. 7, 2012

By Charlotte Farmer  
Rescue and Referral Coordinator  
Golden Retriever Club of Hawaii

Chair Baker, Chair Fukunaga, Vice Chairs and Committee members. My name is Charlotte Farmer. I am the Rescue Coordinator for the Golden Retriever Club of Hawaii, as well as a qualifying AKC Breeder of Distinction. I strongly oppose SB2504 (3) which prohibits the sale of unsterilized cats and dogs. As a responsible hobby breeder, puppies from my breeding program have gone on to be and produce service dogs, therapy dogs, performance dogs, conformation champions and loving family pets. I have spent thousands of dollars on my breeding program, and only breed dogs which have hip, elbow, eye, and heart clearances, as well as finished champions. This breeding program would end under this legislation. Where would people who wanted quality golden retrievers for family pets, for service dogs, for therapy dogs go to find their puppies? The answer is that young puppies would be shipped in from outside our country and sold by puppy brokers. Puppy mills, which are already breaking current zoning, building, and animal abuse laws, would flourish. This law will do just the opposite of what it is purposed to do.

We are all saddened and mortified that even one puppy mill would be allowed to exist in Hawaii. The Waimanalo puppy mill could have been shut down much earlier if there had been enforcement of current zoning and building restrictions. Thousands of dollars in fines were assessed against the owners of that property. Additionally, there was documented animal abuse which should have been pursued. The manager of the facility was allowed to flee the state. Our current laws should be enforced first before adding more laws. Additionally, a serious and in-depth report was offered by the State Auditor which questioned the true magnitude of "puppy mills" in Hawaii. We need to first enforce the laws we have before adding more, especially laws which will make whatever problems exist now much worse.

We do suggest that changes need to be made. Currently the average cost of a spay is \$500. The City and County Spay/Neuter certificates are available on a limited basis for \$125 and only a restrictive number of vet clinics will accept the certificates. For those that are indigent or poor even this cost is prohibitive. I would like to suggest to the committee that the focus for this year be on funding and providing for affordable or free spay/neuter rather than mandatory spay/neuter. Pet overpopulation is not being caused by responsible breeders. Very few of our dogs ever end up in shelters. What does happen is those that cannot afford to spay or neuter their animals are producing unplanned litters.

I would like to strongly recommend that the committee kill SB2504. Thank you.

## Terriers In Paradise-Hawaii, Inc., American Kennel Club Performance Club

TO: Honorable Chair Baker and Fukunaga, Vice-Chair Taniguchi and Wakai, and Committee Members

**Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection and Economic Development and Technology  
Tuesday, February 7, 9:00am, Room 229**

**RE: Testimony in OPPOSITION of SB2504; Relating to the Sale of Dogs and Cats**

Submitted by: Lynn Muramaru, President, 92-960 Hunekai Place, Kapolei, HI 96707, 808-672-9876

I represent the interests of our club members of Terriers In Paradise-Hawaii. We are a group of responsible dog owners and some of us are breeders. We oppose this bill because of problematic provisions that include, but are not limited to:

- The definition of "pet seller" includes any person who sells pets to the public.
- It would be unlawful for a "pet seller" to sell or give away an unsterilized cat or dog. **This would include any person who sells, gives away, or exchanges an unsterilized dog under any circumstances.**
- Responsible breeders could be limited to breeding dogs currently in their possession, **leaving them with few options to introduce new bloodlines and create healthy expansion of their gene pools.**
- The definition of "pet seller" excludes humane societies, animal control, rescue and care organizations, thereby exempting such organizations from the provisions of the bill.

As responsible dog owners we strongly support and provide to our members and the general public, education on the responsibilities of dog ownership and responsible purebred breeding practices. Public education is provided at all of our club sponsored events, via our breed referral service, as well at the Hawaii Veterinary Society's Annual Pet Expo.

We too are concerned about the recent large scale animal abuse cases in Hawaii. Rather than laws that would regulate breeders, it would be more effective to educate and encourage the general public to look at other venues to purchase their pets and to teach them to be a savvy consumer. This would be getting at the root cause of the problem.

We support reasonable and enforceable laws that protect the welfare and health of purebred dogs and do not restrict the rights of breeders and owners who meet their responsibilities. This bill is NOT one of them and we ask that you vote NO.

The Golden Retriever Club of Hawaii strongly opposes the mandatory spay neuter of dogs or puppies, as does the Golden Retriever Club of America. Golden retrievers are used as service dogs for the blind and disabled, as therapy dogs in the hospitals and care homes, in search and rescue efforts, and of course as beloved family members and companions. Many families in Hawaii have golden retrievers because of their excellent temperament, affinity for the water, and reputation as wonderful loving pets. SB2504 would eliminate long time, thoughtful breeding programs here in Hawaii. SB2504 would not eliminate puppy mills, neither would it stop irresponsible breeding. We join our parent club, the Golden Retriever Club of America with the following position statement:

The Golden Retriever Club of America (GRCA) strongly supports and actively promotes a wide range of programs to educate the public about responsible breeding practices and responsibilities of dog ownership. We also support reasonable and enforceable laws that protect the welfare and health of dogs and do not restrict the rights of breeders and owners that take their responsibilities seriously. GRCA opposes breeding permits, bans, and mandatory spay/neuter of dogs.

GRCA opposes mandatory spay/neuter legislation because: 1) there is no evidence to suggest that it is effective in achieving its stated goal; 2) it causes well-documented health and developmental problems in some pets, especially when performed before sexual maturity; 3) it pushes responsible breeders out of the licensing system; 4) it reduces the availability of well-bred healthy, home bred and raised puppies; 5) it encourages the importation of puppies and dogs from less acceptable sources, including foreign countries; and 6) because laws that force owners to perform surgery on their pets without a rational basis for doing so may be unconstitutional.

The Golden Retriever Club of Hawaii is an active statewide organization with members competing in conformation, obedience, agility and other events, as well as members who love and care about their dogs and the breed. SB2504 does not represent the best interests of the people of Hawaii or their canine companions. Please do not allow this type of legislation to be passed in the Land of Aloha!

Respectfully Submitted,

Cheri Lewis  
Recording Secretary  
Golden Retriever Club of Hawaii



1-4-04

Opposition to SB 2504

As reputable breeders of Rhodesian Ridgebacks, in the State of Hawaii, we oppose SB 2504. We are members of the Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of America, Hawaiian Kennel Club and the Hawaii Hound Association. As reputable breeders we are responsible for any puppies we breed for the life of the puppy, if the owners can not keep the dogs they are to be returned to us, no exceptions. All our puppies are placed with a contract. Companion puppies contract specify that the puppies are to be spayed or neutered. Our show potential puppies contract states that these dogs can be breed, but only after they complete their AKC championship and pass all there health testing. The health test we require are : OFA hips, elbows, thyroid, cardiac, and eyes. All the dogs we breed have passed all the se requirements. All of this is to improve the breed. We are one of the top Rhodesian Breeders in the country and supply puppies to people in the mainland and to foreign countries.

This bill would not allow us to continue to add our dogs to the gene pool and continue to improve of the breed. Another problem with this bill is that it would require the breeder to have the dogs spayed or neuter the dogs before they are sent to the new owners. This is not practical for a large breed dog. We ask our puppy owners not spay or neuter their puppies till they are at least a year old, so the dogs can fully develop. This is particularly important for bitches, if spayed too early they are prone to problems with incontinent.

This bill would also eliminate AKC dog shows in Hawaii. Dog shows are exhibition of breeding stock. Spayed and neutered dogs can not be shown. Eventually all dogs and cats would have to be imported to Hawaii and have to go thru quarantine unless they are at least 10 months old, to meet all requirements for imeadiate release.

Respectfully,  
Tom and Barbara Peach  
Pupukea Ridgebacks  
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The Pet Depot

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Dear Senators,

**REGARDING SB2504, SB2494, SB2198, HB243, PROHIBITS PET SELLERS FROM SELLING AN UNSTERILIZED DOG OR UNSTERILIZED CAT.**

*This bill was begun with the increase in feral cat population due to unsterilized cats being either abandoned or have become strays. This bill has since extended to dogs. The purpose of all the bills listed here, is to limit the sale of puppies and kittens and require that they have a microchip and be sterilized prior to sale. We feel that owners have the right to make their own decision whether to spay or neuter their pet.*

*We do spay/neuter & microchip our kittens before adoption, because of the feral cat problem. Mandating that pet stores also spay/neuter all puppies, would be cost prohibitive for any small business. We also feel it should be the responsibility and decision of the new owners.*

*We always inform our customers of the spay/neuter clinics and cost reduced clinics available to them. Unfortunately the Neuter Now program has run out of funding until July of this year. We have kept many kittens & puppies out of the already overfilled Hawaiian Humane Society, Oahu SPCA, and the like, by providing them with a chance to get a home from within a pet store setting. We have also saved many kittens from certain death. There have been countless times that kittens have arrived unsolicited at our door, under the 2 lb minimum. We take them in and care for them, get them medications, until they are big enough to be spay/neutered, vaccinated and de-wormed. But, unfortunately starting this year we will have to severely limit our receiving of kittens, simply because the cost of doing business has risen so dramatically. We will have to refuse the kittens because the funds just aren't there to support anymore rescues of this type. We took in the kittens due to the fact that if they are under 2 lbs and go to the humane society they will be automatically euthanized.*

*We have found that people who purchase a puppy from a pet store do in fact take better care of them, as opposed to getting a "free" puppy from a friend or relative. I always tell our customers that there is no such thing as a "free puppy". We educate our customers*

*before they make a purchase, about the additional vaccines and worming their pet must receive. In addition to that, there is heartworm prevention, flea/tick prevention monthly, as well as the cost of feeding and caring for a dog/cat. In addition all of our puppies and kittens go to a licensed veterinarian for their exam, fecal, vaccines, de-worming. Mandating that pet stores who are legitimate businesses also spay/neuter and microchip all puppies would be too costly, especially in this economy.*

*We believe this bill will also put an increase to roadside sales of puppies, how will this be regulated? Most of those roadside vendors do not go to a veterinarian or even have first vaccines or de-worming. There may even be an increase in unwanted dogs, because pet stores will not be able to purchase them. This could also drive this industry underground, and make it a black market kind of thing. Do we really want it to come to that? We only purchase puppies from homes that the dogs live in and are their pets. That is a requirement of ours. I also educate the breeders on getting their dog fixed after 3 litters. We are all for spay/neuter but it must be the decision of the owners. With pet ownership comes great responsibility and we instill that to our customers.*

*Importation of dogs to Hawaii is limited due to our quarantine law. This has been an effective way of keeping rabies out of our islands. If all dogs and cats are to be sterilized, I am wondering where all the residents of Hawaii will be able to obtain future generations of pets, especially dogs. Every citizen should be afforded the right to own a cat or dog. We have many elderly that have pets as companion animals, and it makes their lives a lot better.*

### **WE ARE AGAINST PUPPY MILLS!!**

*Senator Clayton Hee is very passionate about getting rid of Puppy Mills and we totally agree with him. However, we do not agree that punishing the good pet stores because of a couple of bad ones is the answer.*

*There is no such thing as a perfect person, or for that matter a perfect pet. How can we warranty a pet for 2 years after the sale against any illness or disease? Veterinarians do not screen for congenital or hereditary disorders at their puppy exams. It would be extremely costly if we were to run blood tests and x-rays on each puppy we intend to sell. If I had a pet that had symptoms later on in life I feel it is my responsibility as a pet owner to take care of those issues. Just as if my child got sick, or had a disease I would take care of him. It is reasonable to put the responsibility on the pet owner as well.*

*These bills will create a hardship for our local businesses. Everyone has the right to have a pet in their life, whether it's from the Humane Society or a pet store.*

*Please consider all the aspects of these bills. Please help support our local businesses rather than putting us out of business. We are under great stress as many big box mainland stores move in to our neighborhoods. We are truly here for the community in which we serve.*

*Please once again, don't punish the good pet stores because of the actions of others.*

Sincerely,

Tish Rothwell

The Pet Depot

tish@thepetdepothawaii.com

Dear Senate Members:

Please vote AGAINST any bills/proposals to ban the sale of unsterilized pets in pet stores!

I have read SB 2504, and find that it is absurd and wrong! I believe it's aim is to find a way to disallow pet stores to sell puppies.

My family currently owns a pet store and has been actively involved in the pet/pet supply industry for many years. We educate our customers on care and longevity of the pets we sell from mice to puppies and do our best to make sure each pet is going to a loving home with a responsible owner. I am not naïve enough to believe that every pet is kept in a "forever home," but my family and our employees, in good conscience, do our best to make sure that they are sent to those homes. I do not see how disallowing my family, and other responsible pet stores, to find homes for unaltered puppies or other unaltered pets is going to solve anything, other than putting more of us on unemployment (and in foreclosure!) and driving more small businesses OUT OF BUSINESS in Hawaii. Stores and breeders who sell "irresponsibly and indiscriminately" should be the ones disallowed from the sale of pets, NOT EVERYONE! That is where this bill is taking us, to disallowing pet sales in stores. That's like putting every accountant in prison because some accountants embezzle, or punishing all politicians because some lie and are indiscreet! I ask that those guilty be punished and not everyone! Frankly, pet stores and breeders that are irresponsible make us all look bad. We are constantly bombarded by bad publicity because of irresponsible stores, breeders and pet owners, but seldom hear about the stores, breeders and pet owners who honestly and sincerely love their animals and care for them appropriately.

I have noticed that there are "breeders" who support this bill and are extremely vocal about pet stores selling puppies, much to their disliking. I understand that pet stores are competition for "breeders", and that they probably don't like it. Where do "breeders" fall in this proposal? I can't imagine that customers will wish to purchase a purebred registered dog that has been spayed/neutered from a "breeder" or a pet store. Are breeders included in the "pet seller" definition of this document or are they excluded completely? If they are excluded, that would be discrimination against non "breeders", such as pet store and families whose family pet has a litter of pups.

SB 2504 disallows the sale of unaltered dogs, however, how many people wish to bring home a grown dog? They want a pup to grow with their family that they can train themselves. If they do wait until a dog is old enough to be spayed/neutered then the dog will be too old to be sold in a pet store! It would be immoral to put large dogs in small kennels! This bill will do a lot of things, but mainly cause more problems and run small family pet stores out of business. Some of the things I foresee if this bill were to pass:

1. Animals still breeding, but families being fearful to give away or sell pups. it will be illegal. What can they do? SET THEM FREE! Not a good plan. Families will become criminals if they don't have the money to spay/neuter their beloved pets, and there will be more loose dogs roaming the streets and ending up at shelters.

2. Families surrendering their family pets to the Humane Society because the price to spay/neuter is not in their budget and they are afraid of being considered criminals.
3. Irresponsible parties finding vets that are willing to spay/neuter at ages that are too young.
4. Higher vet bills and shorter life spans for family pets. Studies indicate that altered pets are at a higher risk to develop certain cancers, such as bone cancer. They are also more likely to develop heart tumors, hypothyroidism and canine cruciate ligament (CCL) injuries, as well as prostate cancer in male dogs. (Sources: Margaret V Root Kustritz, Veterinary Reproduction Specialist at University of Minnesota per article on msnbc.msn , dated 5/19/08; David J. Waters, DVM, PhD, Diplomate ACVS Director, Center for Exceptional Longevity Studies, Gerald P. Murphy Cancer Foundation) Also, male dogs without testosterone lose muscle mass and develop arthritis more often.
5. Family pet stores unable to offer pets, losing revenue and their business.
6. This is AMERICA! We have a right to choose for our own pets!

I must insist that this proposal be rejected. I do not reject without thought of a more effective idea in mind. I propose that low cost or no cost spay/neuter is offered to all who wish to have their pet altered. THE PET OWNERS choice. According to Ken White, President of the Peninsula Humane Society, in San Mateo, CA, "low-cost spay/neuter programs are a better way to reduce the number of unwanted animals, based on what's worked in San Mateo. The numbers of animals requiring euthanasia dropped dramatically—a **93 percent reduction** since 1970—as the Humane Society added ways for people to take advantage of low-cost and no-cost spay/neuter programs." Certificates from low cost/no cost spay/neuter programs could be given to new puppy owners so they could make the choice for their own new family member. This is not a decision that the government has a right to make.

Again, I ask that you vote AGAINST any bills/proposals banning the sale of unaltered pets by anyone acting in a responsible manner.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Baker  
Owner Member  
The Pet Hale

Testimony for CPN/EDT 2/7/2012 9:00:00 AM SB2504

Conference room: 229  
Testifier position: Oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
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Submitted on: 2/2/2012

Comments:

Leeward Training Club of Hawaii has been in existence for over 40 years; we have about 300 members. I am speaking for our Board of Directors and would not presume to speak for all members.

We need some common sense here. There are a few irresponsible breeders that are the exception rather than the rule and a couple of recent stories in the news have brought to light some horrendous actions by certain breeders with misplaced motivations. These irresponsible and mis-motivated breeders are facing penalties of the loss of property and perhaps even criminal charges for misconduct. They are facing the music they wrote.

Passage of SB2504, although perhaps well-intended, would effect thousands to control the few exceptions would demonstrate a massive lack of common sense from our legislators.

Prohibiting pet sellers from selling unsterilized dogs or unsterilized cats would be a serious overreach of government authority and would be far more damaging than helpful.

We are licensed by the American Kennel Club which strongly supports and actively promotes a wide range of programs to educate the public about responsible breeding practices and the responsibilities of dog ownership. We oppose the concept of breeding permits, breeding bans or mandatory spay/neuter of purebred dogs. Instead, we support reasonable and enforceable laws that protect the welfare and health of purebred dogs and do not restrict the rights of breeders and owners who meet their responsibilities.

