

SB 2504, SD1



**THE HUMANE SOCIETY
OF THE UNITED STATES**

TO: Honorable Chair Hee, Vice-Chair Shimabukuro and Committee Members

Senate Judiciary and Labor Committee, 2-24-12, 1000am, Room 016

RE: Testimony in SUPPORT of SB2504 SD1; Sale of Dogs, Cats; Pet Retailers

Submitted by: Inga Gibson, Hawaii State Director, The Humane Society of the United States,
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On behalf of our more than 50,000 members and supporters, we thank Chair Hee and the Judiciary Committee for considering this important measure to better protect dogs, cats and consumers.

Currently, Hawaii has no laws that regulate pet retailers or require that they provide even the most basic animal health or historical information to consumers. The HSUS and other animal protection organizations approached the major puppy retail stores on Oahu in 2010 and asked that they voluntarily discontinue the sale of dogs in favor of working with local shelters and rescue groups on promoting adoptions of animals in need. We also asked if they would voluntarily disclose the origin of their puppies, since again, no law requires that this most basic information be disclosed. Unfortunately all of these stores both refused to discontinue selling puppies and also refused to disclose their source of animals to animal control agencies.

As we saw with the Waimanalo puppy mill case, and its connection to *The Pet Spot*, now *Aloha Pet Shop*, consumers are completely unaware as to where the dogs they purchase are from, and the poor conditions they may be bred and raised in. For every animal purchased, consumers may be unknowingly supporting puppy mills and substandard animal care and abuse.

This bill would require that retail pet stores provide critical animal health and origin information to consumers, require that dogs/cats sold be microchipped, licensed and examined by a veterinary prior to sale. Unfortunately, the earlier provision requiring that the dog or cat be sterilized prior to sale at the age and discretion of a licensed veterinarian, with the intent of reducing pet overpopulation and euthanasia rates at local shelters, was removed to only require that retail pet stores provide purchasers information on the benefits of spaying and neutering.

Another key provision of this bill is the prohibition on “roadside” or sales of dogs or cats in public places (as defined in HRS 711-1100).. Reputable breeders would never sell their offspring via a pet store, on the side of the road, in a parking lot or at a “puppy swap meet.” Instead, responsible breeders invite potential purchasers to their home to see the conditions the animal was raised in, and allow the purchaser to meet the animal’s parents and siblings.

While many communities across the country are actively seeking to prohibit the sale of dogs and cats at pet stores altogether, and pet stores such as PetSmart and PetCo have *never* sold dogs or cats, we believe this is a modest first step to protect consumers and pets, where profits are all too often put over welfare.

We respectfully urge your support of SB2504 SD1.

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Comments:

I, Frances Pueo, President of Hui Pono Holoholona, support SB-2504, SD1.

Here in Hilo, Puna and other area's I am witness to cars parked along the highway near shopping centers, or public parks, selling animals. Including from pet shops. They are doing so without any type of regulatory agency to investigate the conditions these animals are being bred at, how many times the animals are being bred per year, and not paying any taxes which makes it 100 percent profit. You should also be aware of, that they are able to claim anything as to where they purchased these animals from, or if the animals are receiving vital pre-and post care from a licensed Veterinarian. There also has been an increase in animals being "lost" or stolen. Whether for breeding purposes or for dogfighting. It is time, that pet stores disclose where their animals come from, and all medical history. All Dogs and Cats for sale (which is for profit) should be micro-chipped. Please remember, that animals need our protection through laws like SB-2504-SB1, from those that just consider them as merchandize and for pure profit.

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Comments:

Aloha, Having looked over the previous testimonies given in opposition. I find most are concerned with their animals and their pocket books. While the others in favor, have donated of their lives, money, homes, energy, etc. to improving the lives of animals-whether theirs or not. The tax payer and nonprofits have been picking up after the irresponsible for too long. Please let us put a stop to this inhumanity. Mahalo



Dear Honorable Chair Hee, Vice-Chair Shimabukuro 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. 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 educating on responsible pet ownership among Hawaii military pet owners.

I have spoken to numerous people with pet store animals who have no idea where their animals came from. Some have contacted stores with related health questions only to be ignored when asking about the breeder. **It is worth noting that 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.**

Our pet stores could decide to protect animals and give the Hawaiian Humane Society the lists of their breeders (and associated medical history) in case deplorable breeding conditions are suspected. 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, something that can never happen with a pet store animal sale.**

I find it unfortunate that some breeders oppose all suggested regulation with no suggested solutions to protect animals raised in substandard conditions. Breeders, animal welfare agencies and pet sellers should work together. If this industry/hobby was effectively self regulating as many claim it is, the Hawaiian Humane Society and other animal contractors would not receive the volume of complaints they do (such as indicated in last year's pet survey on Oahu) or rarely visit homes or pet stores with deplorable conditions. I also question parties opposing from out of state or anyone who haven't taken the time to talk to those tasked with enforcing standards of care. Do they truly understand why those saving defenseless animals are supporting these measures?

I question why breeders opposed this bill when amendments were made making them exempt. Why aren't breeders suggesting amendments to bills instead of outright opposition and talking with the local and national humane society? I hope we can dialogue together and find ways to best protect animals as a team.

I 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. Pet sellers could be our biggest friends in advocating adoption first (such as Petco, although I hope this philosophy someday extends to their smaller mammals) and when needed educating on proper breeding conditions.

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

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Comments:
Honored Senitors in committee CPN and JDL,

Response to SB2490

Jeffrey and Cindy Bryant The Lihue Pet Shop

SB2490 is another blatant attempt to control / regulate industry based on a single parties best interest disregarding the majorities point-of-view. SB2490 attempts to provide a "nanny-state" government blanket while disguised as a consumer protection / animal rights bill. The noble approach to this bill is nearly almost none existent while putting the liability of any pet sale completely on the seller. It is not realistic to pin the ownership of burden, regardless the buyer's decision making process, on the seller / dealer.

SB2490 suggests that all "pet dealers," which is so broadly defined it would be everyone and anyone, are criminals and dishonest. It further suggests that all "pet buyers" are brainless and need the protection and regulation of the state in order to make a proper pet purchase. In addition, the bill demands that "pet dealers" put a warranty on life. The whole concept of a warranty on life is preposterous! The state doesn't hold any other retailer / individual to the same standard. We don't hold car dealers or individuals liable for "as-is" car sales. We don't hold Walmart liable for a Ziplock bag that leaks. Yet the state can find the time to year an industry killing bill which would create a monopoly market on the behalf of the Hawaii Human Society.

