

**PRESENTATION OF THE
BOARD OF VETERINARY EXAMINERS**

TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON
CONSUMER PROTECTION AND COMMERCE

TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE
Regular Session of 2013

Wednesday, February 6, 2013
2:30 p.m.

TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL NO. 140, RELATING TO VETERINARY MEDICINE.

TO THE HONORABLE ANGUS L.K. MCKELVEY, CHAIR,
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is John Kaya, D.V.M., and I am the Chairperson of the Board of Veterinary Examiners ("Board"). House Bill No. 140, Relating to Veterinary Medicine, is the companion bill to Senate Bill No. 8. Senate Bill No. 8 was heard on Wednesday, January 30, 2013 at 8:30 a.m. by the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, and passed with amendments.

The purpose of this bill is to prohibit the owner of an animal and the owner's employee from performing any surgical procedure on the animal, including but not limited to surgical birth, ear cropping, tail docking, and debarking, without being a licensed veterinarian. Also, any person convicted of violating section 471-2 and who, in the course of that violation, intentionally or knowingly performs any surgical procedure shall be guilty of a class C felony.

Unfortunately, the Board has not yet held a meeting at which the language or substance of this bill has been available; therefore, there is no official position on this measure at this time. The Board will be discussing this bill at its next scheduled meeting on Wednesday, April 17, 2013.

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Although we have no official position on this measure at this time, based on the Board's previous discussions on related issues, we suggest the following amendments:

1. Include "dewclaw removal" on page 2, line 2 following "tail docking".
2. Include "dewclaw removal" on page 3, line 17 following "docking".

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Bill No. 140. I will be happy to answer any questions you may have.



**THE HUMANE SOCIETY
OF THE UNITED STATES**

TO: Honorable Chair McKelvey, Vice-Chair Kawakami and Committee Members

House Consumer Protection Committee, 2-6-13, 230pm, Rm. 325

RE: In STRONG SUPPORT OF HB140; Relating to Veterinary Medicine

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

On behalf of our members and supporters of The Humane Society of the United States in Hawaii, we thank you for the opportunity to speak in strong support of HB140; Relating to Veterinary Medicine.

This important measure would prohibit unlicensed veterinarians and non-veterinarians from performing cruel surgical procedures on pet animals, and set forth appropriate criminal penalties. This bill is necessary as our current animal cruelty law exempts “cropping and docking as customarily practiced” but does not require that these procedures be performed by a professional licensed veterinarian. This law only applies to pets, not farm animals.

Ear cropping, tail docking, declawing, debarking and any other surgical procedure is extremely painful to an animal if proper pre and post-operative care and anesthetic are not administered. Non-veterinarians performing these procedures often forcefully restrain and bind the dogs with duct tape, then use razor blades, box-cutters or simple scissors to cut the dogs’ ears and/or tail.

Ear-cropping by non-veterinarians is also a common procedure performed on dogs prepared for and used in illegal dogfighting to prevent bleeding from torn and ripped ears, which may compromise the dogs’ vision and ability during a fight.

Unfortunately, we have seen many cases where individuals (non-veterinarians) have attempted to perform such procedures on pets, resulting in extreme suffering. In addition, if not performed by a professional veterinarian, these procedures can result in serious infection, blood loss, shock and even death the death of the pet.

We respectfully urge your support of this measure, which is also supported by the Hawaii Veterinary Medical Association, local statewide humane societies and many others.



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To: Representative McKelvey, Chair of the Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce, Representative Kawakami, Vice Chair, and Committee Members

House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce (CPC)
February 6, 2013, 2:30 p.m., Room 325

Submitted by: Jennifer J. Han, Policy Advocate
Hawaiian Humane Society, jhan@hawaiianhumane.org

Date: February 1, 2013

**RE: Support HB 140;
Relating to Veterinary Medicine**

The Hawaiian Humane Society strongly supports the passage of House Bill 140 as it prohibits laypersons from performing certain surgical procedures without being licensed as a veterinarian pursuant to section 471-2 Hawaii Revised Statutes.