We, in no uncertain terms, STRONGLY implore you and expect you to vote, "NO" to SB2504.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Testimony for CPN/EDT 2/7/2012 9:00:00 AM SB2504

Conference room: 229

Testifier position: Oppose

Testifier will be present: No

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Submitted on: 2/3/2012

Comments:

Americans love their pets and should have the opportunity to get pets that have been genetically tested for medical problems without the interference of the government.



February 6, 2012

Senator Clayton Hee, Chair  
Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair  
Committee on Judiciary and Labor

Re: Testimony on SB2504, Relating to the Sale of Dogs and Cats

Dear Chair Hee, Vice Chair Shimabukuro, and Members of the Committee on Judiciary and Labor,

I support the passage of SB2504 creating specific requirements for pet sellers engaged in the sale of dogs and cats to members of the public. I believe that regulating the pet industry in Hawaii is imperative, and that the restrictions required by this bill are an important part of the effort to keep dogs and cats out of the Hawaiian Humane Society and other shelters across the islands. The requirements explained in the bill require that a pet seller, as defined, put a microchip in the animals they sell to the public, spay or neuter the animals before sale, provide information regarding the animal's health history, and provide information about the breeder, or origin of the animal.

I understand the Humane Society of the United States plans to submit amendments to SB2504, and I support those amendments. I support SB2504 with amendments because the time has come for Hawaii to do something about the pet industry and ease the burden on humane shelters and rescues. Also, the penalties imposed for violations are minimal but should eventually compel compliance. Additionally, on behalf of those animals that are used for profit in this industry, I urge you to pass this bill to benefit their lives.

I strongly believe that the passage of this bill is a necessary step to take in order to improve the lives of animals in Hawaii, and I urge you to support the passage of SB2504 relating to the sale of dogs and cats.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Stacy Takekawa

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Testimony for CPN/EDT 2/7/2012 9:00:00 AM SB2504

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Submitted on: 2/3/2012

Comments:

This is not the answer to the problem. How do you plan to enforce this? The massive amount of tax money it will take to enforce such a law is not how I want my tax money used, especially with the financial troubles this state has had lately. The many responsible breeders here in Hawaii that are working hard to improve their breed will be punished for no wrongdoing. Most of us rescue and take back dogs that cannot stay in their homes. This will force our gene pools into a very tight bottleneck. Eventually there will be no more dogs to breed. Is the intention to make pet ownership no longer exist islands?

SB2504

In opposition

Aloha Chair and members of the committee,

My name is Stacia Ohira and I show dogs professionally here in Hawaii and abroad. I am a second generation dog fancier born and raised in the state of Hawaii. I am writing to you in opposition of SB2504 for many reasons. Making it illegal to sell any "in tact" dog would make it impossible for reputable breeders to share their hard work and dedication with future generations here in Hawaii. Reputable breeders guarantee their puppies health both physically and mentally. They offer to take their puppies back for any reason should the new puppy person become unavailable or no longer wants their dog. Reputable breeders care for and love their dogs and make sure they are place in the most suitable homes. They go and visit the new home and meet with the people who are going to own their new puppy. I feel that the reputable breeders are being held responsible for something that they had no control over. I feel for the puppies who are being bred and being massed produced by the puppy mills like the one that was just discovered here in Hawaii. I feel that there should be a law that protects the puppies from falling into the hands of people who don't care about their dogs and breed them to mass produce. However, by banning all sales or placement of all "in tact" dogs is absurd and will hurt the generations of reputable dog people in this state.

I currently show and promote the #18 Chihuahua in the United States and she was born and raised here in Hawaii by a reputable breeder. She represents Hawaii extremely well in the United States and we encourage people to come and vacation and show their dogs in our

wonderful state. Every year "dog people" come to Hawaii numerous amounts and time and spend money here and help stimulate our economy. These are all reputable breeders and reputable "dog people" that come from other states. If this bill becomes law generations of dog show reputable breeders will end. These shows also promote our youth in Hawaii and encourage them to seek higher education and other positive messages.

I beg you to look further into this bill and the damage it will cause. Look into who this bill will affect. Reputable breeders don't hide and register pet shops in other people's names they are out in the public promoting responsible dog ownership and care of their dogs. I am open to meeting in person to discuss this further and to share more about the wonderful world of reputable breeders and owners.

Sincerely,

Stacia Ohira

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The Senate  
Twenty-Sixth Legislature 2012  
State of Hawaii  
SB 2504, Relating to the Sale of Dogs and Cats.

TESTIMONY OF JENNIE WOLFE

Against SB 2504

I am a dog fancier and part time breeder of Doberman Pinschers. I am totally against SB 2504 as written. It places too much restrictions on dog breeders. There are many more responsible dog breeders than irresponsible breeders. We breed for the next generation of show dogs and not for mere profit.

If you make it illegal for all breeders including private show breeders to sell the puppies they breed then there will be no future for dog shows in Hawaii. We will not be able to even purchase an unneutered or unsprayed dog from the US Mainland or other countries.

Regulate and restrict the sale of dogs and cats from the large commercial breeders because they don't treat their dogs and cats humanely. Small breeders such as myself only breed once in a while and we only breed when we want a new generation to show in the ring.

I respectfully ask that this bill be killed or rewritten to only regulate the commercial breeders.

Sincerely,

Jennie Wolfe  
Wolfpak Dobermans

February 7, 2012

TESTIMONY BEFORE THE COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION  
COMMITTEE AND THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY  
COMMITTEE, STATE SENATE, HAWAII.

Re: Senate Bill 2504, Relating to the sale of dogs and cats.

Committee chairs and members of the committees, my name is Sam Moore, and I oppose the passage of Senate Bill #2504.

I testify as an individual who was formerly a breeder of registered Siamese and Oriental Shorthair show cats. I look at this bill and cannot determine the desired outcome or purpose of this act other than to eliminate the availability of purebred cats and dogs for all people in Hawaii, soon to be followed by eliminating the availability of all dogs and cats as companion animals in our state. I would like to believe that there was a higher purpose in the development of this act but I suspect it was not met.

Neutering and spaying dogs and cats is indeed a necessary activity for pet animals. But I ask you, what will there be in the way of dogs and cats to neuter or spay in a few years after the passage of this bill? There will be no companion animals available in the state to responsible people and families.

Neutering a male kitten at a very young age may be possible to do, but doing so may contribute to the medical emergency created by urinary tract blockages. Struvites develop in the cat's bladder and can block the urethra which doesn't develop as large as it would if the cat had been older (larger) at the time of neutering. Urinary tract blockage in a cat can quickly become fatal if immediately treated or if it remains unidentified as the cause of distress.

I gave Feline Rhinotracheitis, Calicivirus, Panleukopenia, and Chlamydia vaccinations to my cats when I was a breeder and I continue doing this with my pets. I do not use a veterinarian for these basic health needs. I can get the vaccines and syringes legally and at far less cost than getting these same vaccinations done at a veterinarian's office. The same is true for microchip identification and the syringes to insert the chips.

Some veterinarians require cats in their care to be vaccinated against feline leukemia and feline aids. I will not allow my cats to receive these two vaccines because they have been reported to include potential negative side effects. My cats never go out of doors and are not exposed to these diseases, thus have no need for said vaccinations. This bill could require that my cats receive these two vaccines to their potential peril and it would definitely increase my costs of maintaining my pets enormously. I am retired and if I must pay to have a veterinarian vaccinate my pets rather than simply doing it myself, I may well fail to get these vaccines done because of the costs. That accomplishes nothing in bettering the care of my pets or those of others who find themselves in the same situation.

Senate Bill #2504 will eliminate the selling of purebred dogs and cats in Hawaii completely. When the existing breeding animals are too old to breed or have died, there will be none to take their place due to the prohibition of selling any entire animals for breeding purposes. Unfortunately, Hawaii leads the nation in having the largest number of endangered species. We are now going to be the national leader of eliminating all purebred dogs and cats from our state and other states if other states follow the lead of this bill. There will be no more Siamese cats or other breeds of cats and dogs. Siamese cats are one of the few naturally occurring breeds in the world. Siamese have also been used in the development of many other cat breeds that bring diversity in type, temperament, and look to the cat world. This will all be lost in Hawaii.

I recall that some years ago the Tennessee Valley Authority was stopped in the development of the Tellico Dam in the Little Tennessee River because building the dam would have destroyed the habitat of the Snail Darter Fish, a little fish of less than an inch in length. It was not until two years later, after a successful new habitat was created for the fish in another river that building the dam was allowed. Perhaps it's just me, but I believe a Siamese Cat is worth at least as much as a Snail Darter Fish.

Different breeds of dogs and different breeds of cats bring very different personalities as well as physical abilities and looks. Consider the classes of dogs in a dog show to see what I mean with such classes as the sporting group, working group, hounds, etc. But perhaps scent hounds will not be needed in Hawaii to sniff out contraband in our ports and airports in future years.

Section 3, subsection (b), of the bill mentions selling or giving an unsterilized dog or cat to, “the public.” What is the legal definition of “the public” as used in this bill? Moreover, reading the bill causes me to believe that if one has an entire dog or cat and the owner dies, the family may or may not be in violation of the law by possessing the animal. Would the family, if unable to keep the pet, be required to turn the animal over to the Humane Society as an only option? Or would “giving” the pet over to the Humane Society constitute a violation of the law?

This bill remains silent on the importation of animals into Hawaii from other states or countries. I would then consider that the importation of entire dogs and cats would remain legal.

Good Senators, this bill does not accomplish a bettering of the lives of dogs and cats in Hawaii and it certainly begins the destruction of the human/animal bond that is so important to so many of us in the broader community. I ask you to reconsider, define and articulate your desired outcomes, and write legislation that addresses that actual desired outcome specifically. This bill is much too broad in its impact such as to create a negative result for the community.

Thank you.

Sam Moore  
Kailua, Hawaii



February 5, 2012

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chairman  
Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Vice Chairman  
**SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION**

Senator Carol Fukunaga, Chairman  
Senator Glen Wakai, Vice Chairman  
**SENATE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND  
TECHNOLOGY**  
State Capitol, Room 229  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Subject: Senate Bill Number 2504

To the Honorable Chairs Baker and Fukunaga, Vice Chairs Taniguchi and Wakai, and members of the Senate Committees on Commerce and Consumer Protection and Economic Development and Technology:

As a breeder, show competitor and pet owner for over 50 years, I am strongly opposed to forced sterilization required by Senate Bill 2504 for the following reasons:

1. Sterilization of kittens and puppies less than 6 months old is harmful to pre-pubescent animals and causes a life-threatening illness where the urethra is too narrow to pass crystals later in life. This will create an undue financial hardship for breeders that will have to feed, house and otherwise care for these animals until they are old enough to sterilize.
2. Therapy/companion/service dogs are bred for temperament, intelligence and health. The financial burden of this bill requiring veterinary costs to microchip and sterilize an animal before selling or giving away animals that cannot pass training will severely restrict the availability of future assistance animals.
3. This bill doesn't address current owners of unsterilized animals and because the penalty only applies to the seller, it is unfair and possibly unconstitutional.

I applaud this committee's attempt to stop the proliferation of feral animals and the cruel and inhumane practice of euthanizing unwanted animals. I am opposed to this bill in its current form and highly recommend more research and public hearings.

Sincerely,

Arlene Otaguro  
Co-Owner Howlene Teahra

Ron Skates  
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Ref: Senate Bill 2504

To: Whom it may Concern.

First my qualifications;

Having been co-founder and owner of one of the largest boarding animal boarding facilities on Oahu, I can truthfully say I have some basic knowledge on this subject. Along with that boarding facility, we also rescued more cats, dogs, rabbits, guinea pigs, geese, black Australian swans, feral pigs, parrots and other creatures, than I can count or remember. I am proud to say our success ratio of finding good homes for them was very good. The emotional and financial hardship it took on me and my family however was, also indescribable.

I have worked hand in hand with most of the local rescue organizations including The Hawaiian Humane Society. Where I have had some disagreement with local rescue groups at different times, there are even more between them and The Humane Society. However, we were normally able to come to workable solutions with all of the groups. Mostly it is a philosophical difference of how animals should be treated over euthanize, etc.

**Enforcement of this bill is impossible.**

The only people that you can assign with this task are going to be The Humane Societies. The local law enforcement agencies do not have the staff, or expertise. None of the local rescue or animal rights organizations are trained or equipped to handle it. I believe because of the major philosophical differences between organizations, The Hawaiian Humane Society and even the Oahu SPCA which was just recently formed, you are never going to find an acceptable enforcement arm to all of them.

The Humane Societies are stretched to the max. Where is the money going to come from? Who will pay to patrol craigslist, or someone selling puppies from the side of the road or elsewhere?

You also risk the chance of rescue organizations trying to indoctrinate pet owners on how they should feel and how animals should be cared for. If you are aware of the adoption "Application/Regulations" that many groups require, some including home inspections etc., I believe they border on invasion of personal information and privacy. I have also seen adoption applications requiring credit application...

The State Budget cannot afford the programs it has now.

**Discrimination:**

This bill is targeted at a select set of pet owners. Where I agree there is a problem with breeding animals for money, if you are to regulate one type of pet owner being dog and cat, than you must consider, rabbits, guinea pigs, birds (Not to forget those people who buy and sell fighting cocks, they are pets also), Jackson chameleons (Many are already loose in the wild), and various other animals that are pets.

The feral cat problem has been around since before the days of Mark Twain.  
([http://biology.usgs.gov/pierc/Fact\\_Sheets/Feral\\_cats.pdf](http://biology.usgs.gov/pierc/Fact_Sheets/Feral_cats.pdf)).

Feb. 6, 2012

Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, and  
Committee on Economic Development and Technology  
Hawaii State Legislature

RE: **OPPOSITION to SB2504**

Dear Members of the Committee:

We wish to state our opposition to SB2504 and urge you to vote against this in committee.

We are responsible pet owners and members of the Obedience Training Club of Hawaii and the Hawaii Agility Handlers Association. These groups and other organizations are actively involved in promoting responsible pet ownership and educating the public about pet issues. With Hawaii's quarantine laws it is already difficult to find quality pets in Hawaii. We recently spent over a year trying to find one of our dogs, a cocker spaniel. Our search included breeders on the mainland and in Australia. We got him from a local responsible pet owner who bred a litter with good AKC lines. Under the proposed law this would not be possible.

The recent headlines have raised the issues of irresponsible pet owners and breeders. These activities should be stopped. However, this will only punish responsible pet owners by making it harder and more expensive to get quality pet.

For these reasons we ask you to vote against SB2504.

Thank you for your consideration of our testimony.

Sincerely,

Joseph and Kathryn Cooper  
Kailua, HI 96734

February 3, 2012

Dear Senate Members,

I strongly oppose this bill. I find the ideas that it suggests to be very narrow-minded, and a violation of our rights as Americans. I feel that this bill, although directed at "puppy mills" and irresponsible breeders, is going to negatively affect everyone.

This bill requires that each dog or cat should be sterilized before it is sold. Furthermore, it would be illegal to GIVE a pet away for free without it being sterilized! A cat or small dog should not be sterilized until at least 6 mos. of age, a larger dog at least a year. There will be VERY few people who choose to keep a litter for 6-12 mos. , then spend hundreds to have them all sterilized. Most will be dumped on the streets or left at the Humane Society. Others will be cut open a young age, in less than desirable conditions, be put at risk for infection, long term consequences, or death.

On the same note, sterilization should be the owner's choice only. It is not right that every pet owner should be FORCED to sterilize their pet. Sterilization, although beneficial at times, is also a SURGERY that requires ANESTHESIA. This, obviously, involves a significant risk.

This bill is also very discriminating against pet stores and breeders. There are also people that just want to breed their family pet. They should have the right to do so. Not every breeder, pet store, or individual that has had a litter is a "puppy mill." There are responsible people who find good homes for their litters. Saying that all pets must be sterilized first prevents that from being possible. It will be much harder to find a home for a grown pet, assuming that it is even possible for the individual to feed/care for the litter, and pay to have them all sterilized. If this bill passes, it is quite likely that honest, innocent people will lose their jobs and homes.

I think this will also cause more stray dogs and cats to be taken to the Humane Society. Right now there are a lot of people who will stop and pick up a stray animal, clean them up, then find them a home. Are people going to do that, if it requires paying for a surgery to sterilize them? Or will they look the other way? They would be considered a criminal for doing a good deed, and helping the pet.

I agree that people should not mistreat animals, and puppy mills must be stopped. But this is not the way to go about it. We must look at all the options and look at who will be affected by this bill. Will it help more than it hurts? I don't think so.

Sincerely,

Casey L. Baker

Joan A Pieper  
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February 6, 2012

RE: SB2504

This Bill as it is written has some serious problems. If all cats and dogs sold or given away must be spayed or neutered future generations of pets would disappear. Responsible breeders would be limited to breeding dogs and cats currently in their possession, leaving them with no way to introduce new bloodlines which would limit the healthy expansion of their gene pool.

Amendments have been proposed by the Humane Society of the United States that clarify some of the wording to make the Bill more specific.

Since these amendments or any amendments similar to them have not been made, I strongly suggest that this Bill, as it is currently written, should not be passed.

I respectfully ask that you vote NO on SB2504.