The bill defines a "Pet Dealer" as anyone who is not the Human Society or State Animal Control. The bill basically attacks the United States' free capital approach by alienating every entity except for the Human Society. Doesn't that sound unconstitutional?

A "contract of fitness" is a common practice for nearly every reputable breeder. No law in the State of Hawaii requires a retailer or individual to hold responsibility for any object or thing , live or inanimate, while not under the direct control of that dealer or individual. The bill demands that a buyer poses the opportunity to remove an animal from its home for seven calendar days without direct oversight of the seller and the seller would still be responsible for all actions of the buyer.

Is the Human Society going to take responsibility for every animal that they put up for adoption? What about an animal that is imperfect with regard to good health? Is the Human Society going to put every animal to sleep that doesn't meet the State of Hawaii's health standards?

SB2490 suggests that every individual who has a litter should bring the entire litter of animals to the Human Society for adoption in fear of prosecution. The State of Hawaii and the Human Society falls

short on the enforcement of the current animal rights laws in place. This bill will also be unenforceable and will increase the number of animals brought to the Humane Society tenfold. The bill will remove the right for a consumer to purchase the animal of their choice.

Reputable breeders across the State of Hawaii support the defense of animal rights hands down. Unfortunately we cannot stand behind this bill as it will be the death sentence for "unhealthy pets," local business, dog enthusiasts and consumer rights.

There is already a federal law governing Pet Shops. We should see that this already existing law is unhealed before making more laws that cannot be enforced. Consumers should have the right to choose if they want to subject their loved pets to a medical procedure or not they have the right to decide if they want to breed their beloved pets. Will you be responsible for any medical disasters and even death that may happen if put to law that all pets should be neutered before bought. Will you be willing to take responsibility for the high cost burdening your people if they choose to buy a specific breed rather than be forced to go to the Humane Society for their second hand pet. How come they are exempted from any responsibilities for any medical problems that may or may not come out of the pet they passed out. They should have an equal amount of responsibilities with their distribution. Ridiculous ???? How should they know that any hereditary problems could arise? That is my point exactly. This is a living thing and we are not God. I as a honest Pet Shop Owner have contracts with my breeders and have vet checks and vaccinated and wormed to help assure the health of the animal. Don't penalize me for the few bad owners. There is good and bad in our world. Most consumers are smart and recognize the dishonest ones. We have to give them some amount of credit for their intelligence. There will be bad breeders willing to pray on the innocent but they need to be dealt with as an individual not lumped with all of us. I pray that you make a wise decision that may impact dog breeding and availability forever. Thank you for your time Cindy Bryant The Lihue Pet Shop Lihue Kauai



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February 20, 2011



TO: Judiciary & Labor Committee



RE: Support of SB2504



Dear Honorable Chair Hee, Vice-Chair Shimabukuro, and Senate Judiciary & Labor Committee members:



I am writing in support of SB2504 which would disclose critical health and origin information to consumers and to prevent roadside and "trunk sales" of pets.



We often see the results of poorly bred or sick pets that have been purchased through less than reputable retailers. Although currently no pet stores on Maui sell cats or dogs we hope that this would be a preemptive measure in our case.



I would prefer to see that these pets are spayed or neutered prior to sale but am happy to see that at least spay/neuter information will be included with any sales.



Thank you for your consideration of this bill.



Mahalo,



Jocelyn Bouchard, CAWA
CEO, Maui Humane Society



The Maui Humane Society is committed to building lifelong bonds between people and animals through education, community outreach and the prevention of cruelty.





Testimony of Pet Industry Joint Advisory Council
Before the Senate Judiciary and Labor Committee
Senate Bill 2504

February 24, 2012

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The Pet Industry Joint Advisory Council (PIJAC) greatly appreciates the opportunity to address this committee on Senate Bill 2504. As the world's largest pet trade association, representing the interests of all segments of the pet industry throughout the United States, PIJAC counts among its thousands of members associations, organizations, corporations and individuals across the United States involved in the commercial pet trade. More specifically, PIJAC represents manufacturers, distributors, breeders and retailers throughout the state of Hawaii.

Nobody cares more about healthy and safe pets than does PIJAC. PIJAC has for many years provided a well-respected animal care certification program that is widely utilized by not only persons in the commercial pet trade but shelters and humane societies as well. Our association has long been recognized as the voice for a responsible pet trade, and we routinely advocate legislative and regulatory proposals establishing governmental mandates where appropriate to advance the public interest and welfare of pets. PIJAC works closely with USDA to ensure effective enforcement of the federal Animal Welfare Act, and has since its inception. We regularly work with other federal and state agencies to advance animal welfare interests.

PIJAC has been concerned about, and involved in, the so-called pet over-population issue for many years, although that term is somewhat of a misnomer. There is no shortage of the demand for puppies and kittens. Indeed, some shelters import puppies from out-of-state and even outside the United States in order to meet demands for adoptions. There is, however, a population of unwanted animals that represents a real cause for concern. Unfortunately, the bill before you today will not address that concern. The population of unwanted dogs and cats is a complex issue that will not be solved with a simplistic solution.

Senate Bill 2504 directly impacts the retail sellers of pet dogs and cats, and the pet owning public. We respectfully submit that it benefits neither those pet owners nor the public at large. Rather, imposes spay/neuter and microchipping responsibility and costs on retail pet stores, which is an undue burden that should not be placed solely on these sellers and will drive up cost of pet animals.

There are good reasons why no other state has enacted a broad scale mandatory sterilization law such as the one here being considered. The pet trade widely endorses spay-neuter, where appropriate. But that does not mean we endorse a mandate. There are various reasons why pet owners choose whether and when to sterilize their pets. Some may desire to breed the animals, but others may only wish to keep that option open. Whether and when to conduct such a procedure should be made by the pet owner after consultation with his or her veterinarian on a case-by-case basis, not imposed by the state.

PIJAC is highly sympathetic to the concerns motivating this legislation. But the mandate being imposed on retail pet stores is overkill. We respectfully urge the committee to hold this legislation for further study in order to develop a bill that will more reasonably target specific concerns without imposing excessive restrictions on pet sellers and owners.

Thank you greatly for your consideration of our concerns!

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bambi Nicole Osborne".