Surgical procedures should only be performed by licensed veterinarians as they can result in negative physical consequences and can be extremely painful thereby resulting in distress. Surgical births, or otherwise known as cesarean births, tail docking, ear cropping, and debarking are some examples of these procedures where, if performed improperly by a layperson, could cause serious pain and suffering to the animal. Also, various procedures require critical post-surgery care in order to ensure that the wounded area is not infected or otherwise compromised. As with all surgical procedures, there are inherent risks of anesthesia, blood loss, and infection to the animal in addition to the emotional distress.

In order to ensure that all animals are treated humanely in all aspects of their lives, it is incumbent for all surgical procedures to be performed by the licensed veterinarians as deemed qualified by statute.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of HB 140, relating to veterinary medicine. On behalf of the Hawaiian Humane Society, I ask for your support in passing this measure.



Submitted by: Donna Whitaker, Executive Director
Hawaii Island Humane Society
Date: February 4, 2013
RE: Support HB 140
Relating to Animal Cruelty: Surgery by Non-Veterinarians

The Hawaii Island Humane Society joins with other Animal Welfare Agencies in the State of Hawaii in support of HB 140 in order to better protect animals from inhumane conditions and needless suffering associated with surgical procedures being done by a non-veterinarian.

This bill would provide much needed protection for animals by prohibiting the owner of an animal from performing any surgical procedure, including but not limited to surgical birth, ear cropping, tail docking, and debarking on the animal without being licensed as a veterinarian.

Non-Veterinarians shouldn't be allowing to perform surgery on their own or anyone else's pets! As an open admissions animal shelter, we have seen countless times that animals have had surgery by a non-professional and something had gone terribly wrong. It is an inhumane practice to allow this cruelty to continue.

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

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HB140

Submitted on: 2/5/2013

Testimony for CPC on Feb 6, 2013 14:30PM in Conference Room 325

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Eric Ako DVM	Hawaii Veterinary Medical Association		Yes

Comments: Dear Legislators, The Executive Board, on behalf of the members of the Hawaii Veterinary Medical Association, are in support of HB 140. We believe that surgery, when needed, should be performed after due consideration by the owner with the veterinarian, in a proper surgical suite, using aseptic technique to manage infection, as well as appropriate anesthesia and pain management. The unlicensed public does not have access to such a facility, or to the necessary pharmaceuticals, and are not trained adequately. We think the consumer demands and expects these things. Sometimes they have gotten the unexpected, especially when a licensed veterinarian is not involved. Respectfully yours, Eric Ako DVM Executive VP, HawaiiVMA

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
GERRI CADIZ	Hawaiian Kennel Club	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Laurence Todd	Malama Lio - The Hawaii Horse Journal	Support	No

Comments: I support this bill as it relates to equines in the state - it puts Hawaii one step closer to minimum standard of equine care. Hawaii has many qualified vets, some of the best in the country.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mary Menacho	West Hawaii Humane Society	Support	No

Comments: Non-Veterinarians should NOT be allowed to perform painful, surgery on pets. Please pass and support this bill. Mahalo

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Madelyn R. Barrea	West Hawaii Humane Society	Support	No

Comments: I would like to go on record as being in support of bill HB140. In the past I have worked for veterinarians, been an animal control officer and the manager of a humane society shelter. I have seen many unfortunate animals brought in suffering immensely from botched up surgical procedures that were not done by veterinarians, and some where their owners dumped the bodies of dead animals that obviously died a torturous death at the hands of these want-a-be surgeons. This heinous crime must be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law! Thank you, Madelyn R. Barrea Executive Director West Hawaii Humane Society

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ginger Towle	West Hawaii Humane Society	Support	No

Comments: Having managed an animal shelter I'm painfully aware of the cruelty inflicted on animals by their supposedly loving owners. No one but a licensed veterinarian should ever be permitted to do any surgery on any animal Ginger Towle, President WHHS

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Submitted on: 2/2/2013

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Carolyn L Knoll	Individual	Support	No

Comments: This bill is a no-brainer. Why should a non-professional be allowed to perform medical procedures on a live being that is unable to protest by calling for help? If you have a good reason to continue allowing this atrocity, I am willing to listen.