Thank you.  
Joan A Pieper

February 3, 2012

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chairman  
Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Vice Chairman  
**SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION**

Senator Carol Fukunaga, Chairman  
Senator Glen Wakai, Vice Chairman  
**SENATE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY**  
State Capitol, Room 229  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Subject: Senate Bill Number 2504

To the Honorable Chairs Baker and Fukunaga, Vice Chairs Taniguchi and Wakai, and members of the Senate Committees on Commerce and Consumer Protection and Economic Development and Technology:

I am strongly opposed to **Senate Bill 2504** for the following reasons:

1. This bill severely restricts the rights of responsible breeders and owners to introduce new bloodlines and create healthy expansion of gene pools.
2. Importation of cats and dogs to the Hawaiian Islands is already limited and strictly regulated. If all cats and dogs sold or given away must be sterilized, it calls into question where Hawaii citizens will obtain future generations of pets.
3. This bill does not exempt certain animals, including those competing in shows or sporting competitions, guide dogs, animals used by police agencies and those belonging to professional breeders. It also does not provide temporary or permanent medical exemptions to those animals unable to be spayed or neutered for health reasons.
4. Spayed or neutered dogs are not eligible to compete in conformation classes at a dog show, because the purpose of a dog show is to evaluate breeding stock. (from "A Beginner's Guide to Dog Shows" by the American Kennel Club)

Sincerely,

Suzanne M. Matsuda

Dear Senators,

I would like to submit my opposition to SB2504. I am assuming that the proponents of the bill are concerned with an over population of both dogs and cats in the state of Hawaii, but this bill goes beyond the control of this problem.

When taken to it's logical outcome, this bill will make it impossible for anyone to own a dog or cat within the state of Hawaii over time. Since no one no matter how responsible will be able to breed dogs or cats, there will be none available. Although animal shelters are exempt from the law almost all of them require that any pet obtained from them be spayed or neutered before the new owner is able to obtain their pet. Thus they will not be a source of animals to breed.

I own three female dogs, all of them are spayed. I am not in a position to be able to responsibly breed dogs and have no desire to do so. However, when these dogs pass on and they are all getting up in age, I do want to be able to obtain another pet. I would prefer that the pet be a purebred dog. That means that I will need to go to a breeder of purebred dogs. However, if all animals in the state of Hawaii must be altered before they can change hands, by the time I want a new dog, there may be none to obtain.

Please think through the ramifications of this bill. I urge you to not let it pass out of committee.

Sincerely,

Veryl Ann Grace  
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Keaau, HI 96749

To the Honorable Rosalyn Baker and Committee Members  
Regarding: SB2504 (RELATING TO THE SALE OF DOGS AND CATS.)

Comments only:

This bill is overbroad in that it restricts the ability of breeders to sell their pups according to American Kennel Club regulations. At the same time, it would not restrict the evil that this bill is trying to thwart, i.e., the puppy mills that mistreat female dogs and cats of popular breeds. I believe that the effort is laudable but the consequences will not be as expected. In fact, quite the opposite, with breeders and other private individuals “out of the picture”, puppy mills will probably see an increase in business (thereby assuring that more mill activity will occur).

I do not own pets and I do not breed dogs or cats. However, I have friends who do and have learned the following: (1) what they charge to “buy” one of their pups does not begin to cover their actual expenses; (2) they are very choosy about who they sell to—not in terms of the highest bidder, but who will genuinely care for the pup; and (3) they are very well organized.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.  
Frances Wong



## Testimony in Opposition to SB2504

Submitted by: Michiro Iwanaga

Before: Senate Commerce and Consumer Protection Committee and Economic  
Development and Technology Committee

Date: Tuesday, February 7, 2012 at 9:00 a.m.

For the past nine years, I have exhibited shelties at all-breed and specialty dog shows in Hawaii. I am an officer of the Shetland Sheepdog Club of Hawaii and a member and board member of both the West Oahu Kennel Club and Obedience Training Club of Hawaii. I am also a practicing attorney in Honolulu.

I urge all members of your committees to vote against SB2504 and to prevent SB2504 from passing out of your committees. I wish to join whole-heartedly in the opposition testimony being submitted by Darlene Sawamura. That testimony provides a truthful and accurate description of the special services provided by exhibitor/breeders to the pet buying public. Rather than reiterate portions of Ms. Sawamura's testimony, let me drive home the foreseeable consequences of SB2504. These consequences have been clearly explained in Ms. Sawamura's testimony.

SB2504 proposes a regulatory scheme that will undoubtedly:

- Eventually require pet buyers to look to mainland and foreign breeders for their dogs and cats (where else are dogs and cats going to come from?)
- Bring an end to dog and cat shows in Hawaii
- Reduce the variety, quantity, health, and quality of dogs, cats, and other pets available in Hawaii
- Make it impossible to buy a young puppy or kitten, except from unscrupulous, profit-motivated pet-mills and retailers, given the veterinarian recommended age limitation for spaying or neutering a puppy or kitten
- Leaving the supply of puppies, kittens, and other pets to persons motivated solely by profit, and not by a love for dogs etc. or by a passion for dog and cat show competition

Ultimately, you will need to question the motivations of those people and organizations that champion this kind of legislation. On this point, let me commend to you what my late, school-teacher mother once told me, "Don't just go with what people tell you they intend, use your brain and analyze the consequences of what they are saying. That should be your guide."

If adopted here in Hawaii and in the U.S.—as apparently hoped by its promoters—, this legislation would bring an end to the ownership of domesticated animals. Say goodbye to your pets.

Respectfully submitted,

Michiro Iwanaga

## **Testimony in Opposition to SB2504**

Submitted by: Darlene Sawamura

Before: Senate Commerce and Consumer Protection Committee and Economic  
Development and Technology Committee

Date: Tuesday, February 7, 2012 at 9:00 a.m.

I urge all members of your committees to vote against SB2504 and to prevent SB2504 from passing out of your committees.

For the past decade or so, I have exhibited Shetland Sheepdogs at all-breed and specialty dog shows in Hawaii. I am an officer of the Shetland Sheepdog Club of Hawaii and volunteer with the West Oahu Kennel Club as well as the Windward Hawaiian Dog Fancier Association all-breed clubs.

SB2504 is objectionable as it calls for sterilization of puppies on a short-sighted, across-the-board premature basis for anyone who is seeking a puppy to become a part of their household as well as punitive legislation to the responsible breeder.

SB2504 is short-sighted and does not consider the implications of the bill itself. Based on veterinarian recommendations, potential owners will no longer be able to purchase an 8-10 week old puppy. They would have to wait until the puppy was spayed or neutered at the approximate age of six (6) months which would also increase the cost of the puppy as breeders would be responsible for training and housing the puppy until it was purchased.

Some may argue that this would decrease the number of "puppy mills". I disagree. It would only torment a young puppy for a longer period of time living in a puppy mill. I would also suggest that the Committee members attempt to explain to the public why they could not purchase a puppy at 10-weeks of age and take it home with them instead

of waiting until after the puppy is spayed or neutered when many of the pet puppy contracts already include this language and expectation.

Many new owners want young puppies to teach and assimilate into their homes and families with their own training techniques and household idiosyncrasies. I suggest the committee members attempt explaining to a young child why they have to wait for a puppy to be 6 months of age, and then attempt explaining to the parents of this young child why the Senate committees passed this out of committee.

Exhibitor/breeders provide important support to the pet buying public. They do so not for purposes of personal profit, but instead to get that next "great dog" to show. Officially sanctioned dog shows are designed to select superior breeding stock from "intact" male and female dogs. Oftentimes, there is no profit from selling puppies out of a desired and anticipated breeding between the veterinarian costs and the costs of the stud fee, testing, etc.

In an effort to control the dog population, Senator Clayton Hee is proposing SB2504 which will, in fact, create more angst for responsible dog breeders, exhibitors, owners and new dog owners. SB2504 calls for premature sterilization. For profit, commercial sources of puppies will continue and in fact benefit from SB2504, by eliminating the competition. Nearly all exhibitor/breeders already sell their puppies on spay/neuter contracts, with appropriate exceptions for dogs that are worthy of being exhibited. The factors going into what is a worthy show or obedience dog defies simple definition, let alone legislation and therefore should not be legislated.

The institutional forces such as the Humane Society of the United States who favor sterilization will undoubtedly propose superficial amendments designed to assure passage of SB2504 over the above objections. Any such proffered amendments should neither become part of SB2504 nor be passed out of committee until they have withstood the test of public hearing and input before your committees. What is more, I respectfully suggest that this legislation is simply an example of piecemeal legislation in an area for which the legislative auditor has already expressed significant doubts.

TESTIMONY BEFORE THE  
COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE & CONSUMER PROTECTION  
COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY  
IN OPPOSITION OF SB 2504

DATE OF HEARING: TUE., FEBRUARY 7, 2012  
TIME: 9:00 A.M.  
PLACE: STATE CAPITOL, CONFERENCE ROOM 229

Dear Senators Baker, Taniguchi, Fukunaga, and Wakai:

I strongly opposes the mandatory spay neuter of dogs or puppies, as does the Golden Retriever Club of Hawaii (of which I am a Board member) and the Golden Retriever Club of America. I am an owner of two wonderful Golden Retrievers. I love this breed because of their excellent temperament and reputation as wonderful loving pets. I purchased my second dog as a puppy at nine weeks old from a reputable breeder who did all the required health clearances (eyes, hips, heart and elbows) before breeding his dogs. SB2504 would eliminate long time, thoughtful breeding programs in Hawaii. SB 2504 would NOT eliminate puppy mills; neither would it stop irresponsible breeding.

My understanding is that spaying or neutering a puppy under the age of one has detrimental effects on a puppy.

I train my dogs and compete in obedience and rally competition, along with other people who love and care about their dogs. SB2504 does not represent the best interests of the people of Hawaii or their canine companions. Please do not allow this type of legislation to be passed.

Charlotte Y. Hee

## Comments in Opposition to Hawaii SB2504

Thank you for hearing my comments below on the proposed legislation Hawaii SB2504.

**I strongly oppose this bill.**

There are problematic provisions that include the definition of a "pet seller", and the sale or transfer of a dog that is unsterilized.

I am an individual that is a member of the AKC, Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America, and the Potomac Valley Bernese Mountain Dog Club. When I sign on as a member of these organizations I agree to uphold the bylaws that go along with the club. For a person to purchase a dog from me they must go through a stringent process where I meet the family, they are educated about the breed, they complete and application, and when they take possession of the dog they sign an agreement as to the health and wellbeing of the dog for its lifetime.

The sale agreement may include the provision that the dog must be neutered by a particular date if the dog has not been selected to be of potential show/breeding quality. It is in the best interest of the breed to only select the best dogs to carry on the quality of the breed standard. I carefully monitor those dogs and their families to be sure that they are following through with the agreement and that the health of the dog is going well. I am an individual that may breed up to 2 litters a year. I am in the position of keeping up with the dogs that I sell and I do.

This bill would limit my ability as a responsible breeder to introduce new bloodlines and create a healthy expansion of the gene pool of my breed. This would potentially create a disaster for those breeders, aka puppy mills, as they might interbreed the dogs they have.

This bill harms the responsible breeders and should target those who are not looking out for the best interest of the breed. I know the *huge issues* with the puppy mills in Waimanalo and elsewhere. I cringe at the pet stores selling dogs in the window to families that may be on an impulse buy and ultimately let the dog go to the SPCA. ***This bill should be rewritten to target the puppy mills, the pet stores, and to include the SPCA/Humane Society*** (which I have supported for years).

I, along with the AKC, strongly support educating the public about responsible dog ownership and responsible purebred breeding practices.

I support reasonable and enforceable laws that protect the welfare and health of purebred dogs and do not restrict the rights of breeders and owners who meet their responsibilities.

Respectfully submitted,  
Anna Bowman  
Kailua, Hawaii 96734

This is in regards to Hawaii SB2504 Would Outlaw Sale of Any Unsterilized Dog.

As a very concerned Hawaii resident and a dog lover, I ask that you review the following research findings discussing the dangers of early sterilization in dogs.

There are a number of studies in dogs supporting the concept that dogs may be more injury prone, more cancer prone, and more incontinence prone if neutered young. The research finds that sex hormones are critical for achieving peak bone density (in dogs). These structural and physiological alterations may be the reason why at least one recent study showed that spayed and neutered dogs had a higher incidence of CCL rupture. Another recent study showed that dogs spayed or neutered before 5 1/2 months had a significantly higher incidence of hip dysplasia than those spayed or neutered after 5 1/2 months of age.

A retrospective study of cardiac tumors in dogs showed that there was a 5 times greater risk of hemangiosarcoma, one of the three most common cancers in dogs, in spayed bitches than intact bitches and a 2.4 times greater risk of hemangiosarcoma in neutered dogs as compared to intact males. A study of 3218 dogs demonstrated that dogs that were neutered before a year of age had a significantly increased chance of developing bone cancer.

Further, the study that identified a higher incidence of hip dysplasia in dogs neutered or spayed before 5 1/2 months also showed that early age gonadectomy was associated with an increased incidence of noise phobias and undesirable sexual behaviors. A recent report of the American Kennel Club Canine Health Foundation reported significantly more behavioral problems in spayed and neutered bitches and dogs. The most commonly observed behavioral problem in spayed females was fearful behavior and the most common problem in males was aggression.

This article discusses the research findings on the impact of early sterilization in dogs. Some of the effects of early sterilization include: abnormal bone growth, hip dysplasia, numerous forms of cancer and many behavioral problems. Hawaii residents are already heavily restricted in animal choices and importation due to quarantine laws in the islands. Even though we may have an abundance of cats and dogs in shelters, controlling the desexing of animals is simply too drastic of a bill. There are countless articles and research on the negative effects of early desexing, specifically in dogs.

For Hawaii residents who want a pet, but specifically a pure bred dog, and want to ensure healthy development, the ability to choose when to sterilize their pet should be completely left in their power. The research on sterilization suggests that desexing a puppy before 18 months could cause serious damage to the animals physical and psychological development. The issue of stray animals or unintentional breeding should not lead to an "across the board" legislation forcing unnatural consequences on animals and the good pet owners who care for them.

Educating people on proper care for household pets is a more appropriate solution. Forcing early sterilization withholds the freedom to be a legitimate breeder for residents of Hawaii as well as limiting the ability of a family pet owner to decide if and when this procedure would benefit the dog and those in its life. I am voicing my disagreement with SB2504 and think its a lazy bill that will not actually solve the issue. Sterilization of dogs and cats will not stop bad owners from being bad owners, it only restricts the good owners and breeders from having the freedom to make these choice themselves.

Speaking as a Hawaii resident who is currently in the process of importing a pure bred dog from Australia, this bill would completely ruin our ability to get the breed of our choice. The breed we are buying is not bred in Hawaii and all the good breeders I know would never sterilize a puppy before 18 months of age. If this bill passes, we would never be able to get the puppy of our dreams. This is too big of an encroachment on our freedom. It protects no one, especially not the animals as the

damage done to personality and development could be devastating. Please vote No to SB2504!

Thank you for your time and consideration. Please educate yourself and all those involved on the facts of this very important issue. Although the micro-chipping is a wonderful idea, the 2nd portion of this bill, the early sterilization is inhumane.

Here is the article link if you would like to read more in depth on the consequences of early sterilization.  
<http://www.caninesports.com/SpayNeuter.html>

Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Jessica Norman  
Kihei, Maui Hawaii



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February 4, 2012

*Dear Honorable Senator  
Hawaii State Senate  
State Capitol  
415 S. Beretania Street,  
Honolulu, HI 96813*

*RE: Senate Bill SB2504*

*Dear Senator,*

*My wife and I have provided foster care for over 101 puppies in the past six plus years for various Rescue groups. While I totally agree sterilization should be done in most cases and many responsible pet owners do sterilize their pets, SB2504 as drafted, goes to the extreme and only punishes responsible breeders.*

*By all means, I support legislation to stop "Puppy Mills" from operating in Hawaii, but this SB2504 would eliminate the reputable hobby breeders from carrying on the bloodline of AKC registered breeds could be detrimental to Hawaii. This Bill would not stop the backyard or large scale breeders who breed strictly for profit, selling their undocumented puppies to Pet Stores or advertising on them on Craig's List or other places.*

*As written, SB2504 would be exceedingly expensive to enforce and most likely would be simply another unenforced law on the books which cost everyone money, especially the State. I would however fully support other provisions within the Bill such as the provisions noted under -2 Sale of Dogs and Cats.*

*An option to mandatory sterilization would be a requirement that the seller must provide the sterilization as an option, at no cost to the purchaser, if desired by the new owner. And that such sterilization is provided by a Hawaii State Licensed Veterinarian. This would assist those who want their pet sterilized without worrying about the cost of this process or adding a burden to the municipality to oversee the Spay/Neuter programs.*

*Allan Schildknecht  
Allan Schildknecht*

Dear State Senate,

My main concern is with Subsection 3, which is worded as follows:

*§ -3 Sale of unsterilized dogs and cats prohibited. (a) It shall be unlawful for a pet seller to sell an unsterilized dog or unsterilized cat to the public, to a retail pet store, or to a pet supply or equipment purchaser representing or engaged in business with a retail pet store.*

*(b) For purposes of this section, a pet seller that gives an unsterilized dog or unsterilized cat for free to the public, a retail pet store, or pet supply or equipment purchaser, the exchange shall be considered a sale and unlawful.*

This subsection seems to unfairly benefit current breeders in the short term and pet stores in the long term. Ultimately it will hurt everyone who breeds and buys dogs and cats in Hawaii. It will also hurt the animals that are bred for Hawaii if this bill were to become law.