Pet Industry Joint Advisory Council
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Submitted on: 2/20/2012

Comments:

This law with it's requirements is past due! We need to make people responsible for proper records including I.D. of all animals they handle. We also need to stop the sale of puppies along the highways which is a problem that is continuing to grow. Because we have no laws people are free to do as they please and the animals are the ones to suffer. Please pass this bill. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

February 22, 2012

KILL BILL SB2504!!

First of all, we would like to acknowledge that we are AGAINST puppy mills and commend all efforts to eradicate this problem. We have also tried to contact Senator Clayton Hee on a number of occasions, including leaving our card at his office in hopes to talk with him. We thought maybe hearing from a small business mom and pop store that has been in business for 38 years on the Windward side would have a chance to speak with him. It's because of our votes that he is in office he should make the time to speak with members of the community.

After great thought we feel that this bill should be killed. We greatly appreciate that the mandatory spay/neuter of puppies and kittens prior to sale was removed from the bill. As for the microchip/licensing part of the bill, we don't agree with this. When we got together with Inga Gibson to come to some type of "compromise" it was almost as if we were pressured to decide whether to compromise on the spay/neuter issue or the microchip/licensing. We decided on the microchip/licensing only because Inga kept stressing that we needed to come to some decision. So, after reading the new bill, with amendments, we decided that we just want this bill to go away.

In Section 1 **Definitions:** you use "public place" very freely. We are a place of business. We pay rent, taxes, etc. You need to be more specific for example, in front of a business. That could equally mean sidewalk, but should be clarified. Also, why is it that the Humane Society and other organizations exempt? They should be as much a part of this.

In Section 2 **Sale of Dogs and Cats:** in C1, the breeder's name and address and license information should not be so available to the purchaser. If there is a need to get a hold of the breeder, we have that information.

In Section 2 5C, it's a bit confusing. It says "A receipt or other documentation signed by a veterinarian licensed under chapter 471, indication if the dog or cat was spayed or neutered. Is that information just stating whether the animal had been spayed/neutered or not? Also, is a health record with doctor's notes not good enough?

In Section 2 6c, once again is the privacy issue. We feel that unless there is some type of litigation or complaint made, that we should not be subject to giving out private information freely.

Why is it that the Pet Retailers are getting hit? There are still going to be people selling on the side of the road, on the internet, etc. How do you manage to monitor them? No one out there is going to microchip or even license their puppies before sale. I looked at the paper from February 17th and there were 13 ads selling puppies. There was a couple that didn't note how many in the litter, but the ones that did equal up to 35. There's kijiji.com having 377 ads of pets for sale. There's a pet store I called that have 12 different breeds of puppies and that's not even knowing how many are in the litter. Don't you think you should look into pet stores like that, instead of putting all of us in one pile?

It seems more like the HSUS and the HHS need someone to blame or keep track of, so why not us? We are an easy target because we are out there in the public eye. We are out there in the open don't you think we would be more careful about the puppies we receive and sell?

We understand that a lot of this has to do with the puppy mill issue. But, once again, because of a couple of bad seeds, we get lumped right in with them. Pick on the little guy! We do realize that a microchip does have benefits as to reuniting families with their lost pet, etc. But, some people don't even register their pet after being microchipped, so what happens after that? Well, \$15 goes down the drain. This just gives HSUS and HHS more and more control over the pet industry.

This is not going to "solve" the problem. The only thing it will benefit is the HSUS and HHS in monitoring the pet stores, period.

Mahalo for your time,

Mel & Napua Furtado & Koolau Pets

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Comments:

I strongly support this bill to help eliminate puppy mills. The humane society must destroy thousands of these animals every year because of the overbreeding and lack of care for these animals. Please pass this bill. Aloha.

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Comments:

I oppose SB2504 with or without amendments recommended by the HSUS. Instead of spending tax payer monies on creating more laws, why aren't current animal protection laws enforced instead?

How is the infrastructure of the State prepared to enforce any new legislation with regard to dogs / cats when current laws cannot be and largely are not enforced?

I am all in favor in animal welfare, however, I do not support animal rights extremist groups or organizations such as the HSUS.

It is apparent that the agenda of the HSUS is to prevent dog and cat breedings in the State.

Voting this bill in will create a backlash of pet owner outcry. An effort to procure "feel good" votes in an election year may provide the opposite effect than what is anticipated. I suggest that this bill be voted down in committee.

I own dogs and I vote.

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Comments:

February 22, 2012

Dear Judiciary Committee,

I strongly oppose bill SB2504 SD1. I believe this bill is discriminatory due to the fact that this bill is only targeting pet stores.

I believe SB2504 SD1 was intended to stop animal abuse in “puppy mills.” Grouping in all pet stores with “puppy mills” is wrong.

I have many concerns with this bill. The fact that all puppies must have a microchip implanted BEFORE sale is a big concern of mine. It's dangerous for a small puppy to have a microchip implanted at a young age. Some vets put puppies under anesthesia to microchip them. For a small puppy to be under anesthesia can be dangerous but not being under anesthesia during the implant can be very painful.

I'm also concerned with some of the wording in this bill regarding the sale of puppies in a public place. This bill defines public place as *places of amusement or business*. Would this not include pet stores?

I believe it's wrong that pet stores must have available the information of the people they buy puppies from for inspection. I feel this to be an invasion of privacy.

Respectfully,
Brandy Baker

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Comments:

This bill is VERY poorly written with no regard for the hardship caused to local business. It will drive an underground puppy market which will be impossible for the state to regulate or control. Backyard breeders are in many instances far and away the worst "puppy mills". I speak from 45 experience years in the pet industry both retail and wholesale.

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February 22, 2012

Judiciary Comity Members,

I strongly oppose this bill. There are several problems with this bill (including: breeders info being given out to Humane Societies, the definition "public places" being too broad, etc), but the problem that concerns me most is mandatory micro chipping before selling a dog.

Small dogs/puppies should not be micro chipped without anesthesia because it is very painful (so painful that they will scream for several minutes). It is also very dangerous for them to go under anesthesia because their blood pressure is difficult to regulate. Neither one of these options is safe or humane.

There are also several secondary risks. One of them, of course, is the risk of infection. The needle used to micro chip is large and the procedure, although common, is extremely invasive.

There is also the risk of hypoglycemia. Small dogs, especially puppies, are prone to hypoglycemia. After the procedure, if they are stressed or too tired, they may not want to eat. Missing even one meal can be very dangerous to a small puppy.