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Rene Umberger	Individual	Support	No

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Javier Mendez-Alvarez	Individual	Support	No

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Mike Moran	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Would anyone consider allowing operations on humans to be done by anyone but licensed professionals? Why would we permit this on beloved and dependent creatures? Please support this bill

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Victoria Anderson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support the measure to prohibit non-vets from performing surgery on animals, and to make it a felony to do this if one is not a licensed vet. Please support the successful passage of this bill through both houses!

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dan and Marlene Sabo	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Animals should not be allowed to suffer from unskilled hands.

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Mary Markl	Individual	Support	No

Comments: The reasons there are laws are often because there are people who will try to get away with anything irregardless of the pain and suffering they cause others. You are the only hope for innocent animals who are otherwise painful victims of such people. Imagine if you had such procedures done to you by maybe anyone. A lot of these procedures are unnecessary but done without a professional can cause immense pain and probably infection. Please do the right thing and don't let such people get away with it. Thank you.

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Helene Navaro	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Animal Medical Surgeries should only be performed by licensed Vets. Pls support this bill. Mahalo Nui Loa!

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Deborah Wilson	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: I support these measures to protect the animals out there.

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Sharon walden	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support this

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Mary Fleming	Individual	Support	No

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Judith Mick	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Many of the procedures (ear-cropping, debarking, tail-docking) should be treated as criminal acts against animals, but at least, let's make it a law that no one except a veterinarian can provide the service it is deemed necessary. Hopefully a vet can encourage an owner not to do the procedure in the first place.

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February 3, 2013

Testimony in support of House Bill No. 140

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to express my support of House Bill No. 140 which proposes to prohibit anyone not a Hawaii licensed Veterinarian from performing any surgical procedures on animals.

Most of the time when procedures (i.e. tail docking, ear cropping, surgical births, etc.) are performed outside a licensed clinic, it is done without the proper medications or tools. Which then constitutes extreme cruelty and is a terribly painful situation for the animal(s).

I further support the proposal that these cruel acts upon animals should be deemed 'criminal acts' that carry 'criminal penalties'. As a strong deterrent to those who conduct or are consider conducting these unacceptable acts of cruelty upon defenseless animals.

I have been an animal-owner and animal-lover all of my sixty some years on this planet. Now, I am also a animal-Lobbyist.

Thank you for your Earnest Attention to this Matter. If you have any further Questions please feel free to contact me. God bless President Obama he's obviously an animal-lover too!

Respectfully,

Rio Ke'alii Martell, Executive Producer
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Jane Arnold	Individual	Support	No

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Alice Saul	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Dear Representative Angus L.K. McKelvey, Chair, and Representative Derek S.K. Kawakami, Vice Chair, House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce: I write in support of HB140 and ask that you enable its passage to prevent the harm and cruelty that is otherwise visited on animals who can not speak for themselves to seek our protection. The prospect of allowing untrained persons without knowledge of pain mediation to perform surgical procedures, even the widespread practices of ear and tail docking, is unthinkable. Thank you. Aloha, Alice Saul

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Kale	Individual	Support	No

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Christopher Feld	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Strongly Oppose!

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Susan Scott	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am opposed to anyone other than veterinarians performing surgery of any type on animals. Animals have pain and anxiety similar to people and have the same drug requirements to alleviate suffering. Only those licensed in medicine should be permitted operate on animals.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Karen Nakagawa	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ginny Tiu	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: It is cruel and barbaric to allow non qualified, licensed veterinarians, to perform surgery, without the benefit of anesthesia and under a non sterile environment. We would never consider doing that to a human being. Animals are living creatures too, who feel pain and suffer the way that you and I do. Lawmakers have the ability to protect these helpless creatures from inhumane acts, and should exercise it. In doing so, you are attempting to create a more humane and civil society for ALL of us. Thank you very much for your consideration. Ginny Tiu

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diane polster	Individual	Support	No

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Kimberly Busch	Individual	Support	No

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Margaret Sueoka	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please protect animals from this form of cruelty.

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Elizabeth Rice Grossman	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please pass this bill!

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Kate Butts	Individual	Support	No

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Terry Nii	Individual	Oppose	No

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Tracey L.	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Only licensed Veterinarians should be performing surgical procedures!