The proposed law would limit choice of vendors to a select few local breeders and pet stores that send our money out of the state to import animals from Australia. This will significantly reduce competition and choice with regards to specific breeds. Increased demand from these specific sources will occur, causing the breeders to adopt a "puppy mill" environment into their breeding programs to keep up with that demand, and also lead to price inflation.

It will also lead to an increase in "in-breeding", which would be a detriment to the overall health and wellness of all breeds. Those of us who are more concerned with the perpetuation and evolution of our selected breeds would be unable to continue breeding, as the cost of doing so would surely run us out of the practice in short order.

Also, practically speaking, the commitment required for true enforcement of this law would be another misappropriated drain on an already strained budget.

In conclusion, It seems that this bill is geared at steering all of the pet business toward pet stores that import dogs from Australia. I'm left asking "who benefits?" Where does the money flow now that this bill is in place? It seems to flow to the pet stores who import, to Australia, where the new puppies must be bought, and to the politician who makes it all happen. What about the people (and the animals) of Hawaii, whom you ostensibly represent? It smells to me like it's time to change the litter box! Kill this bill.

Javier Navarrete  
Concerned Citizen

Testimony for CPN/EDT 2/7/2012 9:00:00 AM SB2504

Conference room: 229  
Testifier position: Oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Linda Jenks  
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Submitted on: 2/2/2012

Comments:

Importation of dogs to the Hawaiian Islands is limited and strictly regulated. If all cats and dogs sold or given away must be sterilized, it calls into question where citizens of Hawaii will obtain future generations of pets.

It would be unlawful for a "pet seller" to sell or give away an unsterilized cat or dog. This would include any person who sells, gives away, or exchanges an unsterilized dog under any circumstances.

Responsible breeders could be limited to breeding dogs currently in their possession, leaving them with few options to introduce new bloodlines and create healthy expansion of their gene pools.

The American Kennel Club (AKC) strongly supports and actively promotes a wide range of programs to educate the public about responsible purebred breeding practices and the responsibilities of dog ownership. The AKC opposes the concept of breeding permits, breeding bans or mandatory spay/neuter of purebred dogs. Instead, we support reasonable and enforceable laws that protect the welfare and health of purebred dogs and do not restrict the rights of breeders and owners who meet their responsibilities.

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Conference room: 229  
Testifier position: Oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: LINDA HUNT  
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Submitted on: 2/3/2012

Comments:

I oppose regulations aimed at the purebred dog breeders. I neuter dogs, and educate buyers, but it would be the last of the lines if I had to neuter every dog sold. Pure breed dogs come with papers and dna in most cases, and buyers see where the dogs are raised and the parents. Pet stores and puppy mills do not. Require these places to show proof of dna for a litter, and parentage so the buyer know what breed of dog they are buying, and also offer a coupon for spay /neuter at time of purchase. More regulations on those who are the problem, not those who are respectable breeders and support the whole industry of veterinarians, dog food, kennels and grooming. to allow the Humane society and dog rescues to not have to neuter would be changing the gene pool the wrong way, leading to disaster. As an AKC breeder, I only breed once a year, or less, and have all puppies spoken for, screen the family, educate the buyer, and take back any dogs who do not fit with the family and rehome and neuter. I don't breed a bitch more than twice and always research the bloodlines first. And I don't charge half of what the pet stores are charging for a mixed breed. I stress forcing the pet stores to be responsible for knowing what they are selling as I have experienced a friend buying a toy/small dog, that grew to 80 pounds and they were forced to find a home as it was too big for their apartment. they paid \$1,000 for this toy puppy that was obviously malnourished and penned in a small place to restrict growth. They got no response of responsibility by the pet store except to return the dog, which they already loved. Heartbreaking. I liken it to buying a car off the lot that is a compact, and overnight it changes into an edsel. We have laws to protect the consumer in used cars, why not used dogs? Again. my support of a bill would be one which monitors the obvious puppy mills, breeder of mixed breeds, and swap meet puppy breeders as well as pet stores. They must prove bloodlines, care of the parents, and guarantee of health and education. They are the problem so attack their businesses and bring them up to standards. AKC breeders have a business and pay taxes. Most under the radar breeders do not.

Testimony for CPN/EDT 2/7/2012 9:00:00 AM SB2504

Conference room: 229  
Testifier position: Oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Christine Inouye  
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Submitted on: 2/3/2012

Comments:

I am an occasional breeder(once very 7-10 years) of purebred Collies which I use to compete in conformation, obedience and agility. It takes me years to find suitable specimens for my breeding program. I need to carry on the gene pool that I have established without having to go to the mainland to try and find new dogs whenever my older ones are no longer able to compete. Mainland breeders do not want to keep puppies till old enough to meet the no quarantine requirements, so the it's a costly venture.

I breed and place puppies on a spay/neuter agreement, depending on their physical attributes & temperament suitability to do performance activities or just be companions. I may need to house a breeding male/female with another family, as I only keep 2 dogs on my property for personal reasons. I am not a large scale breeder, and this proposal would hurt my ability to pursue my hobby, which does not entail mass placement of puppies in unscreened homes. Any sales I have do not even begin to cover my costs to obtain and raise a dog, plus breeding expenses incurred. I do this for love, not profit.

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Conference room: 229

Testifier position: Oppose

Testifier will be present: No

Submitted by: John & Jane Powers

Organization: Individual

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Submitted on: 2/3/2012

Comments:

The sterilization requirement is close to ridiculous as it will in effect curtail any further breeding for pure breeds by local breeders once those dogs and bitches which are not sterilized reach an age where they can no longer be bred. Also, some people purchase their dogs from mainland breeders which will obviously not abide with the proposed bill. Having adopted animals be sterilized is fine but requiring pure breed hobby breeders to do the same is neither fair nor practical.

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Conference room: 229  
Testifier position: Oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Marcie Dobkin  
Organization: Individual  
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Submitted on: 2/3/2012

Comments:

This measure is cruel and Un American to all who enjoy and benefit from responsible pet ownership. Where will the next generation of pets come from? This only encourages illegal and On Line purchase of unhealthy pets from pet mills foreign and mainland. This type of legislation has be proven time and time again to make shelter situations worse. Please spend any funds for public education on responsible pet ownership instead of punitive policies!

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Conference room: 229  
Testifier position: Oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Jim Hoenig, Esq., PhD.  
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Submitted on: 2/2/2012

Comments:

This bill is a bad idea on several counts not the least of which is because it exposes puppies to unnecessary health risks. From a health perspective, it's generally better to allow puppies to develop fully and wait about a year to neuter/spay so their urogenital systems are fully developed, otherwise pets can have trouble urinating properly. Also, I have heard from many pet owners about injuries (and even death) from complications of neutering.

Ultimately, it should be the pet owner's choice as whether and when to neuter. Although I support tax incentives/reduced licensing fees (which I believe are now in place) for owners who spay and neuter their pets, and I support educational efforts on the issue, I am opposed to sb2504 as unnecessary and potentially dangerous government interference. Thank you.



Testimony for CPN/EDT 2/7/2012 9:00:00 AM SB2504

Conference room: 229  
Testifier position: Oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Beth Yos  
Organization: Individual  
E-mail: [tyosbyos@hawaiiantel.net](mailto:tyosbyos@hawaiiantel.net)  
Submitted on: 2/2/2012

Comments:

I agree that large abusive "puppy mills" should be shut down and appropriate charges should be brought against the owners. I don't think ALL breeders should be shut down. If we want to protect our islands from rabies, why will we sterilize ALL new pets and thus have no dogs and cats to buy except ones that are imported? Responsible breeders and pet store owners should not be punished for because of the abusive few. Thank you.

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Conference room: 229  
Testifier position: Oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Myles Yamamoto  
Organization: Individual  
E-mail: [myamamoto@hotmail.com](mailto:myamamoto@hotmail.com)  
Submitted on: 1/31/2012

Comments:

i actually agree with the measure sb2504. however, i am against section 3 which states that all dogs sold in stores must be sterilized for the following reasons....

- lots of people buy dogs from stores because they may be able to offer pure breeds that a buyer may want to enter into competitions. if sterilized, they are not able to be entered.
- if a buyer wants a specific breed, he/she may not be able to find one if their only choice is to go to a breeder.
- this could lead to a breed becoming very rare because if all dogs sold were sterilized, there wouldn't be any breeding to keep the breed alive.

if anything, i'd say to just sterilize the dogs of mixed breeds (poi dogs) since most people wouldn't even think about breeding those for resale. the stores are a great way to help the public become more aware of different breeds and really help new owners to find the right companion for themselves. i personally would rather buy from a store than to go straight to a breeder whom i don't know and who could possibly rip me off. although expensive, stores pretty much regulate a value of a dog. if you allow only breeders to sell, they could drive the prices way up and still, the dogs would be sterilized

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Conference room: 229  
Testifier position: Oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Jolyn M. Tenn  
Organization: Individual  
E-mail: [jtenn10@aol.com](mailto:jtenn10@aol.com)  
Submitted on: 1/31/2012

Comments:

This bill while admirable in many respects, lacks balance. Section 3 sale of unsterilized dogs and cats must be stricken from the ordinance. To apply such a drastic measure would deplete the sustainability of pet supply, and within 5 years, you would end up having to import animals at a great cost most which would exceed a companies ability to do business, and a potential pet owners ability to obtain an animal. In these times where economic recovery is foremost on everyone's mind, this type of business crippling legislation would have a direct effect on employment. You will be causing a tax paying citizen to become a ward of the state and federal government via unemployment insurance benefits, food stamp and other social welfare programs. I do support the rest of this bill, however economic prudence requires striking section 3 from this otherwise, sensible legislation.

Thank you for you time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Jolyn M. Tenn

Testimony for CPN/EDT 2/7/2012 9:00:00 AM SB2504

Conference room: 229

Testifier position: Comments Only

Testifier will be present: No

Submitted by: Morris Lee

Organization: Individual

E-mail: [hilee@majesticdobe.com](mailto:hilee@majesticdobe.com)

Submitted on: 2/1/2012

Comments:

What is the definition of "a pet seller." Are you referring to commercial enterprises or individuals who breed an occasional litter? If this bill applies to all there will be no dogs or cats in Hawaii except those bought somewhere else and imported in about 10 years.

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Conference room: 229  
Testifier position: Oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Pete Diaz  
Organization: Individual  
E-mail: [viprot@hotmail.com](mailto:viprot@hotmail.com)  
Submitted on: 1/31/2012

Comments:

As a voting pet owner I oppose this bill on the principle that to require that puppies and kittens to be spayed or neuter is a form of genocide. If it's pet overpopulation that this bill is attempting to correct, there are other measures to accomplishing it.

Pet stores and breeders of pets should be taxed on the puppies/kittens sold to help defer the cost of spaying or neutering. Most hobby breeders who exhibit dogs and kittens already have in place contracts for to control over breeding.

Responsible pet owners spend thousands of dollars on their pets spending on pet health supplies, dog food, toys, training academys and veterinarian visits which helps our struggling economy.

My humble suggestion is not to commit genocide on our pets but rather provide spay neuter clinics at an affordable price.

respectfully submitted

Pete Diaz

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Conference room: 229  
Testifier position: Support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: P Fern  
Organization: Individual  
E-mail: [ferndoggies@gmail.com](mailto:ferndoggies@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 1/31/2012

Comments:

I am fostering right now a mama dog and her pups. The mama was bought just last year from THE PET SPOT located near the Navy Exchange. She is barely a year old, and because the owner did not want to spend the \$ to spay her, she got knocked, up, and the owner now no longer wants her or her pups. One of her pups was so sick, it had to stay overnight at the vet's for 3 nights. I had a shar pei that was abandoned because she got pregnant, the owner did not want to spend the \$ to spay her. The dog had 8 pups, one had to have major surgery, it took me a long time to find them good homes, and a lot of \$ to give them all their shots, and spay/neuter them. I get calls to foster abandoned pups all the time, more calls than I can take in. Please support this bill. It may seem harsh, but the reality is even harsher, the number of pets that are put down every year is shameful, and it does cost the tax money to euthanize. Thank you.

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Conference room: 229

Testifier position: Oppose

Testifier will be present: No

Submitted by: Lisa Parker

Organization: Individual

E-mail: [lisaparker808@aol.com](mailto:lisaparker808@aol.com)

Submitted on: 2/2/2012

Comments:

I am a hobby breeder of Australian Shepherd dogs. My brother is very active in the Hawaii Island Humane Society so I am very aware of the problems of pet over population. I feel this proposal is punishing the whole for the acts of a few. I rarely, if ever, see purebred dogs available for adoption. The breeders I know in the dog show community will ONLY sell puppies with a spay/neuter contract UNLESS they are placed in a "show home". Even then they are to be spayed or neutered if they don't meet pre agreed show and health requirements. My point being is that this proposal punishes responsible breeders and will not cure the problem created by unethical breeders. Is the goal to become a "pet free" state and have future pet breeding managed by government?

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Conference room: 229  
Testifier position: Oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Teri Hollowell  
Organization: Kona Coast Kennel Club  
E-mail: [teri@hihaf.org](mailto:teri@hihaf.org)  
Submitted on: 2/2/2012

Comments:

Our dog club is located on the Big Island, so we will not be present at the hearing. As responsible dog breeders and participants in the sport of showing dogs, we STRONGLY oppose this bill.



Testimony for CPN/EDT 2/7/2012 9:00:00 AM SB2504

Conference room: 229

Testifier position: Oppose

Testifier will be present: No

Submitted by: Sylvia Owens

Organization: Individual

E-mail: [Captainsylvia@aol.com](mailto:Captainsylvia@aol.com)

Submitted on: 2/2/2012

Comments:

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Conference room: 229

Testifier position: Oppose

Testifier will be present: No

Submitted by: Nikki char

Organization: Individual

E-mail: [Jeskennels@yahoo.com](mailto:Jeskennels@yahoo.com)

Submitted on: 2/2/2012

Comments:

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Conference room: 229  
Testifier position: Oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Trevor Ching  
Organization: Individual  
E-mail: [Ohwussup@gmail.com](mailto:Ohwussup@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 2/1/2012

Comments:

Against the forced sterilization of pets. It is scientifically known that too early or getting fixed and sterilized is detrimental to the animal's health. It is animal cruelty. It is not a fix to solve our stray animal problems. People need to be more educated instead.

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Conference room: 229

Testifier position: Oppose

Testifier will be present: No

Submitted by: John Griffiths

Organization: Individual

E-mail: [Jgriffiths62@yahoo.com](mailto:Jgriffiths62@yahoo.com)

Submitted on: 2/1/2012

Comments:

In no way should this outrageous bill be passed .

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Conference room: 229  
Testifier position: Oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Clayton Cotton  
Organization: Individual  
E-mail: [cky808@hotmail.com](mailto:cky808@hotmail.com)  
Submitted on: 2/2/2012

Comments:

I think its wrong for the state to make it mandatory for anyone to have to spay or neuter their cat or dog whether their a breeder or pet store. That's discrimination and unconstitutional. Why not have the state make it mandatory for women who have a lot of children that live off the welfare system fixed also! This proposed bill is ridiculous.

February 2, 2012

Dear Representative

I strongly oppose HB2504, as a lover of purebred dogs and an owner I find this a totally offensive bill. Responsible pet owners are being punished because of puppy mills. This bill would limit responsible breeders from bringing in healthy bloodlines to protect their breed for future generations. Responsible breeders take back a dog if there is a problem in the placement and help foster and re-home the breed they love whenever necessary. As a lover of the Golden Retriever for many years I am appalled that you would ever consider such a measure. Shut down the puppy mills not the people that love, care and protect their breed.

Sincerely,

Pamela Higgins

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Conference room: 229  
Testifier position: Oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: GALE MARSHALL  
Organization: Individual  
E-mail: [love.cavaliers@gmail.com](mailto:love.cavaliers@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 2/2/2012

Comments:

neutering dogs before their growth plates are fused makes their front legs longer without the extra mass, resulting in arthritis and broken bones for the slightest jump or if overweight.

You will make vets rich by passing this bill and you should hang your heads in shame and ignorance for not researching this properly.

Contact Dr Christine Zink, a vet who has researched this in depth. Her email info is:  
[mczink @ jhmi.edu](mailto:mczink@jhmi.edu)

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Conference room: 229  
Testifier position: Oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Alicia Jacobson  
Organization: Individual  
E-mail: [aasnc@yahoo.com](mailto:aasnc@yahoo.com)  
Submitted on: 2/2/2012

Comments:

To Whom It May Concern,  
SB2504 is not a well thought out bill. First, irresponsible breeding will become worse while responsible breeders will be limited to selling only spayed or neutered animals. For many breeds, there is a small gene pool and it needs to be allowed to breed for specific genetic attributes. It will be impossible to enforce this law and it could lead to breeding of dogs in less than acceptable conditions. I urge you to look into the logistics and language of this bill for the blatant flaws. Thank you for your consideration.



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Conference room: 229

Testifier position: Oppose

Testifier will be present: No

Submitted by: K. RENEE NEWMAN

Organization: Individual

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Submitted on: 2/2/2012

Comments:

Please do not deny Hawaii the option of purchasing and breeding a specific type of canine. There are irresponsible breeders however all should not be punished due to the bad deeds of a few. This bill will only create more undesirable dogs. Those who do not care for there dogs and who own them will be much more likely to break this law. How can this possibly be inforced? Where will the money come from to inforce such a law?