There are also certain sicknesses that thrive under stress. Coccidia and Giardia (even Parvo) are very common examples of sicknesses that will frequently show up if a puppy is stressed. Both can be fatal if they aren't caught right away, or if the puppy is vulnerable for one reason or another. Severe pain and/or anesthesia would definitely cause stress and vulnerability in a young or small dog.

If this bill was truly written to protect pets, it is my opinion that the supporters are misinformed and ignorant to the real cause and effect scenario that will unfold if it passes. In all likelihood, this bill wasn't written with the pets in mind at all, but to prohibit dog sales in pet stores.

Respectfully,
Casey Baker

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
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Cc: kamaainachris@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for SB2504 on 2/24/2012 10:00:00 AM
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Testimony for JDL 2/24/2012 10:00:00 AM SB2504

Conference room: 016
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Chris Rothwell
Organization: Individual
E-mail: kamaainachris@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 2/22/2012

Comments:

Hi there, my name is Clayton Cotton. I raise and breed AKC registered silky terriers. I have been breeding dogs since 1995. I am a responsible breeder. I do not breed my bitches more than once a year. My intact male dogs are housed separately from my intact females. With the setup I have, there is no chance for any type of mistakes. My dogs are in a very controlled environment. I feel more emphasis should be put on educating the public about responsible dog breeding instead of attacking them. All of my dogs have veterinary care, and are kept in sanitary conditions. I do not understand why this bill has changed its main focus which is regulating puppy mills. Just because one pet shop has been linked with the Waimanalo Puppy Mill doesn't mean that other pet shops are. In fact, as best to my knowledge, most of the pet shops on Oahu are not participating in any kind of puppy mill establishments. I also feel that because of one puppy mill situation, the rest of us responsible dog breeders have to pay the price by being categorized with the bad seeds. That's not fair. I also feel that telling a breeder or pet shop that they must microchip and/or spay or neuter their dog or cat is unconstitutional. That should be left solely left up to the breeder's discretion. In fact, majority of veterinarians will not spay or neuter a dog or cat until it have reached six months of age. I also feel that how is the state suppose to regulate this bill when they can't even enforce the ten dog per household law. This is just my opinion. I also feel that it is an invasion of privacy to make it law where the pet shop has to release to their customers the breeder's name and other personal information. In fact, if the puppies are AKC registered, on the puppy litter registration will already have the name of the breeder and their address. I still oppose this bill for the various reasons that I have mentioned above.

Sincerely,
Clayton Cotton

From: corinne@honomujams.com
To: [JDLTestimony](#)
Subject: State Bill 2504
Date: Thursday, February 23, 2012 10:19:08 AM

To Whom it May Concern: I am in support of State Bill 2504. Thank You, Mrs. Corinne Stefanko, Honoumua, HI. 96728

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To: [JDLTestimony](#)
Cc: ddkaneohe@aol.com
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Date: Tuesday, February 21, 2012 10:43:40 AM

Testimony for JDL 2/24/2012 10:00:00 AM SB2504

Conference room: 016
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Dan McDougal
Organization: Individual
E-mail: ddkaneohe@aol.com
Submitted on: 2/21/2012

Comments:

My name is Dan McDougal and I live in Honolulu for 30 years until 6 months ago when I moved to Florida. I am one of the former owners of Pet's Discount and Pet's Central. I was in the pet and dog business on a very public way for many years. I no longer live there but probably have more experience with this subject than anyone currently living in Hawaii.

There are good and bad pet shops just like there are good and bad car drivers. You make the rules to take care of the bulk of the drivers. The same should be done with the sellers of puppies. One thing I noticed is that this bill doesn't include show breeders and all it's members of the dog breeding hobby. This is the LARGEST group of purebred dog breeders. There are no qualifications for being a show breeder so the public needs protection from them more than ever. They are not on display for inspection like the pet shops are.

Historically about 10% of all puppies that are sold in the U.S. come from pet shops. The vast majority come from backyards and show breeders. This varies but not enough to defeat my point. You are making these demands on the smallest source of dogs because they sell in the most public domain.

HSUS who is sponsoring many of these actions is a poor representative of the humane groups. There is an entire website HUMANWATCH.ORG devoted to the money making and salaries (tax records) of this group. Less than one percent of their money goes to helping shelter dogs. Of all the humane groups out there it is hard to believe this is who the state has decided to listen to, the corrupt one. There are hundreds of others.

My final point is what I pray you take away with you. All of the areas where selling dogs in pet shops has been made extremely hard or illegal now has a huge black market for puppies and it has been driven underground. In So. Cal they are now bringing bags of puppies tied under cars in from Mexico to sell at the side of the road and on the internet. If you care for animals you will make it good for pet shops to sell so that the one place you will be able to watch and control does not go away. Better in sight than out of sight, this is already being played out in many places thanks to laws that make it so hard to sell in a pet shop.

I love and miss Hawaii and hope that common sense and not politically correct wins out.

Aloha
Dan McDougal

Dear Judiciary Committee Members:

I ask that you vote against SB2504 SD1. I oppose this bill for the following reasons:

1. In Section -1, it is stated, "...Public place" means a place to which the public....., **places of amusement or business, ...**" This is either poorly written, or it is written to disallow the sale of pets in a pet store, if passed. Disallowing the selling of pets in a pet store is discriminatory. I believe that it is unfair to let everyone EXCEPT a pet store sell pets, simply because it is only enforceable in the pet store setting.

2. In Section -2, (a) and (b), this bill calls for microchip implant and dog registration to be completed at a pet store prior to, or upon sale of a dog. It is the responsibility of the dog owner to microchip and submit appropriate forms and payment for their dog's license. Upon speaking with a local licensed veterinarian this past week, I was told that microchip implantation can be very painful, especially to small puppies. The needle is very large gauge and small dogs are often under anesthesia to have this procedure done. I was told that it is also dangerous for these small breed dogs because their blood pressure is hard to regulate when under anesthesia. Microchip implantation can (and if this bill passes...I'm pretty sure will) be done without anesthesia to these small breed pups, but according to the vet I spoke with...they will scream from the pain. This is not acceptable. They should have a microchip implanted when they are older and their owner and vet have decided it is safe for them. From what I understand, microchips are commonly implanted in tissue (where they can travel within the body), as opposed to where they are supposed to be implanted (in muscle) which is much too painful.