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ginger edmunds	Individual	Support	No

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Jane Shiraki	Individual	Support	No

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Margene Ayers	Individual	Support	No

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Cecily Ling	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kathy Takayama	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I can't even begin to imagine the pain and suffering of any procedure if not done by a REPUTABLE vet, an expert.

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Tina Bounds	Individual	Support	No

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To Whom it may Concern:

The HB 140 bill will limit docking/cropping/dew claw removal to vet only makes it a C felony to do procedures yourself.

I have done dew claw removal and have had a vet do the procedure. The only difference is at the vet I pay for the procedure. The vet did not do the dew claw removal in a sterile surgical suite, he did it in the examination room.

RE: Dr. Ako's statement that these procedures are done in sterile surgical suites. If this is to be done in a sterile procedure then I would personally like to take samples of these sterile surgical suites at random vet offices to determine if there is bacteria growth. If there is bacteria growth found then this comment would be false.

In addition, tail docking and cropping done in a vet's office uses anesthesia vs doing it when the pup is young. Docking the tail when a pup is young (3 days old) is humane and safer since there is less morbidity of the puppy. To bring a young 3 day old pup into a vet's office could be dangerous because while waiting to see the vet there are many other types of sick animals that could infect the puppies via the air droplets. If this is law who would be responsible for the dead pets that succumb to an infection while at the vet's office? Would I be able to hold the vet liable or Dr. Ako or the state legislature?

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Kelley Streadbeck	Individual	Support	No

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Donald Streadbeck	Individual	Support	No

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Caroline Viola	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I cannot imagine any reason to allow anyone other than a trained and licensed veterinarian to perform any procedures on a living being. CUTTING OFF of any parts of the body, such as tail or ears, cutting INTO the body, ANYTHING of that nature is considered " surgical procedure" and, concerning human beings, requires a medical professional. Why do we treat animals -living, sentient beings- as not deserving of that same protection? Any procedure of this sort involves risk of infection, or other serious medical consequence, and every animal deserves to be protected from those who are NOT medically trained or licensed, from cutting into them for their own reasons of profit or aesthetics.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lisa Bartholomew	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please pass HB 140. I own a dog and three cats and would never dream of anyone other than a vet performing surgery of any kind on my animals. Non vet practioners have no oversight therefore animals cannot be protected from those who dont care about animal suffering in order to make money. The puppy mills are bad enough. Please protect our animals in Hawaii.

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Rachel Sussman	Individual	Support	No

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Andrew Connell	Individual	Support	No

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kelley	Individual	Support	No

Comments: The State needs to have stricter consequences for animal abuse!!!

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Subject: testimony on Veterinary bill

to the Chair :

I support a bill that outlaws anyone doing surgery on animals who are not licensed veterinarians . This will protect animals from unnecessary harm and infections and pain. These animals deserve protection and this law will also help raise Hawaii's animal welfare ratings . The animals surgeries must be done right just as family members are treated right . Barbara Steinberg

BFA Kihei Maui

30 yrs resident of Hawaii and teacher of children

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Michelle Bowerman	Individual	Support	No

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carol suyderhoud	Individual	Support	No

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Jacquelyn Vaughn	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support this measure. Cropping and docking should be done ONLY by licensed veterinarians. Thank you for your consideration.

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Melina Patrick	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I believe only licensed veterinarians should be allowed to perform surgical procedures on animals and I fully support this bill.

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Bonnie Osaki	Individual	Support	No

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Christina Kam	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I highly support this bill and its efforts to increase the humane treatment of animals in Hawaii.

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Elleana Arle	Individual	Support	No

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Raindrop Wright-Cannon	Individual	Support	No

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Aleisha Swartz	Individual	Support	No

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Testimony from Pamela DaGrossa in Support

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Date: Wednesday, 2/6/2013
Time: **2:30 p.m.**
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Aloha, Rep. McKelvey, Rep. Kawakami, and committee members,

I am writing to **support HB 140 relating to veterinary medicine.**

The practice of veterinary medicine is licensed for a reason. Those that practice more invasive and consequential procedures without a license are putting the health and safety of animals at risk. Lacking proper training and/or equipment may also result in excessive suffering, resulting in cruelty. Surgeries such as ear cropping and tail docking, while common and perhaps beneficial in some circumstances, are invasive, painful in absence of medication, and likely to result in infection when handled improperly. The only safe way to perform surgery on any pet is in a licensed vet's office.