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Conference room: 229  
Testifier position: Oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Anne Scheffelmaier  
Organization: Individual  
E-mail: [scheffela001@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:scheffela001@hawaii.rr.com)  
Submitted on: 2/3/2012

Comments:

I have Bred Dalmatian Dogs for 40 years. I breed occasionally, 3-4 years for good Temperament and to produce a better litter than previous. These dogs are carefully Line Bred and sold only yo well qualified buyers with fenced yards. I have Bred many Champion show Dogs over the years.  
Tjis Bill makes no sense. I agree in stopping indiscriminate Breeding and Puppy Mills. However we have many good, carefull Breeders in Hawaii who cherish and nourish their Puppies and are not producing unwanted dogs. Visit one of the Championship Shows and see the beautiful well behaved Dogs that good Breeders are producing.

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Conference room: 229

Testifier position: Oppose

Testifier will be present: No

Submitted by: Terry L. Hunt

Organization: Individual

E-mail: [thunt@hawaii.edu](mailto:thunt@hawaii.edu)

Submitted on: 2/3/2012

Comments:

This is NOT the right way to solve dog and cat problems in Hawaii! Lawmakers need to go back to the drawing board on this one.

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Conference room: 229  
Testifier position: Oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Betty Hopper  
Organization: Individual  
E-mail: [Hopper\\_53@Hotmail.com](mailto:Hopper_53@Hotmail.com)  
Submitted on: 2/3/2012

Comments:

OMG!! Surely the state of Hawaii is not serious?!! This is censorship in it's purest form!!

Testimony for CPN/EDT 2/7/2012 9:00:00 AM SB2504

Conference room: 229

Testifier position: Oppose

Testifier will be present: No

Submitted by: Jill Sullivan

Organization: Individual

E-mail: [808jill@gmail.com](mailto:808jill@gmail.com)

Submitted on: 2/3/2012

Comments:

Please do not allow this bill to pass out of committee.

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Conference room: 229  
Testifier position: Oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Peter Sullivan  
Organization: Individual  
E-mail: [sullivan@hawaiiantel.net](mailto:sullivan@hawaiiantel.net)  
Submitted on: 2/3/2012

Comments:

How did this bill even get a hearing? Please give it a quick dismissal and move on to more productive activities.

Testimony for CPN/EDT 2/7/2012 9:00:00 AM SB2504

Conference room: 229

Testifier position: Oppose

Testifier will be present: No

Submitted by: Nikki LaCrosse

Organization: Individual

E-mail: [menageri@yahoo.com](mailto:menageri@yahoo.com)

Submitted on: 2/3/2012

Comments:

Testimony for CPN/EDT 2/7/2012 9:00:00 AM SB2504

Conference room: 229

Testifier position: Oppose

Testifier will be present: No

Submitted by: Darlene Sawamura

Organization: Individual

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Submitted on: 2/2/2012

Comments:



Testimony for CPN/EDT 2/7/2012 9:00:00 AM SB2504

Conference room: 229

Testifier position: Oppose

Testifier will be present: No

Submitted by: Lindsey Richardson

Organization: Individual

E-mail: [Lindsey\\_Richardson1991@yahoo.com](mailto:Lindsey_Richardson1991@yahoo.com) Submitted on: 2/1/2012

Comments:

I DISAGREE WITH THIS!

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Conference room: 229  
Testifier position: Oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Shirley von Platen Luder  
Organization: Individual  
E-mail: [svp186@aol.com](mailto:svp186@aol.com)  
Submitted on: 2/2/2012

Comments:

This is absolutely ridiculous!! Now Big Brother wants to get involved in our lives some more!!

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Conference room: 229

Testifier position: Oppose

Testifier will be present: No

Submitted by: Y Rapoza

Organization: Individual

E-mail: [yrapoza808@yahoo.com](mailto:yrapoza808@yahoo.com)

Submitted on: 2/2/2012

Comments:

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Conference room: 229  
Testifier position: Oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Lynne Ogata  
Organization: Individual  
E-mail: [l\\_ogata@yahoo.com](mailto:l_ogata@yahoo.com)  
Submitted on: 2/3/2012

Comments:

As an owner of two spayed pure bred dogs, I oppose this measure.

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Conference room: 229  
Testifier position: Oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Marc Kelly  
Organization: Individual  
E-mail: [mr.kelly@me.com](mailto:mr.kelly@me.com)  
Submitted on: 2/3/2012

Comments:

This is NOT the way to solve dog and cat problems in Hawaii. Start by making it cheaper to sterilize pets, then the public will do it.

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Conference room: 229  
Testifier position: Oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Tralee Marti  
Organization: Individual  
E-mail: [stangchictm@hotmail.com](mailto:stangchictm@hotmail.com)  
Submitted on: 2/3/2012

Comments:

This proposal is ridiculous. This will virtually wipe out the pet population, with no new animals. This will have a tremendously negative impact on the dog fanciers that raise and show dogs as well as animal lovers.

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Conference room: 229

Testifier position: Oppose

Testifier will be present: No

Submitted by: Brian Carr

Organization: Individual

E-mail: [brigcarr@yahoo.com](mailto:brigcarr@yahoo.com)

Submitted on: 2/3/2012

Comments:

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Conference room: 229

Testifier position: Oppose

Testifier will be present: No

Submitted by: Lisa Collier

Organization: Individual

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Submitted on: 2/3/2012

Comments:



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Conference room: 229

Testifier position:

Testifier will be present: Yes

Submitted by: gerraine santos

Organization: Individual

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Submitted on: 2/3/2012

Comments:

Please support SB 2504 enforcing stronger protection for animals in pet stores.

This is another step towards weakening the horrible puppy mills in our State.

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Conference room: 229

Testifier position: Oppose

Testifier will be present: No

Submitted by: Annette and Eugene Yamamoto

Organization: Individual

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Submitted on: 2/3/2012

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill. You are denying any residents in Hawaii to obtain future generation of pets. You also leave RESPONSIBLE BREEDERS few options to introduce new bloodlines and to create healthy expansion of their gene pools. This bill makes no sense, you need to introduce stronger bills for animal cruelty, punishment including jail time. The track record for enforcement is a joke here.

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Conference room: 229  
Testifier position: Oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Susan F  
Organization: Individual  
E-mail: [Winsheltie@aol.com](mailto:Winsheltie@aol.com)  
Submitted on: 2/2/2012

Comments:

This is so broad and unrealistic. There would be no animals bred by reliable and ethical breeders available. Only "mystery" animals coming from commercial breeders who only have profit in mind. It will drive caring and ethical breeders out and leave the unethical breeders still at work in an underground environment.

It is also a waste of taxpayer money as it is unenforceable. That this bill is being considered at all shows me how my taxes are being wasted already.

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Conference room: 229  
Testifier position: Oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Angela Leslee  
Organization: Individual  
E-mail: [angelaleslee@gmail.com](mailto:angelaleslee@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 2/2/2012

Comments:

I am unclear as to the purpose of this bill, unless it is to effectively remove all dogs and cats from the Hawaiian Islands over the course of the next 10 years. "One generation and out" as spoken by Wayne Pacelli, President of the HSUS, whose unhidden agenda is to remove all pets from America. For those of us that love our pets, and they are like family to us, where do you suggest we get our next generation of pets, if all the potential breeding stock has to be sterilized?

I strongly oppose this bill, and would hope that our representatives that would like to be re-elected can see the lunacy of this act.

Angela Leslee

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Conference room: 229  
Testifier position: Oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Susan F  
Organization: Individual  
E-mail: [Winsheltie@aol.com](mailto:Winsheltie@aol.com)  
Submitted on: 2/2/2012

Comments:

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Conference room: 229  
Testifier position: Oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Susan Ancheta  
Organization: Individual  
E-mail: [kauisheltie@yahoo.com](mailto:kauisheltie@yahoo.com)  
Submitted on: 2/3/2012

Comments:

Aloha,

I am a member of several Dog Clubs in Hawaii, Orchid Island Dog Fanciers Club, Hilo Obedience Training Club, Orchid Isle Dog Agility, Hawaii Herding Dog Association, and Shetland Sheepdog Club of Hawaii. I am also a Certified Canine Good Citizen Instructor and Evaluator for the American Kennel Club. Our clubs promote responsible dog ownership and breeding of Purebred dogs. As an individual and club member, I can attest to the fact that we take pride in our Purebred dogs, most of which are cared for and treated better than some families treat their human children and relatives. As a Purebred breeder, I spend a small fortune in the maintenance, medical care, and health of my dogs. Careful consideration is given to my breeding program. I only breed to improve my lines. I do not have more than two breedings a year, if at all. Thus far, in my total 25 years of Purebred dog ownership, I have had only three well planned breedings. All puppies from those breedings met your Bill standards, they were: AKC Registered, AKC-CAR microchipped, Health Certified by my Vet, Health and Shot records provided to buyers, and with contracts that required Non-Conformation Show pups to be spayed and/or neutered by 6-8 mos of age, genetic health guarantees for replacement, and return of the dog to me, as the breeder, throughout the life of the dog. In my contracts, I restricted the new owners from abandoning the dog, re-selling on Craigslist or Kijiki or classified ads, I restricted them from turning the dog in to the Humane Society, or any other rescue organization, my contract requires the new owner to return the dog to me if at anytime IIN THE LIFE OF THE DOG, the new owner cannot care for and/or maintain to dog. I carefully evaluate new potential homes to assure that they meet my expectations for the care of my puppies, and they must be financially able to care for the dog. I do not sell to people who cannot afford to keep a dog up to my expectations.

I only sell Conformation Show dog potentials on an unlimited bases (not/spayed or neutered), as these pups are the best pups of the breeding in the litter and will perpetuate the AKC Purebred standard for my breed, the Shetland Sheepdog.

I am not opposed to LIMITED control of dog breeding and sales, as I have rescued dogs that irresponsible BACK YARD BREEDERS have put on the market. I have assisted in re-homing rescue dogs and know the problem is a serious one in Hawaii. However, to ban breeding and sales of ALL un-neutered and un-spayed dogs and puppies is unreasonable. Perhaps, licensing of reputable breeders and inspections of licensed kennels and records is a more reasonable approach. Perhaps limiting the number of breedings for a licensed kennel to a maximum of two litters per year, with Hawaii resgistration of the litter is also more

reasonable...but to totally ban and restrict our breedings of Purebred dogs will ultimately kill the sport of Conformation and Show Dogs in Hawaii. Only intact Dogs and Bitches are allowed to be in the Conforamtion Ring according to AKC Rules and Procedures...Please do not destroy the Show Dog Sport in Hawaii...do not let Hawaii become known for it's anti-dog legislation. Stop this bill as it is written and submit a revision that is reasonable and that promotes responsible dog ownership and Purebreed Breeding Programs...Check out what the American Kennel Club, Eukanuba and Iams Company, and Purina Company promotes as responsible breeding programs.

Importation of dogs to the Hawaiian Islands is limited and strictly regulated. If all cats and dogs sold or given away must be sterilized, it calls into question where citizens of Hawaii will obtain future generations of Purebred dogs and pets. Our AKC and Breed Club breeding programs require new bloodlines and create healthy expansion of our Purebreed gene pools.

The American Kennel Club (AKC), Eukanuba and Iams Company, Purina Company, and Hawaii Mega-Cor strongly supports and actively promotes a wide range of programs to educate the public about responsible purebred breeding practices and the responsibilities of dog ownership. The AKC opposes the concept of breeding permits, breeding bans or mandatory spay/neuter of purebred dogs. Instead, we support reasonable and enforceable laws that protect the welfare and health of purebred dogs and do not restrict the rights of breeders and owners who meet their responsibilities.

Thank you for your support in opposing this bill as written.

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Conference room: 229  
Testifier position: Oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: William Lansford  
Organization: Individual  
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Submitted on: 2/3/2012

Comments:

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Conference room: 229  
Testifier position: Oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Gail Smith  
Organization: Individual  
E-mail: [gailspecial@gmail.com](mailto:gailspecial@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 2/3/2012

Comments:

This bill will decimate the hobby breeder/exhibitor. Future generations of well bred puppies from responsible breeders will be lost or breeders will be driven underground. In addition, studies have shown that spaying/neutering puppies earlier than 6 months can cause life long medical problems.

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Conference room: 229  
Testifier position: Oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: William Lansford  
Organization: Individual  
E-mail: [wlanford@aol.com](mailto:wlanford@aol.com)  
Submitted on: 2/3/2012

Comments:

This ill conceived bill should not be passed If passed it would severely limit the availability of dogs and cats in the State of Hawaii and force breeders to import new breeding stock from outside the state at great expense. It would mean the elimination of all breeding of established lines from within the State of Hawaii and put a severe monetary stress upon those who rely upon local sources for the continuation of their breeding programs as they would no longer be able to trade, buy or sell locally to keep their lines genetically diverse. Additionally, this bill would do absolutely nothing to reduce the number of animals in local shelters as the vast majority of those animals do not come from the dedicated breeders who would be most adversely effected by this bill. Those who simply allow their animals to breed with impunity will continue to do so and as was seen with BSL there is no cost effective way to enforce this legislation should it pass. All this bill will do is criminalize and drive law abiding



careful breeders underground while the source of the problem i.e. lazy pet owners, will continue to fill our shelters with unwanted poorly bred animals. It is a waste of your time and taxpayers money.

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Conference room: 229  
Testifier position: Oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: patti daniel  
Organization: Individual  
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Submitted on: 2/3/2012

Comments:

please do not let this bill pass....I show my dog, part of showing a dog, they must be 'intact' if you spay/neture all dogs we will have NO SHOW dogs in Hawaii!!!

Responsible show breeders would be limited to breeding dogs currently in their possession. Which would not allow them to introduce new bloodlines.  
Please vote NO on this bill.

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Conference room: 229  
Testifier position: Oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Robyn Thomson  
Organization: Individual  
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Submitted on: 2/3/2012

Comments:

I am a supporter of pure-breed dogs, and the American Kennel Club. We do events designed to test what the dog was bred for. This bill would effectively end Kennel shows in Hawaii, since they are open to &quot;blood stock&quot; only (that means breedable). For the few criminals, you would punish all of us. Any law that does this is a bad law.

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Conference room: 229  
Testifier position: Oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Catherine Staege  
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Submitted on: 2/3/2012

Comments:

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Conference room: 229  
Testifier position: Oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Jill Olson  
Organization: Individual  
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Submitted on: 2/3/2012

Comments:

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Conference room: 229  
Testifier position: Oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Robert Snyder  
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Submitted on: 2/3/2012

Comments:

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Conference room: 229  
Testifier position: Oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Moke Strassberg  
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Submitted on: 2/3/2012

Comments:

What in the world are you people thinking over there. SB2504 is a horrible, horrible bill that basically proposes mass punishment to responsible and reputable purebred dog breeders due to the inability of authorities to effectively deal with the atrocities associated with puppy mills. As president of the Golden Retriever Club of Hawaii for 13 years and a member for much longer than that, I am well aware that there are puppy mills (terrible), so called breeders (into it for the money), backyard breeders (often well intentioned but ignorant of proper breeding methods) and reputable breeders (such as those you would see at competitive dog shows) and responsible owners that you would find in obedience classes, competing in obedience trials and taking excellent care of their dogs as a true member of the family. If SB2504 passes, we can all kiss our favorite breed goodbye. It will narrow the gene pool and eventually deminish the quantity of any dogs. Over 100 years of responsible breeding to achieve the attributes of a particular breed will vanish. Over 50 percent of homes in Hawaii have pets and most of them are dogs. I urge you to drop this well intentioned but ill conceived bill like a hot potato. A person's love of a pet and right to own one that is intact are well established and being well taken care of by many

responsible people. Go after the ones who abuse pets thru mills and leave the others alone.

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Conference room: 229  
Testifier position: Oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Barbara Germann  
Organization: Individual  
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Submitted on: 2/3/2012

Comments:

I oppose this bill -while the idea may sound great this bill punishes all of those that are responsible pet owners and hobby breeders. I do not believe it is up to the government to tell me what kind of a pet I can have, or rather not have. I am interested in a specific breed for therapy work with the elderly--- all my dogs have had expensive clearances for soundness. By eliminating the ability to "buy" or "give away" a specific type of dog with the "hope" that people will choose rescues is unfounded. Reputable hobby breeders (not puppy mills) will cease to be able to provide quality dogs to people who want a specific breed due to the extreme constraints placed by the Bill.

What you will see is the continuation of backyard bred "AKC registered" & poi pups that come from people that have no concept of what a clearance is, no idea of the background of the parents, or even who the parents may be -- none of this legislative stuff will affect them most likely-- they don't have licenses for their dogs anyway, and who will be enforcing all this? Do you actually think that these backyard breeders will pay to spay and neuter each pup before they go to their new homes? Take a look at Craigslist and see what people are charging for dogs that are basically mutts. People will not adopt more rescues as most have "issues" that caused them to end up there anyway and are primarily pitt bull mixes. I abhor the puppy mills, but find some other way to regulate them that does not punish the reputable dog owner/specialty breeder who has obtained all the necessary clearances, has done countless hours of pedigree research and temperament testing and is looking for a specific type of dog to fit in with their family.

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Conference room: 229  
Testifier position: Oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Cheryl  
Organization: Individual  
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Submitted on: 2/3/2012

Comments:

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Conference room: 229  
Testifier position: Support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Skyla Hammond  
Organization: Individual  
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Submitted on: 2/3/2012

Comments:

This is a greatly-needed law here in Hawaii. As a person who volunteers for different cat-rescue organizations, I really believe this bill would serve to reduce the number of unwanted and/or feral cats in Hawaii. If I'm reading this correctly, this bill would also preclude private parties from giving away or selling cats/kittens or dog/puppies that have not been sterilized. If this bill does not include that, I would like to see it amended so that it does. Thank you.