Registration should also be the responsibility of the pet owner. Pet stores should not be burdened with more paperwork. Dog registration paperwork is the responsibility of the pet owner and the appropriate county dog licensing office.

3. In section -2 (6) (c), "...A retail pet store shall make all completed and signed documents available for inspection and copying upon the request from a county humane officer,during normal business hours." Humane officers, animal control officers and law enforcement officers should not disrupt pet store business, simply to "check up." It is a waste of time for both the pet store and the county or city agencies. These agencies should only be able to request this information if there is due cause...and if there is due cause, they wouldn't need to request it! The pet store customer would already have the information and could supply it to them!

4. The recommendation letter submitted by the "Committees on Commerce and Consumer Protection and Economic Development and Technology", lists those in support and those opposed. There are **ONLY 6 clubs/businesses** and 20 individuals that spoke out in support...and **23 clubs/businesses and 190 individuals who spoke out in opposition!** It seems to me, that as a democratic nation, the people have spoken loud and clear...and SB 2504 should never have gone beyond the last senate hearing!

In conclusion, again, I insist that this bill is rejected in its entirety. I believe that it was written, although poorly, to address the problems created by the "puppy mill" and "pet store" owners that have been in

the media for the last year or so. I am in agreement that pet stores, breeders and animal owners that do not take proper care of their pets and/or abuse them, should be punished. But, it is wrong and anti-American to punish every pet store, breeder or pet owner for the sins of someone else in the industry. Those of us in the industry are tired of being grouped and discriminated against because of someone else. So...please...go after those with offenses and leave the rest of us alone!

I strongly oppose SB2504 SD1.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Baker
Owner Member
The Pet Hale

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Testimony for JDL 2/24/2012 10:00:00 AM SB2504

Conference room: 016
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Donald Mehling
Organization: Individual
E-mail: donmehling@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 2/21/2012

Comments:
Please support this bill.

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
To: [JDLTestimony](#)
Cc: lizrizzo@hawaii.rr.com
Subject: Testimony for SB2504 on 2/24/2012 10:00:00 AM
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Testimony for JDL 2/24/2012 10:00:00 AM SB2504

Conference room: 016
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Elizabeth Rizzo
Organization: Individual
E-mail: lizrizzo@hawaii.rr.com
Submitted on: 2/19/2012

Comments:

I called the pet store and that creep is still in business breaking the law of common sense. He must be stopped and made to do the right thing. Please pass this law to stop puppy mills from operating in Hawaii.

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
To: [JDLTestimony](#)
Cc: barkingdogblankets@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for SB2504 on 2/24/2012 10:00:00 AM
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Testimony for JDL 2/24/2012 10:00:00 AM SB2504

Conference room: 016
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Ginger Edmunds
Organization: Individual
E-mail: barkingdogblankets@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 2/21/2012

Comments:
I STRONGLY support this bill!

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
To: [JDLTestimony](#)
Cc: g2@hokua.org
Subject: Testimony for SB2504 on 2/24/2012 10:00:00 AM
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Testimony for JDL 2/24/2012 10:00:00 AM SB2504

Conference room: 016
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: Yes
Submitted by: Ginny Tiu
Organization: Individual
E-mail: g2@hokua.org
Submitted on: 2/20/2012

Comments:

This bill is very minimal, and would only encourage a sense of responsibility from both the seller and the buyer. This bill not only attempts to protect the animal, but the consumer as well. When one buys a phone or a computer, he/she gets more information and warranties than when one buys a pet. This can result in a bad outcome for both the person and the animal. Either the owner will have to pay for medical bills (as I did when I rescued a dog from the owners who did not want her anymore), or the animal will have to suffer untreated. This bill would discourage this kind of activity if the seller has to disclose more information.

Thank you very much for your consideration. Ginny Tiu

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To: [JDLTestimony](#)
Cc: jae@k9kokua.org
Subject: Testimony for SB2504 on 2/24/2012 10:00:00 AM
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Testimony for JDL 2/24/2012 10:00:00 AM SB2504

Conference room: 016
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Jae Bonarek
Organization: K9 Kokua
E-mail: jae@k9kokua.org
Submitted on: 2/20/2012

Comments:

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To: [JDLTestimony](#)
Cc: jim.philson@gmail.com
Subject: Testimony for SB2504 on 2/24/2012 10:00:00 AM
Date: Tuesday, February 21, 2012 8:32:21 PM

Testimony for JDL 2/24/2012 10:00:00 AM SB2504

Conference room: 016
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: James Philson
Organization: Individual
E-mail: jim.philson@gmail.com
Submitted on: 2/21/2012

Comments:

I strongly oppose the legislation as proposed and request that the committee reconsider the content and address the real problem of puppy mills and pet stores that have no interest in the health and care of the animals. Specialized breeders that focus on the confirmation of pedigree dogs and cats are not the problem. Limiting the number of breed stock to 10 or less and regulating the industry through license or certification would help and discourage puppy mills and backyard breeders. Serious breeders provide a vital service, especially in working breeds. Please consider the implications of your actions, while your intent is understood, the impacts will be very detrimental to the dog and cat owners in Hawaii. Pet stores should be allowed to sell dogs and cats but with very specific guidelines and verification of where the animals came from. Sterilization is not a solution to the problem, identifying the culprit in overbreeding, and regulating that is the solution. Small breeders should not be regulated the same as large farms or breeding facilities. Sporting and hobby breeders can even be certified to help ensure knowledge and minimize unwanted animals. Please do not approve the bill in it's current form.

respectfully,
James R. Philson

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Testimony for JDL 2/24/2012 10:00:00 AM SB2504

Conference room: 016
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Jane Shiraki
Organization: Individual
E-mail: inspirevision@aol.com
Submitted on: 2/21/2012

Comments:
Dear Legislature:
Please pass SB2504.

Mahalo,
Jane Shiraki
Honolulu

TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO SB2504

SUBMITTED BY: JANICE IBARAKI

February 21, 2012

I strongly oppose SB2504. I have been involved in showing and occasionally have had litters of Shetland Sheepdogs over the past 37 years. I currently do not breed or show my dogs; however I feel that SB2504 in its original form would severely impair the ability of reputable breeders to produce quality dogs that uphold the standard of the breed as approved by the American Kennel Club. In the past, I have imported dogs from the mainland and only bred to produce quality dogs with the aim to show them at AKC sanctioned shows. I can say that in the years I have been in dogs that I have spent considerable amounts of money on my dogs and have definitely not made a profit.