Please, in the interest of protecting the health and safety of pet animals, support this bill.

Sincerely,

Pamela DaGrossa
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Chelsea Lee	Individual	Support	No

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Natalie Lukashovsky	Individual	Support	No

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Dawn Monroe	Individual	Support	No

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Lorraine Shaughnessy	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Dear Representative McKelvey, I strongly support this bill. It is important that Hawaii take tough action on cruel acts towards animals as well as humans. We the citizens must send a message that our community will not tolerate inhumane treatment of any creature. Respectfully, Lorraine Shaughnessy

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Carly	Individual	Support	No

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Rachel Dowell	Individual	Support	No

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Sue Donaldson	Individual	Support	No

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RICKY BAKER	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I cannot support this measure at this time because I believe the procedures being referenced need to be more specific. The “not limited to” should be removed. I think it also fair to point out that many farmers and legitimate dog breeders are very capable of performing basic procedures relating to the care of their animals after having many years of experience doing so. Several veterinarians on the Island are now declining to offer basic tail or ear cropping; in many instances, this is the AKC breed standard, so many show dogs would be excluded from competing as a result. Respectfully, Ricky A. Baker

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February 3, 2013

Rep. McKelvey, Rep. Kawakami and members of the CPC committee,

I oppose HB140. I am a breeder/exhibitor of Miniature Schnauzers, a breed that is shown docked and cropped. Docking and cropping of schnauzers is not done purely for cosmetic reasons. Many breeds that are docked and cropped are working breeds. Tail docking and ear cropping are done to prevent injury while working. The Miniature Schnauzer was bred as farm dog, a working dog on a German farm. History dictates docking and cropping. It is NOT a matter of personal preference. I attach this link that further explains my position:

http://images.akc.org/pdf/canine_legislation/Crop-Dock-Debark-Article.pdf

The best examples of tail docking and ear cropping I have seen for my breed were done by breeders themselves. Correct docking and cropping is an art form requiring more than just surgical skill. Only a breeder can best estimate projected adult proportions so that tails and ears are in balance once a dog hits maturity. I do not perform these procedures myself but I have had breeders who were skilled come to Hawaii to teach local veterinarians how to do these techniques. Currently there are 20 breeds that are cropped and 62 breeds where tails are docked. There is no way for a veterinarian to know the particular nuances for all these breeds!

I have been present when Dr. Gleason Hirata of the Kapalama Pet Hospital docked tails, removed dew claws, and cropped ears. Tails and dew claws are done when pups are but a few days old, before nerve endings are developed and cartilage hardens. No anesthesia was used and they were not performed in a "sterile surgical suite", contrary to testimony from Dr. Eric Ako for SB8. I was present to ensure that tails were docked to the correct length. I was also present when ears were cropped to guide my vet to ensure proper ear length.

A bill such as this would do more harm to the preservation of pure bred dogs by destroying what we refer to breed type. We ought to know at a glance that this dog is a schnauzer and that one is a poodle, etc. We should not have to guess.

Procedures such as debarking have saved many a dog from being surrendered to rescue organizations by allowing them to remain in homes. Debarking does not render a dog barkless but instead it softens a dog's bark. With homes in Hawaii being so close together, debarking can make the difference to keep a dog in its home. I currently own a debarked dog.

Thank you for allowing me to provide testimony that I hope will guide you to making the right decision.

Lynn Muramaru

Proud member American Miniature Schnauzer Club

Member Miniature Schnauzer Club of So. California

Members Hawaii Companion Animal Coalition

Christopher Feld

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Melia P	Individual	Oppose	No

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Lorene Maki	Individual	Oppose	No

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Penny R	Individual	Oppose	No

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Keith Hirata	Individual	Support	No

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Wanda Yurong	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I wish to notify the committee that I am opposed to the provisions of HB140. Please consider the issues outlined by other testifiers who are more articulate than I. I especially feel that as the rescuer of several noisy toy dogs, I would not have been able to provide them a home without the skill of a veterinary surgeon who performed their debarks. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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