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Conference room: 229  
Testifier position: Oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: pat goding  
Organization: Individual  
E-mail: [roscoe@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:roscoe@hawaii.rr.com)  
Submitted on: 2/3/2012

Comments:

I have always spayed and neutered my pets, even as a young child living in the farm country of PA-my parents taught me the responsibility of pet ownership and health/social benefits of sterilization, but the Bill, the way it is written, would eventually wipe out any specific breeds, in our case, pugs. And who would monitor (and pay their salary) the people selling puppies in a box next to Walmart with signs "Puppy's for Sell" (misspelling intended) or all those posting on bulletin boards at grocery stores?

I totally disagree with puppy sellers having to pay past the cost of a puppy for any possible genetic problems. Even if both sire and dam pass certain screenings or tests, that still does not mean it will not present in the pup (esp. if the owner lets the dog get grossly overweight, doesn't exercise properly, etc). All pet buyers have the opportunity to choose between a pound pup, rescue animal, or a new pure bred pup. They have free will.

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Conference room: 229  
Testifier position: Oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: John P Gaidos  
Organization: Individual  
E-mail: [Teazers@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:Teazers@hawaii.rr.com)

Submitted on: 2/3/2012

Comments:

This bill is absolutley ludacris, as a professional dog breeder of over 30 years and active show fancier here in the state I cannot understand the need for this. Thirty years ago we had puppy mills all over the place here. These days there are only an occasional one. I have dedicated over 30 years of my life to the sport of showing dogs here and breeding them. Most of the show people here are very responsible breeders, we dedicate years of our lives , countless hours of our time and money to preserve the breeds we love so much. We soend endless amounts of money and time researching and testing our dogs to be sure they are clear of hereditary problems. Most all of us requitre that any dog bred by us gets returned to us irregardless of the situation when having to be rehomed. I can account for every dog I have bred in this state. Also being the rescue person for my breeds parent club here and have had no rescues for several years. If you look at our local humane society there are no purebred puppies there as most of the breed clubs here do rescue and take care of their respective breeds. It is sad that one idiot who was never stopped by the authorities until it was way too late has made it look bad for everyone here. Your bill proposes what is pretty much impossible for us for us to have any pets here in the future. Please think smart and look at what you are proposing. I dont beleive anyone has the right to take my rights away for all my lifes work. Respectfully Submitted , John P Gaidos

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Conference room: 229

Testifier position: Oppose

Testifier will be present: No

Submitted by: Ron Stebbins

Organization: Individual

E-mail: [ronsteb@gmail.com](mailto:ronsteb@gmail.com)

Submitted on: 2/3/2012

Comments:

People are the problem. Let's nueter/spay all people born from today on.

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Conference room: 229

Testifier position: Oppose

Testifier will be present: No

Submitted by: Thomas Arnone

Organization: Individual

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Submitted on: 2/3/2012

Comments:

This bill makes no sense at all. If this bill were to be enacted there soon wouldn't be any pets left on this Island since any pet would have to be sterilized includiong those already here that responsible breeders sell or those imported from the mainland. It is amazing that such a bill would even be introduced. Shame on you legislators, where is your common sense??

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Conference room: 229  
Testifier position: Oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: G. M. Atwater  
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Submitted on: 2/3/2012

Comments:

To Whom It May Concern: In regards to SB 2504: "Prohibits pet sellers from selling an unsterilized dog or unsterilized cat." Though not a citizen of Hawaii, I have been a pet owner all my life. The language of this bill is both frightening and illogical, as carried to its natural conclusion, it serves to eliminate pet dogs and cats from the State of Hawaii, entirely - in the passage of time.

If no one is permitted to sell intact pets ... from where, exactly, will the citizens of Hawaii get its pets, in 5 or 10 years' time? Does Hawaii truly intend to wipe out the gene pool of every healthy, well-bred, genetically and physically sound dog or cat in the islands? Does Hawaii intend to strip its people of the comfort or, indeed, the necessity of owning a pet?

For this absurd and dangerous legislation would not only stamp out backyard breeders or pet shops. This would end purebred dogs and cats of every type, from show breeds to those used as service animals, sporting companions, working dogs, or just the beloved friend who shares a lonely person's life.

Perhaps in the short term this legislation could take care of any problem with homeless, abandoned or unwanted pets. But in the long term, it would render Hawaii a paradise barren of its most giving and loving citizens: the animals who fill so many people's lives with love and pleasure.

Furthermore, it would set Hawaii in the unenviable position of becoming an elitist state where only the well-to-do could have pets, because only they could afford import their pets from the mainland. Hawaii is not an easy state to which one can import animals, to begin with, and the complete prohibition of breeding dogs or cats anywhere in the islands would put companion animals out of the reach of many if not most of your people.

Please reconsider this bill in light of its long term repercussions. If it is passed ... within a very few years, you will be a people without the simple pleasure of a cat purring in your lap or a dog wagging at your door.

I can't imagine less of a paradise, if I tried.  
Sincerely,

G.M. Atwater  
Gardnerville, NV

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Conference room: 229  
Testifier position: Oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Martin Cambra III  
Organization: Individual  
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Submitted on: 2/3/2012

Comments:

i think that this is a joke and a violation of our civil rights and our god given rights....(&quot; thou shall not covet thy neighbors goods&quot;)... we cant have purebred dogs anymore...and participate in sports involving our dogs...infact with this bill eventually people wont have dogs at all in HAWAII why? why is it that everything that people have joy in the government trys to take away? i am all for stricter ownership rules and regulations licensing etc and harsher penalties for irresponsible breeders and owners...i do believe that breeding should be left to the current professionals....just like a democrat or a republican not everybody is cut out or knowledgeable about a particular line of work, so i think that it shouldn't be eliminated i think that they should base the qualifying criteria off of people that have consistently over achieved to produce the top conformation for breed preservation according to the breed standard...not just any old person who may have participated in a dog show that claims to be a breeder....i am talking about a select few....not these &quot;backyard breeders&quot; just trying to breed the dogs to make money!

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Conference room: 229  
Testifier position: Oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Sharleen Perreira  
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Submitted on: 2/3/2012

Comments:

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Conference room: 229  
Testifier position: Oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Sharleen Perreira  
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Submitted on: 2/3/2012

Comments:

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Conference room: 229  
Testifier position: Oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Christi Tadaki  
Organization: Individual  
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Submitted on: 2/3/2012

Comments:

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Conference room: 229  
Testifier position: Oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Leonie Leon  
Organization: Individual  
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Submitted on: 2/3/2012

Comments:

I live in the UK. I have been member of the American Shih Tzu Club for 20 years. American pure bred Shih Tzu have been imported into the UK for many years, to help our bloodlines. I have imported 2. Does this ruling include export to other countries? Has this been considered in the ruling? Leonie Leon

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Conference room: 229  
Testifier position: Oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Thomas Green  
Organization: Individual  
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Submitted on: 2/3/2012

Comments:



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Conference room: 229  
Testifier position: Oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Inez Ida  
Organization: Individual  
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Submitted on: 2/3/2012

Comments:

I am a dog fancier and have been training and showing dogs for 25 years. I am an owner of an intact female dog.

I don't understand what this bill would accomplish. The breeders I know prior to selling any of their puppies visit the homes of where the puppies will be living. All shots are included and they guarantee the health. They have the buyers sign a contract and if for any reason the buyer cannot keep the dog, they are to be returned back to the breeders.

I don't think this bill was thought out enough.

Just because I have an intact female does not mean I will be breeding her, in fact, I don't plan to breed her but in order for me to continue showing her, she cannot be sterile. She is the 3<sup>rd</sup> intact female that I have owned and each of them has not been breed.

Not every dog owner or breeder is irresponsible.

I oppose this bill.

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Conference room: 229  
Testifier position: Oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Sarah woodworth  
Organization: Individual  
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Submitted on: 2/3/2012

Comments:

I am very active in the sport of purebred dogs and dedicated to the betterment of the breed. I have NEVER sold an animal to a pet store and I only breed to better my own line. This bill is ridiculous and unenforceable yet would put persons such as me in an illegal position.

How about outlawing the sale of animals in a retail setting and licensing breeders. I'm sure that is the intent, to keep puppy mills from happening and yet the ASPCA would like to spay every animal on earth. Don't forget our right to the pursuit of happiness, for me that is my pugs.

I have the number one AKC pug in the state of Hawaii and it was hard work and the love of dogs that got me there, not breeding.

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Conference room: 229

Testifier position: Oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: CHERYL CHANG  
Organization: Individual  
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Submitted on: 2/3/2012

Comments:

Please do not make Hawaii dog lovers suffer from a misguided attempt to "help" dogs.  
Please contact local Dog Clubs that are associated with the American Kennel Club and we can help you draft logical legislation.  
As a Purebred Dog Fancier I teach obedience classes, participate in companion events, help a local rescue organization and do a lot of public education about responsible dog ownership.

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Conference room: 229  
Testifier position: Oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Jessica Norman  
Organization: Individual  
E-mail: [jesswestberg@hotmail.com](mailto:jesswestberg@hotmail.com)  
Submitted on: 2/4/2012

Comments:

Hawaii residents are already heavily restricted in animal choices and importation due to quarantine laws in the islands. Even though we may have an abundance of cats and dogs in shelters, controlling the desexing of animals is simply too drastic of a bill. There are countless articles and research on the negative effects of early desexing, specifically in dogs. For Hawaii residents who want a pet, but specifically a pure bred dog, and want to ensure healthy development, the ability to choose when to sterilize their pet should be completely left in their power. The research on sterilization suggests that desxing a puppy before 18 months could cause serious damage to the animals physical and psychological development. The issue of stray animals or unintentional breeding should not lead to a "across the board" legislature forcing unnatural consequences on animals and the good pet owners who care for them. Educating people on proper care for household pets is a more appropriate solution. Forcing early sterilization withholds the freedom to be a legitimate breeder for residents of Hawaii as well as limiting the ability of a family pet owner to decide if and when this procedure would benefit the dog and those in its life. I am voicing my disagreement with SB2504 and think its a lazy bill that will not actually solve the issue. sterilization of dogs and cats will not stop bad owners from being bad owners, it only restricts the good owners and breeders from having the freedom to make this choice themselves.

Speaking as a Hawaii resident who is currently in the process of importing a pure bred dog from Australia, this bill would completely ruin our ability to get the breed of our choice. The breed we are buying is not bred in Hawaii and all the good breeders I know would never sterilize a puppy before 18 months of age. If

this bill passes, we would never be able to get the puppy of our dreams. This is too big of an encroachment on our freedom. It protects no one, especially not the animals as the damage done to personality and development could be devastating. No to SB2504!

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Conference room: 229  
Testifier position: Oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Pat Boyd  
Organization: Individual  
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Submitted on: 2/4/2012

Comments:

1. Mounting and multiple scientific evidence now proves that early sterilization leads to unhealthy dogs.
2. Great way to eliminate all purposely bred dogs as here will be NO future generations born in Hawaii and forcing Hawaiian residents to go to the mainland for their "well-bred" dogs!!!!
3. If this is such a great idea, why exclude shelters and rescues after all they are the ones most likely to be dealing with dogs who have temperment and health issues?

This piece of legislation needs to find the circular file. Without a doubt poorly conceived and, if enacted, very harmful to Hawaiian residents.

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Conference room: 229  
Testifier position: Oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Renee imose  
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Submitted on: 2/4/2012

Comments:

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Conference room: 229  
Testifier position: Oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Linette Barrios  
Organization: Individual  
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Submitted on: 2/4/2012

Comments:

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Conference room: 229  
Testifier position: Oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Shelley Karber  
Organization: Individual  
E-mail: [skarber@tx.rr.com](mailto:skarber@tx.rr.com)  
Submitted on: 2/4/2012

Comments:

This bill would make it extremely difficult for responsible breeders to introduce new bloodlines, which is essential to ensure healthy gene pools. Excluding rescue groups, humane societies, and like groups, will virtually insure that breeding will occur between individual animals that have not been screened for breed specific traits that are detrimental to the future of pure bred dogs. I oppose any legislation that takes away rights from responsible people. There are many other ways to approach the problems this bill seeks to address.

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Conference room: 229  
Testifier position: Oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Rae Vaoifi  
Organization: Individual  
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Submitted on: 2/4/2012

Comments:

I feel this bill is not worth pursuing. We enjoy showing our dogs in confirmation and we would no longer be able to do that if this bill passed. This bill would stop good responsible breeders from improving their line and only leave them with the current unsteerilized dogs they have. Responsible breeders breed to better the breed standard. They also breed medically sound animals that have been medically tested to make sure they are not passing along any known disease's. This bill would punish the responsible dog breeders. The breeders and pet stores that abuse the breeding process should be the ones held accountable. Please find some other way to stop irresponsible breeding besides punishing everyone.

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Conference room: 229  
Testifier position: Oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Garron Norman  
Organization: Individual  
E-mail: [gmarshallnorman@hotmail.com](mailto:gmarshallnorman@hotmail.com)  
Submitted on: 2/4/2012

Comments:

Evidence about the effects of early spay/neuter are stronger than opinion and anecdote. There are a number of studies in dogs supporting the concept that dogs may be more injury prone, more cancer prone, and more incontinence prone if neutered young. To not allow individual dog owners to decide when to sterilize their animals is a travesty. As a dog owner and lover, to not have the freedom to research and decide what is the most healthy for my dog in regards to sterilization is offensive. It is my right to make appropriate health choices for those in my family - animals included. Early sterilization of dogs is an inhumane practice and this cannot be mandated in this state.

the micro chipping is a great way to keep tabs on the animals in Hawaii but to force the early sterilization of animals is ridiculous. Research shows that there are numerous health risks associated with early sterilization. Also, it prevents people from breeding within Hawaii, which obviously affects not only individual breeders and their ability to make a living, but prevents Hawaii residents from supporting local breeders. If people can't breed within the islands, people will be forced to purchase from the mainland or internationally. No to SB2504

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Conference room: 229  
Testifier position: Oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Albert P Richards  
Organization: Individual  
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Submitted on: 2/4/2012

Comments:

I respectfully submit that this bill as written is flawed and lumps all breeders (AKC Registered, Line breeders etc and backyard breeders/pupymills into the same category) Responsible breeders make significant contributions to overall health and welfare of their breed and never sell puppies/kittens to pet stores. AKC does not allow the showing of spayed/neutered animals in confirmation competition. This bill should not move forward.

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Conference room: 229  
Testifier position: Oppose  
Testifier will be present: No

Submitted by: Sheree Revilla  
Organization: Individual  
E-mail: [Nersayner@me.com](mailto:Nersayner@me.com)  
Submitted on: 2/4/2012

Comments:

I do not support the portion of this provision which specifies no sell of unsterilized dogs by all breeders. Parameters should be set and defined as to what a responsible breeder entails and limitations set on the sell of unsterilized dogs by small hobby breeders for the best interest of the breed. I have a puppy mill rescue dachshund and her pups I have adopted as well as my two AKC dachshunds. Four are fixed and one AKC is not. I am a responsible dog owner and advocate with the humane society but I do not approve of limiting the gene pool in this fashion for AKC breeds. It would be detrimental to the health and welfare of all dogs in an isolated place such as hawaii, promoting disease and illnesses that are prevalent in a small gene pool. Thank you.

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Conference room: 229  
Testifier position: Oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: marjorie goodloe  
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Submitted on: 2/4/2012

Comments:

This bill to prohibit the sale or transfer of unsterilized animals, although probably well intentioned is an absolute disaster. The AKC does not support such action. In order to participate in AKC conformation trials, the dog must be whole. Responsible breeders should not be held hostage. Please do not allow this bill to become law.

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Conference room: 229  
Testifier position: Oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Veronica Anaya  
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Submitted on: 2/4/2012

Comments:

I oppose the concept of breeding permits, breeding bans or mandatory spay/neuter of purebred dogs. Instead, I support reasonable and enforceable laws that protect the welfare and health of purebred dogs and do not restrict the rights of breeders and owners who meet their responsibilities.

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Conference room: 229  
Testifier position: Oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Phil Haisley  
Organization: Individual  
E-mail: [phil02@hawaiiantel.net](mailto:phil02@hawaiiantel.net)  
Submitted on: 2/4/2012

Comments:

I am strongly opposed to SB2504. Providing low or no cost voluntary sterilization is a better way to control unwanted pet population. Business licensing is a better way to regulate commercial breeding and eliminate irresponsible puppy mill breeders.

Most households in Hawaii include a dog or cat, as they are highly socialized animals that build enduring relationships with people. Our children learn responsibility and compassion through caring for pets. Dog and cat lovers throughout the state will be outraged to learn that there can be no local source for future generations of dogs or cats from Hawaii, if this ill-conceived bill passes.

Must all future canine and feline pets be imported from outside the state? Is this reasonable in a state that has strict quarantine laws? Will only the wealthy be able to afford to buy an imported pet? Are purebred dogs and cats and bloodlines of family pets to be eliminated while shelter animals with severe health or behavioral problems are allowed to breed?

I trust this bill will fail, or that its supporters will be removed from office if it passes.

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Conference room: 229  
Testifier position: Oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Christopher Bruns  
Organization: Individual  
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Submitted on: 2/4/2012

Comments:

For those of us who love our pets, a law requiring sterilization of any pure bred animal is unnecessary and unwarranted.

Why not pass a law to outlaw cars so we can get drunk drivers off the road?