As a dog fancier, I am passionate about the care and placement of my puppies with families, who are first interviewed and then and only then placed into their homes. My contact with these puppy people goes far beyond the initial placement of a puppy. As my dogs are part of my family, these people then become part of my family and any advice or assistance needed by them continues for the life of the dog placed with them and in some instances, it becomes a forever friendship beyond the life of the dog placed with them. I believe this is common of all reputable breeders.

I have the following concerns about this bill:

1. Please do not add the original spay/neuter clause to the current bill's language or return to the original bill, which included the mandatory spay/neuter clause.
2. Your definition of a "pet seller" should exclude dog fanciers who are breeding their dogs for the advancement of their breed from their personal residences on a not-for-profit basis.

I believe that there are potential flaws in this bill and as such, SB2504 should be killed. Our show-quality prospects are precious to a breeder and this bill could potentially introduce questionable legislation that could put puppies we expended much time, money and effort to rear into jeopardy. Even in its current form, I have concerns that a broader application that would involve dog fanciers would be possible if this were taken to court. I understand the initiative to this bill is the atrocious treatment of dogs found in Waimanalo but this bill will harm a greater majority of people who love their animals and go to their utmost to care for them. Please kill SB2504 and any modification of this bill as there should instead be legislation to criminally prosecute and punish the people who run sub-standard operations rather than controlling/punishing reputable breeders.

Thank you for your consideration, Janice Ibaraki

I am a dog owner and I vote.

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
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Conference room: 016
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Judith Aikawa
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Submitted on: 2/20/2012

Comments:

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
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Testimony for JDL 2/24/2012 10:00:00 AM SB2504

Conference room: 016
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Karen Nakagawa
Organization: Individual
E-mail: karennakagawa@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 2/21/2012

Comments:

I teach a dog training class and see dogs of every background. I really hope that we can pass this bill to prevent some of the abuse that puppy mill dogs have to endure. I first hand have seen and dealt with the health, physical and behavioral issues that puppy mill dogs and owners have to deal with.

Thank You,
Karen Nakagawa

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Testimony for JDL 2/24/2012 10:00:00 AM SB2504

Conference room: 016
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: katherine uyeno
Organization: Individual
E-mail: darceykatherine@gmail.com
Submitted on: 2/21/2012

Comments:

February 22, 2012

To: Clayton Hee, Chair
Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair
Members of the Judiciary and Labor Committee

From: Kristi Sakaguchi

Subject: Support of SB2504, Sale of Dogs and Cats; Retail Pet Stores; Pet Sellers;
Identification Microchip

Aloha! I am in support of SB2504 regarding the sale of dogs and cats. Firstly mentioned is that retail pet stores will be required to implant a microchip in the dog or cat being sold or exchanged if it does not have one already. Those who believe this is “animal cruelty” should understand that the procedure is just having the microchip, which is the size of a grain of rice, injected under the skin using a hypodermic needle. There are small amounts of failure in these microchips and some of them are from human errors. The British Small Animal Veterinary Association maintains a database of these reactions since 1996. Since then over 4 million animals have been microchipped and only 391 adverse conditions have been reported in 2010. The American Veterinary Medical Association believes that the benefits of microchipping animals definitely outweigh the risks. Lost or stolen pets can easily be returned to their rightful owner by simply scanning the chip and reading the identification numbers that, if updated regularly be the owner, prove who the pet belongs to.

In the 3rd section of SB2504, it states that the sale of dogs and cats in public places are prohibited. Commercial breeders would fall into a loophole because even though they aren't required to be licensed, being that the federal government considers breeders as “retailers”. If they're selling dogs and cats directly to the public it's unfavorable and risky. You don't know what kind of environment those dogs were treated in because they aren't licensed to do so. And if they were, why aren't they selling these pets in a store.

Thank you for your time and I hope you consider passing SB2504.

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February 21, 2012

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Libbie Belback. My husband and I own The Pet Corner, a family run business, located in Ward Warehouse. We are in opposition of SB 2504 SD1. Originally, the bill was a mandatory spay & neuter law. But after the first hearing it was negotiated and turned into the current bill.

The bill is requiring that all pet retailers have to mandatorily implant a microchip into all puppies/dogs & kittens/cats that are sold thru their stores. We already provide micro-chipping for our customers at a discounted rate. When a customer purchases a pet from us, our veterinarian offers a discounted rate of twenty dollars to perform the micro-chipping. We want to allow our customers to have a choice in deciding whether or not they want to microchip their new pets. Micro-chipping a small puppy can be an invasive & sometimes painful procedure for such a small animal. Because of this, many of our customers choose to microchip their new pet(s) when they are under anesthesia during their spay/neuter surgery. In this bill, breeders are not required to microchip their puppies before they sale, so this becomes selective enforcement on pet retailers.

Our store already provides a medical record to our customer that has purchased a dog from us; including, vaccine record, deworming record, date of birth, breed of dog, markings & colorings, etc. We also already provide spaying/neutering education for every puppy sold thru our store. Along with our veterinarian educating about sterilization at the well check we provide for free. The information that we provide allows our customers to decide on when and if they want to spay or neuter their pet(s), and make an educated and informed decision. A very high percent of our customers do choose to sterilize their pets due to a large part of the education provided by both ourselves and their veterinarian.

The final issue that we have is the licensing of the dog by the pet retailer at the time of sale. The City & County of Honolulu law requires that all dogs four months and older, have and wear a county-issued license tag. The law states "Animals less than 4 months old need not be registered." The puppies that we sale at our store are 2-3months of age so this law is basically not applicable to the puppies that come thru our store. Furthermore how will you enforce this measure on the pet retailers? Breeders are not required to do this for their puppies that they sale privately, so this becomes again, a matter of selective enforcement on pet retailers.

This bill attacks pet retailers only; it is selective enforcement and doesn't impact breeders at all. This bill is misleading and an overreach of government into small local businesses that are already trying to do things the right way for their customers and the pets they sale. Please kill SB2504 SD1.

Thank you for your time,

Don & Libbie Belback
The Pet Corner

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Testimony for JDL 2/24/2012 10:00:00 AM SB2504

Conference room: 016
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: Yes
Submitted by: lillian leung
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Submitted on: 2/21/2012

Comments:
Moving forward for the welfare of our state.
Please pass laws that protect animals for all concerned.
Our State rely's heavy on a good reputation and civil conduct.