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Conference room: 229  
Testifier position: Oppose  
Testifier will be present: No

Submitted by: yun gervin

Organization: Individual

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Comments:

Dear Honorable chairs Baker and Fukunaga, Vice-Chairs Taniguchi and Wakai and Members, I am writing to oppose SB2504 as is written, I agree with the Humane society of America that certain wording needs to be ammended. If amended this bill would not impact responsible breeders who would never sell their offspring via a pet store, at puppy swap meets or on the side of the road or any other public place.reputable, responsible breeders only sell directly from their homes and invite potential buyers to the area where the animal is bred and raised so the buyer may meet the animal, the animal's parents and siblings, and see the conditions the animal was raised in. Both the American Kennel Club and Hawaii Kennel Club advise those wanting to purchase an animal to always meet and talk with the breeder in person and at a minimum, meet at least one of the animal's parents. Again, this is not possible when someone is purchasing an animal from a pet store or from the side of the road. In additon, responsible breeders are already providing critical history and medical information as required in this bill to protect both the animal and the purchaser from any unexpected illness or medical condition.

Thank you for your consideration

Respectfully submitted

Yun Gervin

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Conference room: 229

Testifier position: Oppose

Testifier will be present: No

Submitted by: Donald Dowd Jr

Organization: Individual

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Submitted on: 2/4/2012

Comments:

A qualified responsbile breeder will see that their puppies are put into a safe and responsible home. Most will take the puppy back if the family has issues with the dog. If you require sterilization of these puppies the pure breed in Hawaii will disappear. Which is beginning to happen at the present time. To bring a dog in from outside the islands is a nightmare with quanentine and exspensive. I personally will not go to the Humane Society for a dog because most have health and behavior issues. Some are some animals are so mistreated they will never recover.

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Conference room: 229

Testifier position: Oppose

Testifier will be present: No



Submitted by: Jamie Delgado  
Organization: Individual  
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Submitted on: 2/4/2012

Comments:

Hi my name is Jamie Delgado, I show, train, I am opposed to this purposal. I am 22 years old and I have been activly in the dog world training, showing and some grooming since the age of 8. I work mainly with dog such as dobermen pinchers, pit bulls, Rotties, and German Shepard. I do believe strongly in responsible ownership, but a mandatory spay/Nuter is not the answer. If u were to pass this bill it would make it impossible for people like me to continue my passion in life. I do not have the means to bring in dogs from the mainland, I rely and work with many breeders of akc dogs and also pitbulls. Passing this bill will limit the quality Hawaii breeders can produce and better the line and the breed it's self. Breeders don't breed to make money or just to have and or give away they do it to improve the breed. They have contracts and take the steps so the puppy they produced will be loved and treated as if they kept it. For many these dogs are there children, and for me very dear friends. Even if you look at the &quot;bully&quot; community, which I have only been aroun for a year, but with in that year you can see the progress these &quot;bully&quot; or pitbull owners are making with there breeding, training and educating there puppy buyers to be responsible. Don't let a few stupid people ruin it for all these good people and my life long love of dogs and the sport of showing, I hope to be like my uncle Larry Ing and be like 80 something running around the ring. But I wont be able to if u pass this bill. Please keep Hawaii the dog loving state it is they are apart of the family. Maybe instead of this bill the state could promote more educational things for the public, I think that is most peoples problem anyway, ignorance of uneducation.

Sincerely,  
Jamie delgado

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Conference room: 229  
Testifier position: Oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Lance Nakamitsu  
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Submitted on: 2/4/2012

Comments:

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Conference room: 229  
Testifier position: Oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Victoria N. Kneubuhl  
Organization: Individual

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Submitted on: 2/4/2012

Comments:

Dogs and cats bring immeasurable comfort, love and companionship to our lives. They teach us to be compassionate and caring human beings, sensitive to other species. They keep us in contact with the natural world. Over 60% of O'ahu households own a dog or a cat. "

If this bill passes it will eventually place an excessive financial burden on any family or resident of Hawai'i who wishes to have a dog or a cat included in their lives. If all dogs and cats that are sold or given away are sterilized, in a short time the only option for Hawai'i residents will be to purchase a dog or cat from out of state. This will make pet ownership possible for a wealthy few only. Furthermore, this bill punishes and ends the activities of responsible and ethical breeders of pure bred dogs in Hawai'i who have conscientiously and consistently provided quality pets of sound temperament and health to Hawai'i families and individuals. This bill will also virtually bring to an end to Confirmation Dogs Shows in our state where pure bred dogs compete for American Kennel Club titles. Only intact dogs are allowed to compete in these shows. Hundreds of people and their pets currently participate in these dog fancier events.

I also personally feel that this bill is a gross invasion of privacy of individual citizens on the part of the state.

This bill seems to be an ill considered "reaction" to the recent puppy mill problems. It is counterproductive (and a little crazy) to exclude humane societies and animal shelters from the requirement of sterilization as stated in this bill. Everyone knows that many of the animals that end up in these shelters are the last dogs and cats that should be allowed to reproduce and yet they are exempt from the sterilization requirement.

If ending puppy mills and seeking to remedy the unwanted animal problem is the point of this bill, then I suggest that there are other ways to solve this problem. Make sterilization a no cost or low cost option. Have licensing and clear standards and health regulations for animals intended for breeding and make sure that these are properly overseen. Pet owner education should be a part of school curriculum as there are so many families that end up owning pets. Making wise choices of pet purchase, being aware of the requirements of good pet ownership, including pet training and pet care, could make permanent changes in the unwanted animal problem.

This bill will severely punish the public and responsible pet breeders and in the long run will deprive generations of families and individuals of the joy and benefits of pet ownership.

For the record, I own two dogs that are sterilized. I support only responsible breeding of animals, but I am against this bill.

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Conference room: 229  
Testifier position: Oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Kay Humbert  
Organization: Individual  
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Submitted on: 2/4/2012

Comments:

Dear Senators,

We responsible Hobby Breeder/Trainer/Exhibitors of purebred dogs agree with our country's registration organization's, AKC, opposition to this detrimental bill [http://www.akc.org/news/index.cfm?article\\_id=4570](http://www.akc.org/news/index.cfm?article_id=4570) and ask your support in voting NO! on its passage.

There are ethical hobbyists in our sport, and there are the irresponsible backyard puppy producers who do it wrong simply to make money. The latter type of profiteer will not be stopped from doing their damage by passing such a bill but will prevent the responsible breeding of purebred dogs for families to enjoy.

If you support this bill, consider yourself an Animal RIGHTS person, who wants to take all animals out of the hands of the human race. The vast majority of us are Animal WELFARE people, who love our dogs and want them in our lives as members of our families.

Which are you?

Thanks in advance for your attention to this important matter.

Kay

----- Original Message -----

**Subject:** SB 2504  
**Date:** Sat, 04 Feb 2012 22:06:03 -1000  
**From:** Dennis Kawasaki <[manapua@hawaiiintel.net](mailto:manapua@hawaiiintel.net)>  
**To:** [CPNtestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:CPNtestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov)

We learned of SB2504 and respectfully state our opposition to it. As responsible Breeders of Tibetan Terriers we never sell to pet stores, only to families who have passed our strict screening policy. If passed, breeders such as us would be limited to breeding dogs only in our possession, leaving us with few options to create sound purebred dogs with outside gene pools. Perhaps the definition of "pet seller" should be amended to exclude breeders such as us who rarely sell more than 1 or 2 dogs per year but instead include commercial pet stores and other organizations selling a large number of dogs. Thank you for considering our opposition to this Bill. Dennis K. Kawasaki

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Conference room: 229  
Testifier position: Oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Patricia Fryer  
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Submitted on: 2/4/2012

Comments:

Testimony with regard to SB 2504

I strongly oppose legislation that "Prohibits pet sellers from selling an unsterilized dog or unsterilized cat" because this will require responsible breeders, who strive to improve breeds of dogs and cats in the islands, to cease doing so. This measure will therefore deprive the people of Hawaii of the healthiest and strongest lines of dogs and cats from ethical breeders whom they can visit and evaluate on site. It would mean that future dog or cat owners, who wanted to obtain well-bred and verifiably healthy animals, would have to go to Mainland or non-US breeders. They would have far greater difficulty in verifying the reliability of these sources.

In order to address the problems of puppy-mill production of dogs and irresponsible breeding of cats on the islands, it would be far better completely to ban pet stores from selling dogs or cats. All breeders of dogs and cats should be inspected regularly and the sites and animals should be certified as healthy by vets before the pets are sold. Breeders should meet the cost of inspection and health verification and all documentation should be provided to buyers. Breeders who are conscientious about the health of their animals already do this. They also require potential buyers to agree to sterilize any non-show ("pet quality") animals. They require vet certification that the animals have indeed undergone the operation by a certain age. If a potential buyer does not agree to these conditions the breeder will not sell the animal to that individual. They invite potential buyers to the kennels and also visit the home of potential owners to ascertain the level of responsibility of the buyers before they close the sale of any of their animals. Breeders who take such pains for the welfare of their animals should not be penalized because of those who breed animals in cruel and unsanitary conditions. If such care were the required practice for all dog or cat sellers, this would remove the problem of cruel animal breeding and overpopulation of pets on the islands.

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Conference room: 229  
Testifier position: Oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Trudi Gold  
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Submitted on: 2/5/2012

Comments:

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Conference room: 229  
Testifier position: Oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Sheri Smith  
Organization: Individual  
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Submitted on: 2/5/2012

Comments:

This bill is insane. Please do not let it pass!

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Conference room: 229  
Testifier position: Oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Rebecca Zaun  
Organization: Individual  
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Submitted on: 2/5/2012

Comments:

What are you trying to accomplish with this proposed legislation? If this is passed how will Hawaii residents get their dogs? Are you trying to stop people from having dogs and cats? Are you trying to stop the breeding of dogs and cats? Breeders generally sell their puppies around 7-10 weeks. So are you trying to force spay or neuter on dogs that young?

They say that neutering your pet makes it healthier. Common sense says that surgical removal of healthy organs does no such thing. New studies show that pediatric spay/neuter places dogs at an unusually high risk for certain types of cancer and other ills, not to mention the risk of surgery itself.

If passed, the bill will effectively punish law-abiding dog hobbyists who have done no wrong, and it will do nothing to alleviate the problem of dogs abandoned in shelters.

The demand for pets exists. People will get puppies when they want them, but if this law passes the only place to get a puppy will be from an out of state commercial puppy mill or a smuggled import. Legitimate breeders will have been knocked out of the box, but "unintentional breeders" who allow their dogs to roam will be untouched.

Ultimately the choice of WHEN, or WHETHER, to spay or neuter a pet should be made by the owner and the veterinarian, NOT the government.

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Conference room: 229  
Testifier position: Oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Elaine Meister  
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Submitted on: 2/5/2012

Comments:

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Conference room: 229  
Testifier position: Oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Tobi Feves  
Organization: Individual  
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Submitted on: 2/5/2012

Comments:

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Conference room: 229  
Testifier position: Oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Leslie M. Estep  
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Submitted on: 2/5/2012

Comments:

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Conference room: 229  
Testifier position: Oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Debye Leong  
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Submitted on: 2/5/2012

Comments:

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Conference room: 229  
Testifier position: Oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Laura Sawamura  
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Submitted on: 2/5/2012

Comments:

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Conference room: 229  
Testifier position: Oppose  
Testifier will be present: Yes  
Submitted by: Heather Eischens  
Organization: Individual  
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Submitted on: 2/5/2012

Comments:

This Bill does not differentiate enough between reputable breeders, back yars breeders, commercial breeders, pet stores etc.. While I believe ALL people who breed dogs and cats in Hawaii should be licensed I do not think all puppies and kittens should be steralized. Purebred Dogs need a thriving and ever changing gene pool to stay healthy and that wouldn't happen under this Bill. The American Kennel Club is also concerned about this Bill as it would adversley affect the Reputable Purebred Dog Breeders in Hawaii. I personally as a Hobby Breeder of Purebred AKC registered Dogs Microchip my Animals and Make prospective buyers sign a Spay/Neuter Contract, if they are not going to be shown in AKC events, I also rescue my own dogs if the need should arise that the dog needs to be surrendered or rehomed as not to burden the Humane Society System.

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Conference room: 229  
Testifier position: Oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Laura Sawamura  
Organization: Individual  
E-mail: [lmsawa808@gmail.com](mailto:lmsawa808@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 2/5/2012

Comments:

I emphatically oppose this Senate bill 2504 and I am upset and disappointed in my district Senator, Clayton Hee for proposing this bill. I will remember this incident at election time.

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Conference room: 229  
Testifier position: Oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Blanche Sawamura  
Organization: Individual  
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Submitted on: 2/5/2012

Comments:

I oppose Senate bill 2504. I also oppose any interference by HSUS with amendments to the said bill.

I am disappointed in Senator Clayton Hee who is proposing this bill as he does NOT represent me or my interests in the Kaneohe district through this bill.

I will remember this incident and vote accordingly at election time and I will also encourage all of my friends and family in the Kaneohe area to do the same.

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Conference room: 229  
Testifier position: Oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Barbara Krasniewski  
Organization: Individual  
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Submitted on: 2/5/2012

Comments:

I strongly oppose SB2504. This bill will not encourage more people to adopt animals but will only make breed-specific dog ownership more expensive for families who want a specific breed. Dogs will be imported at a much greater expense and the inability to see the kennels and parents of their imported animals.

SB2504 will not prevent animal cruelty and could make our state dependent upon imported purebred dogs. SB2504 will end responsible breeding programs in Hawaii. Please focus on animal cruelty and ending the suffering of animals in "puppy mills" and do not pass SB2504.

Thank you. Barbara Krasniewski, Kailua resident and responsible dog owner

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Conference room: 229  
Testifier position: Oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Rona Adams  
Organization: Individual  
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Submitted on: 2/5/2012

Comments:

This bill as written is insane. A bill is needed to prevent puppy mills and stray dogs and cats but not this one. This affects not only the irresponsible people but the responsible ones also. All breeders should be licensed no matter how small their amounts of litters. All dogs and cats should have chips implanted and be registered. Mixed breeds should be spayed or neutered at a reduced cost. Pet quality pure bred dogs may be neutered or spayed at a reduced cost by choice. Show quality dogs may remain intact and should not be neutered or spayed by mandate.

There are responsible people living here...please keep that in mind



Thank you  
Rona Adams

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Conference room: 229  
Testifier position: Oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Sherrie Sawamura  
Organization: Individual  
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Submitted on: 2/5/2012

Comments:

I oppose Senate bill 2504 and any amendments recommended by the HSUS.

I understand that Senator Clayton Hee is the sponsor and is proposing this bill. As a long-time Kaneohe resident and constituent of Clayton Hee, I am upset and wonder why he has sponsored this bill which does NOT represent the views of myself, my family, nor many of my friends.

It is disappointing that Senator Hee has taken this action without sharing this position with his constituents. I will recommend and influence all my friends and family residing in the Kaneohe-Kahuku area to vote for the next senate election based on this senate bill and Mr. Hee's action's.

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Conference room: 229  
Testifier position: Oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Stan Krasniewski  
Organization: Individual  
E-mail: [stankplus10@gmail.com](mailto:stankplus10@gmail.com)  
Submitted on: 2/5/2012

Comments:

I wish to submit testimony in very strong opposition to SB2504. I am a responsible owner of two wonderful golden retrievers and consider myself fortunate to have been able to acquire these dogs from an extremely responsible breeder on Oahu. This breeder takes every precaution to improve the breed and has very high quality, healthy and friendly dogs. Many of her animals have served a higher purpose and have become service dogs assisting those with disabilities, including returning veterans. I cannot imagine that the Hawaii State legislature would endeavor to end such remarkable dogs being bred in HI and have to rely on imported dogs only. The ramifications of SB2504 are extreme.

The legislature should not mandate early spay/neuter. It should be a choice of the owner and the breeder as to when and if an animal should be spayed or neutered. The legislature should not be dictating whether or not puppies are spayed or neutered. The legislature should be mandating that all dogs (regardless

of whether they are spayed, neutered or intact) be raised in humane conditions and should never be subjected to cruel treatment. Please kill SB2504 and any other bills that will serve to end responsible breeding programs in HI. Thank you.

Stan Krasniewski  
Kailua resident  
Owner of two excellent and healthy golden retrievers

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Conference room: 229  
Testifier position: Oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: George Madden VII  
Organization: Individual  
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Submitted on: 2/5/2012

Comments:

This is just ridiculous. Please use our taxpayers money on something like this!

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Conference room: 229  
Testifier position: Oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Twylla-Dawn Steer  
Organization: Individual  
E-mail: [tdsteer@pixi.com](mailto:tdsteer@pixi.com)  
Submitted on: 2/5/2012

Comments:

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Conference room: 229  
Testifier position: Oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Susan Porjes  
Organization: Individual  
E-mail: [porjes@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:porjes@hawaii.rr.com)  
Submitted on: 2/5/2012

Comments:

While its heart might be in the right place to encourage people to adopt strays, this bill is shortsighted because importation of dogs and cats to Hawaii is limited and strictly regulated. How will people who live in Hawaii obtain future generations of pets?

Respectfully yours,  
Susan Porjes

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Conference room: 229  
Testifier position: Oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Celeste Rogers  
Organization: Individual  
E-mail: [teroger@pixi.com](mailto:teroger@pixi.com)  
Submitted on: 2/5/2012

Comments:

I oppose puppy mills, but this bill goes too far. Pet owners should still be free to breed their purebreds if they so desire. Otherwise, the price of puppies will be beyond the reach of the average citizen.

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Conference room: 229  
Testifier position: Oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Yvonne Segawa  
Organization: Individual  
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Submitted on: 2/5/2012

Comments:

My principal once told me, "You don't want a policy for every little thing. You need to be aware of far-reaching consequences that your policy may have." At that time, a policy seemed like the solution for alleviating a vexing problem.