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Testimony for JDL 2/24/2012 10:00:00 AM SB2504

Conference room: 016
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Lynn Muramaru
Organization: Individual
E-mail: bjsreverie@aol.com
Submitted on: 2/20/2012

Comments:

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Cc: feathers03@me.com
Subject: Testimony for SB2504 on 2/24/2012 10:00:00 AM
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Testimony for JDL 2/24/2012 10:00:00 AM SB2504

Conference room: 016
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Margaret Sueoka
Organization: Individual
E-mail: feathers03@me.com
Submitted on: 2/20/2012

Comments:

I really support this law, and feel it doesn't go far enough. You really should have required mandatory spay/neuter.

Testimony in Opposition to SB2504

Submitted by: Michiro Iwanaga

Before: Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor

Date: Friday, February 24, 2012 at 10:00 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.

The vast body of dog fanciers and exhibitors have steadfastly opposed SB2504 from its inception. We are gratified that SB2504 was amended in the Committees for Commerce and Consumer Protection and Economic Development and Technology to eliminate the bill's most objectionable provisions, namely a pre-sale sterilization requirement and an overly broad definition of "pet seller." We are greatly concerned that one or more of these objectionable provisions, or their equivalent, might be put back into the bill.

We oppose the reintroduction into SB2504 or its modification to include any of the following:

- **A requirement of pre-sale sterilization, particularly if it would include pediatric sterilization of puppies**
- **Any requirement that the pet seller pay a per-animal fee into a special fund, or the general fund for that matter.**
- **Re-expansion of the current definition of "pet seller" beyond pet stores and persons who sell to pet stores.**

Most veterinarians advise against pediatric sterilization, which has been known to result in female dog incontinence. "Pet seller" should not include responsible breeders, such as breeders who are motivated by their dog show hobby as opposed to any profit motive and who take great care to find homes for the puppies and kittens that are not retained for show or obedience competition.

Finally, if sterilization were deemed a humane and appropriate requirement, no animal welfare organization should be exempt from this requirement, since such organizations are responsible for placing an extremely large number of animals into the pet owning community.

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Testimony for JDL 2/24/2012 10:00:00 AM SB2504

Conference room: 016
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Miyo Miyasaki-Kim
Organization: Individual
E-mail: mkim@mauihumansociety.org
Submitted on: 2/20/2012

Comments:

Please support this measure to not only protect our animals but also to protect the consumer. i have witnessed so many incidences of people purchasing puppies or kittens that are of poor health or behavior, largely because of poor breeding practices. Too many people think they can make a fast buck at the expense of the animals and unsuspecting public. Everyone suffers! mahalo! Miyo Kim

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Cc: Jeskennels@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for SB2504 on 2/24/2012 10:00:00 AM
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Testimony for JDL 2/24/2012 10:00:00 AM SB2504

Conference room: 016
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Nikki char
Organization: Individual
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Submitted on: 2/22/2012

Comments:

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Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
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Comments:

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Conference room: 016
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Conference room: 016
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
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Testimony for JDL 2/24/2012 10:00:00 AM SB2504

Conference room: 016
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Rene Umberger
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Submitted on: 2/20/2012

Comments:

Date: 2/2/12

To: Senator Hee
Senator Shimabukuro
The Committee on Judiciary and Labor

Ref: Opposition to S.B. 2504 S.D.1

Dear Senator Hee, Senator Shimabukuro, and Committee members,

I am submitting testimony to oppose SB 25504 SD1. This bill, originally relating to the sterilization of pets as a condition of sale, continues to move forward although the original intent of the measure has been defeated. With so much opposition and so little support, many are confused as to why judiciary is hearing the bill.

As an owner of The Pet Hale, and one who has worked in the pet industry for more than 15 years, I oppose this bill, and the proposed amendments, for the below reasons:

The bill is discriminatory against pet retailers, and Hawaii small business. Pet retailers represent a very small segment of the community offering pets for sale. Thousands are placed through online advertising, sold from homes by those who consider themselves reputable breeders every month. To exempt these individuals, while over-regulating sales at traditional brick and mortar establishments, only hinders the intent of any bill to protect animals. To date, no definition has been given by state law as to who a "reputable" breeder is. We only have HSUS's and our own humane society's statements that a reputable breeder is anyone NOT selling to a pet store. Not only is that inaccurate, but it is insulting to those of us operating in an ethical, conscientious manner. All puppies offered through our store, and most other pet stores, are vet checked prior to placement, and receive first vaccinations and deworming. They receive another vet check after sale, as well. We also provide a minimum \$1,000 Health Warranty in writing good for 1 year after purchase. We have records of this to provide to all customers. How can there be any verification that these same procedures are followed by "reputable" breeders selling from their homes? There can't be, so breeders are excluded from this and many other bills relating to pet sales as they continue to publically condemn pet stores. You cannot not impose restrictions or burdens on one segment of our community and not another just because it is unenforceable.

Micro-chipping a pet should be the owner's decision, not a law to be enforced through retail pet stores. Many owners do not want, or feel the need, to have a foreign object inserted into their pet's neck. The size needle used for this procedure is substantial, and it should be the new owner's decision whether to inflict this procedure on their pet. Many veterinarians are reluctant to perform this procedures on puppies less than 4 pounds, and often will recommend it be done while under anesthesia when the puppy is spayed or neutered, which is usually at the age of 6 months. Again, there is no law mandating this procedure to the general public, yet pet stores are expected to enforce this practice prior to selling a pet.

The Humane Officer, or Animal Control Officer, should have just cause to request breeder information from a pet shop. The families that provide puppies for a retail store should not be subjected to visits from the Humane Officer unless there are legitimate concerns or complaints about that store. We feel that if there are concerns about those purchases, than the customers who have these concerns will have the breeder information to provide to animal control anyway. Local law enforcement officers are not allowed to demand entrance to anyone's residence without just cause, yet we should allow animal control to? Many families that have puppies they wish to rehome do not want strangers coming to their house. They are uncomfortable making the attempt to place them, and trust us to help them do so. Most of these families are not breeders, and any visit from an animal control officer would not be to inspect breeding kennels, but rather their bedrooms, kitchens or living rooms where their pets are cared for. We respect the privacy of these families, and we respect the privacy of our customers. We consider this a violation of that privacy.

We understand the need to strengthen laws to protect our islands pets, as well as the consumers who purchase them. We feel this can be accomplished without "targeting" Pet Stores, and without discriminating against the Hawaii small businesses who are contributing to Hawaii's economy in a conscientious, ethical manner.