Perhaps SB2504 may seem an answer to puppy mills plus increasing revenues generated through the cost of spay/neuter programs.

Please consider how this bill will affect responsible cat and dog breeders, cat and dog owners and future generations of dogs and cats. Who will be responsible for enforcing such legislation?

America is built on a foundation of choices. To take away our freedom to choose should not be a legislative mandate.

The general public should not have to suffer the consequences of a few misguided individuals.

Respectfully submitted,  
Yvonne Segawa  
Retired teacher

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Conference room: 229  
Testifier position: Oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Gregg Arakawa  
Organization: Individual  
E-mail: [gregio@hawaiiantel.net](mailto:gregio@hawaiiantel.net)  
Submitted on: 2/5/2012

Comments:

I think its totally unfair to penalize everyone just because of a few bad apples. I would vote against anyone who introduced or supports this bill and will tell everyone I know likewise.

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Conference room: 229

Testifier position: Oppose

Testifier will be present: No

Submitted by: Sybil Hamada

Organization: Individual

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Submitted on: 2/5/2012

Comments:

I oppose SB2504 and support ONLY the reputable AKC dog (or cat) breeders who need new bloodlines to create a healthy expansion of their purebreed gene pools. THEY WOULD BE MY ONLY EXCEPTION.

I myself prefer an AKC purebreed dog because of its known temperament. I have always sterilized my dogs by their first birthday as their veterinary records will show, but NOT when they are only a few months old.

There are many reputable AKC dog breeders who breed for the show ring and perfection of that breed. They should not be the target of this bill. We need to vigorously go after the puppy mill breeders, pet shops, and those individuals in our neighborhoods whom we know are breeding and selling for reasons other than the perfecting of AKC-quality dogs for showing. Everything else is irresponsible.

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Conference room: 229

Testifier position: Oppose

Testifier will be present: No

Submitted by: Jeri Byers

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Submitted on: 2/5/2012

Comments:

While I support the effort to control animal over population, I am totally against a bill that would prohibit the responsible breeding of pure breed dogs or cats. Please don't pass this bill.

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Conference room: 229  
Testifier position: Oppose  
Testifier will be present: Yes  
Submitted by: Joan Harris  
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Submitted on: 2/5/2012

Comments:

#### OPPOSITION TO SB2504

This bill would end the breeding of pedigreed dogs and cats because:

1. Most breeders do this as a hobby which loses money. The additional cost of spending approximately \$500. 00 or more on each kitten or puppy born would make the hobby too expensive for most people. Currently many of the animals are given away to good homes.
2. Breeders would not be able to obtain new genetic material to keep their litters healthy and diversified.

It is very questionable that early spay and neutering is the best thing for the animal. There is evidence that it harms long bone development and the proper development of the penis in the males.

It would be tragic to lose our pure bred dogs and cats. They are selected because of their predictable size, personality, and appearance. Many of them have long and marvelous histories. One example is the Egyptian Mau which was domesticated by the Ancient Egyptians from a spotted subspecies of the African wild cat. These cats were worshipped as deities. They were mummified and mourned upon their death.

Another example is our most popular cat today, the Persian. There is hieroglyphic evidence of these cats from 1684 BC. in Iran.

When we are not able to provide sufficient quarantine inspectors to prevent invasive species from entering the islands, it is highly unlikely that there is sufficient workforce to enforce this bill.

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Conference room: 229  
Testifier position: Oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Amy Fujinaka  
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Submitted on: 2/5/2012

Comments:

Impossible to enforce, and discriminatory against responsible pure breed dog fanciers and breeders. I would not like to see my tax money wasted on attempted enforcement and legal fees incurred defending challenges to this measure. Surely Mr Hee has better things to do than to propose such a poorly considered bill. He will definitely not getting my vote, when next he is up for election and I'm sure this is not representative of the many dog lovers who live in his district.

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Conference room: 229

Testifier position: Oppose

Testifier will be present: No

Submitted by: CHERYL S CHANG

Organization: Individual

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Submitted on: 2/5/2012

Comments:

Aloha

I tried to submit testimony yesterday but it didn't work properly.

I'm sure this bill was an honest attempt to address the problem of puppy mills in Hawaii.

BUT IT WILL RESULT IN THE EXTINCTION OF DOGS IN HAWAII IN 10-15 YEARS !!!!!

Please contact any of the AKC associated Breed, All Breed, Group or Obedience

Clubs and we will gladly help you draft legislation that will be fair to

Responsible Dog Owners/Breeders and provide for the health and safety of dogs in Hawaii.

Mahalo

Cheryl Chang

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Conference room: 229

Testifier position: Oppose

Testifier will be present: No

Submitted by: Debi Kamakana-Tario

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Submitted on: 2/5/2012

Comments:

I have exhibited Shetland Sheepdogs at specialty and all breed dog shows for twenty seven years in Hawaii I am a member of the American Shetland Sheep dog club of America, Shetland Sheep dog Club of Hawaii, Hawaiian Herding Club. SB2504 fall short at looking at the health and psychological damage that would put on sterilization of puppies and kittens if they were to be neutered or spayed at the tender age of 8- 10 weeks of age. Veterinarians advise potential puppy and kitten owners that spaying and neutering should be done at least six month of age. I

know many exhibitors and breeders that love their dogs and take pride in finding the best homes for their dogs and puppies. They are not out to sell for profit and strive to breed dogs that are close to what that breed standard calls for. This bill will harm and damage the sanctioned dog shows here in Hawaii and put and strain and stress on responsible breeders. Breeders that are exhibitors will strive for show prospect in their litters to become future candidates for the show ring and for puppies that are not considered show prospects are sold with a limited registration and a spay and neutered contract. Senator Clayton Hee's proposal would bring an end to Hawaii's dog shows and restrict exhibitors and breeders from having litters that would produce quality offspring and quality pets for those that are non show quality. Please consider not to vote on SB0204 because it is short-sited, and is premature and punishes the responsible exhibitor and breeders and pet owners in Hawaii.

Thank you,

Debi Kamakana-Tario

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Testifier position: Oppose

Testifier will be present: No

Submitted by: Linda Williams

Organization: Individual

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Submitted on: 2/5/2012

Comments:

Think about what you are doing! In only 1 generation, you will effectively eliminate all pets for people to own. Spend your time and money creating laws that help curb backyard breeding and puppy mills. Encourage those who are responsible breeders because these puppies are NOT the ones that end up in rescue. Breeders should get all health clearances and breed to the standard for the best quality they can, being good guardians of the breeds we love. DO YOUR HOMEWORK AND TALK TO REAL BREEDERS AND NOT PETA AND HSUS WHOSE ULTIMATE GOAL IS THE ELIMINATION OF PET OWNERSHIP. They have deep pockets for lots of propaganda but please don't be fooled. It is difficult and expensive enough for responsible breeders to continue doing what they do for the love of the breed. Your target should not be them but the people who call themselves breeders and do it for money. Those who want to sterilize everything are obviously in the PETA camp and you should read their fine print as to their end goal. They think no one should own an animal. What will you do when your beloved pet is eventually gone?

Linda Williams

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Conference room: 229

Testifier position: Oppose

Testifier will be present: No

Submitted by: Gerri Cadiz

Organization: Hawaiian Kennel Club

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Submitted on: 2/5/2012

Comments:

The Hawaiian Kennel Club strongly opposes SB2524. If enacted and successfully enforced (which would be very difficult) it would mean the end of purebred, healthy, well socialized dogs and cats in Hawaii. We would be left with feral animals and irresponsible breeders that already have no regard for the law.

The Hawaiian Kennel Club believes that breeding programs should be undertaken responsibly for the purpose of preserving breed characteristics and producing healthy, well-socialized purebred puppies. Responsible breeders are expected to give careful consideration to health issues, temperament, and genetic screening, as well as to the individual care and placement of puppies in responsible homes. We support and promote these and other responsible breeding practices through breeders' education programs, and commends those who offer similar guidance.

The Hawaiian Kennel Club has been in existence for over 100 years and has always promoted animal welfare and supported community enjoyment of its pets.

Gerri Cadiz  
Hawaiian Kennel Club President

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Conference room: 229  
Testifier position: Oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Shirley N Kawakami  
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Submitted on: 2/5/2012

Comments:

What is Clayton Hee thinking about? Why are you penalizing good/responsible breeders? I don't have a show dog, but my dog's breed line has many champions. If all dogs are to be sterilized before sale, they are not eligible to show in AKC dog conformation shows. You should get after dog breeders like the Waimanalo kennel. My breeder researches every thing about the breed, faults, traits, etc.

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Conference room: 229  
Testifier position: Support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Ginger Towle, President  
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Submitted on: 2/5/2012

Comments:



It is unfortunate that the State of Hawaii does not have any regulations for pet stores as well as animals sold at swap meets and along the road. Unless there are regulations put in place to curb this activity and make sure all animals are spayed and neutered prior to sale we will never be able to bring down the euthanasia rates because there are just too many surplus animals. People complain that the Humane Societies kill too many animals and that is true and will remain so unless other agencies and individuals are required to become responsible in their breeding and sale of pets. That will only happen if the State has requirements that have to be adhered to in order to do business. Please pass this bill. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

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Conference room: 229  
Testifier position: Oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Susan Kaneshiro  
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Submitted on: 2/5/2012

Comments:

Submitted by : Susan Kaneshiro  
Before Senate Commerce and Consumer Protection Committee and Economic Development and Technology Committee  
Date: Tuesday, February 7, 2012 at 0900 For the past sixteen years, I have exhibited Shelties at all-breed and specialty dog shows held in Hawaii. I am the President of the Shetland Sheepdog Club of Hawaii. I have been active in conformation shows and education of the public about our breed. Our Club has held Public education about responsible pet ownership. I urge all members of your committees to vote against SB2504 and to prevent SB2504 from passing out of your committees. SB2504 is objectionable because it calls for sterilization of puppies on a short-sighted across the board and premature basis. SB2504 robs and denies the rights, interests and activities of (a) exhibitor/breeders who are responsible and reliable source of healthy puppies and (b) the persons which participate in dog shows and obedience competitions with dogs purchased or obtained from exhibitor/breeders. I can represent to you that exhibitors/breeders go to great lengths to breed healthy puppies using the best breeding stock available. Officially sanctioned dog shows are designed to select quality breeding stock from "intact" dogs and bitches. Neutering laws such as SB2504 would end AKC shows in the state of Hawaii. SB2504 ignores public freedom and rights. SB2504 would create unfair advantages for commercial sources of puppies that will continue and benefit from SB2504. I simply ask your committees to vote down SB2504.

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Conference room: 229  
Testifier position: Oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: David C. Hurd

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Submitted on: 2/5/2012

Comments:

With all due respect to the individuals submitting this bill, I strongly oppose the general nature of the recommendations of the bill for several reasons. First, although intended to reduce the number of unwanted cats/dogs and the suffering that these creatures endure, the bill is practically unenforceable. The sad reality (from practical experience) is that those involved in enforcing existing laws regarding animal cruelty are too few and their actions too limited to be of practical use.

Second, the bill tars both those of ethically high standards and puppy mills (as well as back yard breeders) with the same brush. I suggest that the great majority of serious dog breeders are both ethical and humane in their treatment of the animals that they work with and care for. These breeders are relatively small in number compared with the backyard breeders and puppy mills but are much more visible to authorities because of the shows that they attend to display and enhance the breeds of dogs that they are devoted to.

I really think that the energy spent in creating this bill would be better applied in educating the general public about the responsibilities involved in owning a pet and the long term relationships and bonding with that animal.

In all honesty, if the state spent as much time checking homes and determining how suitable a dog/cat owner would be as they do for saltwater aquariums and saltwater fish, we'd be a lot further along the program in terms of better animal treatment.

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Conference room: 229  
Testifier position: Oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Marjorie Norstrom  
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Submitted on: 2/5/2012

Comments:

Am a Breeder and exhibitor of Shetland Sheepdogs.

I oppose SB2504- I do not want to see the above pass for this will eliminate not only show dogs but also pets-- my dogs are placed or sold to only good folks who will love them and give them good quality of life - this includes vet . care. My forever dogs stay here until they go to the bridge. Once retired they are all neutered and spay. My cat is also neutered and his breeder told me to take care of it when he is fully matured. Most veterinarians do not spay or neuter dogs or cats until they are matured(8-10 months). Please oppose bill SB2504 Lost my husband about a year and a half ago and my dogs and cat fill the huge void. Thank you.

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Conference room: 229  
Testifier position: Oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Leslie Erickson  
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Submitted on: 2/5/2012

Comments:

This bill is wrong for so many reasons and is not the answer to Hawaii's pet overpopulation problem. This bill will punish the responsible pet owners and breeders along with the irresponsible ones who do not care for the animals but only for the money. Go after them. Please vote no on this bill.

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Conference room: 229  
Testifier position: Oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Lisa A. Shigemura  
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Submitted on: 2/5/2012

Comments:

I oppose SB2504. I understand the reason for the bill, the very real concerns about puppy mills and agree with the part of the legislation that requires microchipping pets. However, i do not agree that all pets sold be sterilized before sale. It is very difficult to find a purebred dog in Hawaii due to our geographic location and there are many responsible local breeders who are very concerned about improving their chosen breed and selling healthy puppies. I had to go through a very thorough check by the breeder before she would even consider selling me a pet. Also, while I have no intention of breeding my dog, my veterinarian has recommended not rushing to have him sterilized for health reasons. This is not a good bill as written, will be almost impossible to enforce.

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Conference room: 229  
Testifier position: Oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Shirley Wong  
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Submitted on: 2/5/2012

Comments:

I strongly oppose this bill (SB2504). This bill is violating a person's freedom to own a pet (dog or cat). Spay or neuter is a choice of the owner. As an owner of four dogs, also competing in conformation and obedience, two of my dogs are spayed and two are intact for conformation purpose. My dogs are well taken care of with proper food and nutrition and vet care (considered health check every six months for seniors and annual checkup for younger dogs), as other responsible dog owners do. All of them have health checks prior to breeding. I think puppy mills should be regulated, not responsible dog owners and breeders. I have sold seven puppies in the past three years to various pet homes (including a vet check prior going to their new homes). They contact me via our local breed clubs. Now, they all happy and proud owners of their pets. With this bill, potential pet owners will not be able to purchase their companion animals since breeders cannot introduce new bloodlines into their breeding programs. Also, this bill is penalizing responsible breeders, not puppy mills. Without responsible breeders, this bill will encourage more puppy mills and backyard breeders to sell poor quality puppies to the general public. As such, I sincerely urge you to vote no to this bill.

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Conference room: 229  
Testifier position: Oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Linda Kuribayashi  
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Submitted on: 2/5/2012

Comments:

I have been involved in dog-related activities ranging from pet therapy in care homes, competition agility/obedience/conformation, and providing pet education to the public. I have never bred a dog. This bill would be the death-knell for dog and cat ownership in the islands. In the future, pets would have to be imported at great cost from Australia or the mainland, bought from the few remaining breeders who have intact animals currently (and whose gene pool will dwindle as they will not be able to bring in new blood), or on the black market which will be created by these conditions. I would hope that for the sake of our children and grandchildren that the short-sightedness of this bill is recognized.

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Conference room: 229  
Testifier position: Oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: United States Working Dog Foundation  
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Submitted on: 2/6/2012

Comments:

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Conference room: 229  
Testifier position: Oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Meridith Morisaki  
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Submitted on: 2/6/2012

Comments:

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Conference room: 229  
Testifier position: Oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Pam Kutaka  
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Submitted on: 2/6/2012

Comments:

Mary Abel  
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02/04/2012

Dear Senator Baker,

I write in opposition to Bill SB 2504, as this type of legislation will cause undue problems in the long run.

The government, if imposing these restrictions, will find that it backfires and causes more cats and dogs to be released rather than to obtain homes. Sadly, there are many irresponsible owners who do not have their animals fixed and I agree it needs to be done, but this legislation is not one that will aid this situation. The people will "dump" the kittens and puppies instead of asking around to find them homes. This will add more to the unwanted population, as the people will feel forced to release them.

A more acceptable situation would be affordable spay and neuter programs. By affordable, I mean between 5 to 15 dollars or free for acceptable applicants. Even the certificates of 50 or 75 dollars are not readily affordable to many.

Also people will look the other way if they see a lone kitten or puppy needing a home, thus not rescuing or accepting him themselves, or searching for a home for him so less of these will find a home.

Another point against this bill also is that it is not safe to spay/neuter puppies and kittens at such a young age. Five or six months is considered appropriate. Many dogs and cats are not considered mature enough as their organs need time to develop and they need the hormones, (Female), to aid in this. There has not been enough research done on the effects of early sterilization upon the health of the very young and probably never will, as humans are naturally more concerned with human life. It has been noted that if males are neutered too early they have future kidney problems. The surgery on females is invasive and a burden on a small body, similar to a woman having a hysterectomy.

If those with animals do wait the longer time frame to have them fixed to avoid the health issues the puppies and kittens are weeks and months older, thus, many not able to find homes as the public desires the very young, "babies to grow up with them". It also is more difficult for the dog or cat to acclimate with a new family and surroundings.

Another point is that there are some breeds of cats and dogs that are rare and to force to have them spayed and neutered would cause these breeds to be scarce. As it seems, there are not many pet stores that offer cats and dogs for sale so the public does rely on other means.

I strongly urge you to oppose Bill SB 2504 as the repercussions will be too dramatic and it will cause more added to the unwanted population.

Sincerely yours,  
*Mary Abel*  
Mary Abel