Respectfully,

Ricky A. Baker
The Pet Hale

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Conference room: 016
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Rosemary Karlsson
Organization: Individual
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Submitted on: 2/20/2012

Comments:

I've been doing dog and cat rescue for 10 years, we need this bill passed into law.

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To: [JDLTestimony](#)
Cc: ryan@thepetdepothawaii.com
Subject: Testimony for SB2504 on 2/24/2012 10:00:00 AM
Date: Wednesday, February 22, 2012 12:05:42 PM

Testimony for JDL 2/24/2012 10:00:00 AM SB2504

Conference room: 016
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Ryan Rothwell
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Submitted on: 2/22/2012

Comments:

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
To: [JDLTestimony](#)
Cc: shaggadelic808@gmail.com
Subject: Testimony for SB2504 on 2/24/2012 10:00:00 AM
Date: Wednesday, February 22, 2012 3:04:10 PM

Testimony for JDL 2/24/2012 10:00:00 AM SB2504

Conference room: 016
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Santiago Dominici
Organization: Individual
E-mail: shaggadelic808@gmail.com
Submitted on: 2/22/2012

Comments:

This bill will not be good for animal lovers and pet stores. it will hurt everyone all around. its like saying all humanes who give birth must micro chip our children. your taking away to much on this bill and forcing to much onto owners/sellers

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To: [JDLTestimony](#)
Cc: Shelbshotmail22@gmail.com
Subject: Testimony for SB2504 on 2/24/2012 10:00:00 AM
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Conference room: 016
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Shelbie Pang
Organization: Individual
E-mail: Shelbshotmail22@gmail.com
Submitted on: 2/22/2012

Comments:

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To: [JDLTestimony](#)
Cc: sns808@gmail.com
Subject: Testimony for SB2504 on 2/24/2012 10:00:00 AM
Date: Tuesday, February 21, 2012 9:51:49 PM

Testimony for JDL 2/24/2012 10:00:00 AM SB2504

Conference room: 016
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Sherrie Sawamura
Organization: Individual
E-mail: sns808@gmail.com
Submitted on: 2/21/2012

Comments:

I oppose SB2504 with or without amendments recommended by the HSUS. Instead of spending tax payer monies on creating more laws, why aren't current animal protection laws enforced instead?

How is the infrastructure of the State prepared to enforce any new legislation with regard to dogs / cats when current laws cannot be and largely are not enforced?

I oppose any mandatory spay or neutering of dogs, period. I also oppose any mandatory fee for selling unsterilized puppies / kittens. This appears to be a slick attempt to line the coffers of the State General Fund.

When did we become a state that legislated freedoms to death? Shame on Clayton Hee for his opportunistic attempt to garner votes and the limelight with this cockamamney attempt to legislate our pets and our rights as pet owners.

I am a dog fancier and I vote.

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Conference room: 016
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Stacey Shimomura
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Submitted on: 2/20/2012

Comments:

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Conference room: 016
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
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Submitted on: 2/20/2012

Comments:

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Subject: Testimony for SB2504 on 2/24/2012 10:00:00 AM
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Conference room: 016
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Sue Scott
Organization: Individual
E-mail: sue@kauaibeach.com
Submitted on: 2/19/2012

Comments:

I support any measure that would strengthen the laws regarding the selling or trading of animals. Knowing the health and origin history of the animal you will bring to your home is minimal information before purchase.

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Cc: suyin@hawaii.edu
Subject: Testimony for SB2504 on 2/24/2012 10:00:00 AM
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Conference room: 016
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Suyin Phillips
Organization: Individual
E-mail: suyin@hawaii.edu
Submitted on: 2/21/2012

Comments:

We need to create accountability in the pet store industry, where there currently is none. Please start with this bill, requiring medical records and animal origin info!

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Cc: tanalee08@yahoo.com
Subject: Testimony for SB2504 on 2/24/2012 10:00:00 AM
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Testimony for JDL 2/24/2012 10:00:00 AM SB2504

Conference room: 016
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Tana-Lee Rebhan-Kang
Organization: Individual
E-mail: tanalee08@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 2/18/2012

Comments:

As a registered feral cat caregiver, I fully support this bill as one step toward the end of puppy mills and kitten mills, hence the ever-increasing over-population of animals. I hope it will also encourage adoption of animals from shelters.

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Conference room: 016
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Kathleen Doi
Organization: Individual
E-mail: hawaiidach@yahoo.com
Submitted on: 2/22/2012

Comments:

Please oppose this bill. It is poorly written and is not reflective of what is needed to provide oversight of puppy breeding in Hawaii.

As an American Kennel Club, registered Breeder of Merit, I oppose this bill. It will have a negative impact on those of us who are conscientious and responsible breeders. Although I am a small majority, we are all dedicated to the development of quality in purebred dachs. This can only be achieved with laws that will allow us to continue our good work.

As a member of the national organization - The Dachshund Club of America, our Code of Conduct and Ethics is far more stringent than laws could enforce.

Serious breeders need to be members of these clubs and will understand that they are not just breeding dogs for profit.

PLEASE OPPOSE this bill. It will be very detrimental to the STATE of HAWAII. The eyes of the nation are upon us as we are conscientiously sharing the different laws impacting dogs, across the nation. Organized efforts have been impemented to introduce bills which will negatively impact the love we have for our domesticated animals.

I VOTE TO OPPOSE!

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Testimony for JDL 2/24/2012 10:00:00 AM SB2504

Conference room: 016
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: RL Thomson
Organization: Individual
E-mail: rthom57@prodigy.net
Submitted on: 2/23/2012

Comments:

This bill is still badly crafted, even after the amendments. Although many in the dog fancy, veterinary practice and pet stores have spoken against it, this bill still lives. Putting its start date off to 2050 is silly. Kill it now. It still punishes all who care about pets, for the infractions of the few. The people who ran the puppy mill should've been jailed, and the law exists to do it. This law is not needed.

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Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Tina Bounds
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Submitted on: 2/21/2012

Comments:

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Conference room: 016
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: Yes
Submitted by: Tish Rothwell
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Submitted on: 2/22/2012

Comments:

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Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
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Submitted on: 2/21/2012

Comments:

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Conference room: 016
Testifier position: Oppose
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: wayne shigematsu
Organization: Individual
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Submitted on: 2/22/2012

Comments: