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Before the House Committee on
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Tuesday, February 26, 2013
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State Capitol, Conference Room 325

In consideration of
HOUSE BILL 493
RELATING TO ANIMAL CRUELTY

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House Bill 493 proposes to require dogs or cats that are captured or killed in a snare or trap to be reported to a county animal control officer, establishes an animal cruelty offense for the use of steel-jawed leg-hold traps, and the use of snares, conibear, and foot- or leg-hold traps in residential or other prohibited areas, provides exemptions for activities carried out by state and federal agencies, and establishes the offense as a misdemeanor. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports this bill with the following amendments.**

The Department appreciates the inclusion of an exemption for state and federal employees who are carrying out activities required under an approved management plan, as such enables the Department to carry out its statutory duty to manage natural resources. Given constraints on the Department's staffing capacity, the Department regularly relies on agents of the State and officially designated collaborators to implement important natural resource management actions. Therefore the Department suggests that, in addition to state or federal employees, the prohibitions in this bill not apply to agents of the state and designated cooperators.

The Department suggests the following language for SECTION 3 of this measure which proposes to add a new section to Chapter 711, Hawaii Revised Statutes:

(2) Subsection (1) shall not apply to:

(a) Persons carrying out accepted practices for rodent control that do not involve the devices listed in subsection (1); and

(b) Employees of state or federal agencies or persons acting as an agent of the state or as a designated cooperator who are carrying out activities required under a management plan approved by state or federal agencies, pursuant to a mandatory statutory duty for the

protection of species listed as threatened or endangered species, or other wildlife species protected by law, or for the protection of public health, safety, or property.



**THE HUMANE SOCIETY
OF THE UNITED STATES**

TO: Honorable Chair Rhoads, Vice-Chair Har and Committee Members

House Judiciary Committee, 2-26-13, 205pm, Rm 325

RE: Testimony in STRONG SUPPORT of HB493; Relating to Animal Cruelty

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 in Hawaii, we thank the Committee for its consideration of this modest but critical measure to prevent and reduce unnecessary animal suffering; a measure that is supported by many animal welfare organizations, including conservation organizations such as The Nature Conservancy, and DLNR. We also ask for your consideration of the *below two amendments* (also supported by DLNR and TNC).

Unattended snares or foot-hold traps are indiscriminate and can capture pets and native wildlife. Humane societies and some veterinary clinics across Hawaii regularly receive pet dogs, hunting dogs and pet cats who are the victims of snares or foot-hold traps; often these animals must be euthanized due to the extent of their injuries.

Most importantly, Hawaii has no laws that require that snares or foot-hold traps ever be checked after they are set. Many animals are simply left to suffer and die. Animals, including pet dogs and cats, are known to chew off their own limbs in an attempt to escape, causing severe injury or even death. Animals left in unattended snares and foot-hold traps may suffer extreme pain for days or even weeks before finally dying of infection, starvation or dehydration.

The issue of regulating the use of snares and body-gripping traps has come before the Hawaii legislature for almost a decade, demonstrating that this is a serious concern for the residents of Hawaii. Unlike past attempts to prohibit these devices altogether, this measure simply prohibits the use of steel-jawed traps (that are not currently in use by any state or federal agency and already prohibited in a number of states, banned in 89 other countries and opposed by the American Veterinary Medical Association and the American Animal Hospital Association) and prohibits snares, conibears and leg-hold traps in areas zoned as residential, where pets or even children may be more likely to encounter these devices. This bill further requires that any pet captured using a snare or foot-hold trap be checked for identification and reported to the local humane society for veterinary treatment and reunion with their owner or adoption.

To clarify the prohibition on steel-jawed traps and the necessary exemptions for state and federal agencies and their authorized agents in protecting threatened and endangered species, other wildlife, or for the protection of public health, safety or property, we respectfully request the following changes:

- Page 3, line 10 insert **(b)**: (2) Subsection (1) (b) shall not apply to:
- Page 3, line 16 insert: ...state or federal agencies; or acting as an agent of the state or as a designated cooperator, if pursuant to a mandatory statutory duty...

Unnecessary animal suffering and wanton waste are contrary to Hawaii's values, the most basic hunting ethic of a "quick kill" and is disrespectful to our environment.

We respectfully urge your support of HB493 to protect pets and the community.

Testimony of The Nature Conservancy of Hawai'i
Supporting H.B. 493 Relating to Animal Cruelty
House Committee on Judiciary
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The Nature Conservancy of Hawai'i is a private non-profit conservation organization dedicated to the preservation of the lands and waters upon which life in these islands depends. The Conservancy has helped to protect nearly 200,000 acres of natural lands in Hawai'i. Today, we actively manage more than 32,000 acres in 10 nature preserves on Maui, Hawai'i, Moloka'i, Lāna'i, and Kaua'i. We also work closely with government agencies, private parties and communities on cooperative land and marine management projects.

The Nature Conservancy supports H.B. 493 to protect pet animals by entirely prohibiting the use of one type of animal control device, and limiting the use of some other animal control devices in residential areas. We believe this bill does a good job of continuing to allow the use of appropriate tools to control feral ungulates (e.g., pigs, goats, sheep, deer, wild cattle) where they are damaging natural resource areas or threatening native species, while establishing reasonable additional protections for pet animals in residential areas where they are most likely to be inadvertently caught if certain animal control tools are employed.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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To: Representative Rhoads, Chair, Representative Har, Vice Chair, and
Committee Members

House Committee on Judiciary (JUD)
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Submitted by: Jennifer J. Han, Policy Advocate
Hawaiian Humane Society, jhan@hawaiianhumane.org

Date: February 22, 2013

**RE: Support HB493;
Relating to Animal Cruelty: Snares - Trapping**

The Hawaiian Humane Society supports the passage of House Bill 493 in order to protect animals from snares, conibears and leg-hold traps as they are a cruel, antiquated means of trapping.

We support this measure for the following reasons:

- Steel-jawed traps are not currently in use by any state or federal agency and are prohibited in a number of states, banned in 89 countries and opposed by the American Veterinary Medical Association and the American Animal Hospital Association;
- Prohibiting snares, conibears and leg-hold traps in areas zoned as residential will further protect animals that may fall victim to them. There are documented incidents where pet dogs and cats have chewed off their own limbs in an attempt to escape hence causing serious bodily injury or death;
- This bill requires that any pet captured using a snare or foot-hold trap be checked for identification and reported to the local humane society for reunification with their owners or, alternatively, adoption; and
- This bill clearly delineates exemptions for state and federal agencies and its authorized representatives in the protection of threatened and endangered species or other wildlife.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of HB 493. On behalf of Hawaiian Humane Society, I ask for your support in passing this measure.

February 25th, 2013

Committee on Judiciary
State Capitol
415 S Beretania St
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Representative:

On behalf of Alley Cat Allies and our Hawaiian supporters, I am writing to urge you to **support H.B. 493**. If enacted into law, H.B. 493 would prohibit the use of snares and steel-jawed traps in residential areas. This bill would help protect cats and dogs from being unintentionally maimed by leghold and other traps that can cruelly entrap animals.

Alley Cat Allies is the only national advocacy organization dedicated to the protection and humane treatment of cats. We have promoted the neutering of feral cats since our founding in 1990, and have over 400,000 supporters nationally. We regularly advise individuals, nonprofit groups, local governments, and state policymakers on humane approaches to cats.

Leghold traps are particularly dangerous for cats. The force of the trapping jaws readily causes bone fractures and other serious trauma, and, once caught, animals endure further pain and suffering attempting to escape the trap. Trapped animals suffer severe shock, and can die of exposure before they are discovered. If rescued from a trap, even those animals fortunate enough to receive immediate veterinary care are usually not ever restored to their original health.

Alley Cat Allies regularly hears of cats caught in leghold traps. A supporter shared with us the story of Valiant, a cat caught in a leghold trap. The trap snapped his leg with such force as to sever his foot nearly entirely off. Valiant was fortunate to be discovered by his caregiver, who was able to take to a veterinarian early the following morning. The veterinarian was able to save Valiant's life, but due to trauma inflicted by the trap, was required to amputate his leg.

Valiant was lucky to be discovered in time and receive good veterinary care, but his ordeal would not have happened if restrictions like those in H.B. 493 were in place. Leghold and similar traps should not be set near residential areas where cats and dogs are likely to be caught. The bill does not restrict the use of humane box traps that only confine, rather than ensnare, an animal. H.B. 493 will help protect cats and dogs from injury, suffering, and worse, and it will save animal owners and caregivers significant veterinary bills and heartache.

We urge you to support H.B. 493. Thank you in advance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Elizabeth Hatz". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Staff Attorney

Theresa Donnelly -- SUPPORT

Dear Chairman Rhodes, Vice Chair Har and other members of the committee on Judiciary,

My name is Theresa Donnelly, and I am a volunteer with many national and local animal nonprofits. Previously, I was an officer with a local Boxer dog club and the owner of Hawaii Military Pets, an online educational resource for Hawaii Military families.

I am writing to express my support for HB 493, relating to animal cruelty and prohibiting snares with exceptions for wildlife agencies. Too many times, advocates like myself have heard of pets and other **animals chewing off limbs to survive while trapped inside these cruel devices.**

In cases like this, we must consider humane alternatives to protect those creatures unable to protect themselves. This state should be about accountability when it comes to animals. The idea that an unlabeled snare is a lawful device is morally wrong. **Please, let's spread some aloha to society's most vulnerable and come up with humane alternatives to control pest populations.**

Our animals deserve for this bill to pass. Your committee's passing this needed law might just save an innocent animal's life.

Thank you for your time in reading my testimony.

Theresa Donnelly

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Andrew Connell	Hawaiian Humane Society	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Bonnie oda	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support this because: • These snares and traps are archaic and inhumane; and • They are not currently in use by any state or federal agency and are prohibited in a number of states, banned in 89 countries and opposed by the American Veterinary Medical Association and the American Animal Hospital Association.

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Chelsea Hong	Individual	Support	No

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Christina Kam	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
faith lebb	Individual	Support	No

Comments: please support this bill. Imhumane treatment of animals cannot be allowed.

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Judith F. Clark
48-218 Kamehameha Highway
Kaneohe, HI 96744

February 22, 2013

To: Representative Karl Rhoads, Chair
And members of the Committee on Judiciary

Testimony in Support of the intent HB 493 Relating to Animal Cruelty

Aloha, Chair Rhoads and members of the Committee.

I am in support of this bill, which will penalize persons who injure or kill animals using leg and foothold traps. It will protect our pets and also prevent unnecessary cruelty to wild animals that may be caught.

I do however, recommend one amendment to the bill. Leg and foot hold traps cause painful injuries and, if not checked regularly, allow animals to suffer pain, dehydration, and other trauma that results in a prolonged and painful death. No one, including government officials should be allowed to use this type of trap. Government efforts to control undesired animal pests should only use traps that result in a quick death.

Thank you for allowing me to testify.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Judith F. Clark". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "J".

Judith F. Clark

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Laura Lum	Individual	Support	No

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Lorraine Shaughnessy	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Dear Representative Say, Please support of the Snare Bill (HB 493). Snares are already banned in 89 countries and multiple states here within the United States. They cause excruciating pain, infection, and often ensnare non-target animals. In addition, no animal deserves the death that comes from a snare. It is crucial we send a strong message that our community values and respects animals. Help Hawaii become a state that does not accept inhumane treatment of animals. We must be a voice for those who cannot speak for themselves, and protect them from cruel and painful acts. Aloha, Lorraine Shaughnessy 4132 Napali Place Honolulu, HI 96816

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Michelle Manes	Individual	Support	No

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Naomi Egami	Individual	Support	No

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Natalie Lukashevsky	Individual	Support	No

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Ruth Arreola Parks	Individual	Support	No

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Sharron Henry	Individual	Support	No

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Stacey Nagata	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please listen to our plea to help stop cruelty to animals whether its traps, puppy mills, illegal surgeries, declawing of cats, surgical births, etc.. Listen to the animals who cannot speak for themselves and rely on people like you and I to save them... Sometimes you need to listen to your hearts.. It whispers.. so listen carefully.. ...please..it's so cruel... We are counting on you to save them from pain and suffering. Thank you.... For listening...

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Steven Prieto	Individual	Support	No

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Tina Kimmons	Individual	Support	No

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A. Chavez	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I have personally seen the damage a snare can do to an animal. Most of the time the snare is left unattended and doesnt always catch the type of animal its intended to catch. The damage cause by a snare is typically severe and irreversable.

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Aimee Nuss	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Andrea Baer	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Hello, Thank you for hearing this bill, which I support. Would you also please consider adding that all animals be protected from snares and traps and and that no exemption be given for government or other NGOs that control invasive species?

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Alice Saul	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Rep. Karl Rhoads, Chair Rep. Sharon E. Har, Vice Chair House Committee on Judiciary Dear Representatives Rhoads and Har: I am writing to you about HB493 to support its passage. As an appreciative user of some of our many fine hiking trails, I am amazed that we do not yet have a prohibition in effect against the use of such cruel and inhumane traps, which can inflict great harm to wildlife, pets, and people. Thank you for your consideration.

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Andrew Connell	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Anika Glass	Malama Waikoloa Nightingales	Support	No

Comments: Please give mercy to all animals and make these traps illegal. The pain and agony they suffer is awful. If someone doing this to get rid of turkeys or feral cats caught my (escaped from home) cat, I'd be livid. All our members would be outraged if someone did this to catch a feral donkey. We look to the legislature to set the framework for enforcement, as well. That seems to be missing. Anika Glass Malama Waikoloa Nightingales

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Arin Duarte	Individual	Support	No

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Audrey Lake	Individual	Support	No

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Brett Lum	Individual	Support	No

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Caron Nakamura	Individual	Support	No

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Chelsea Kentris	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Christin Matsushige	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please support this bill to help protect animals from being maimed by use of these cruel traps/weapons. Thank you!

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Daniel Morisato	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Deborah Wilson	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: I support this measure!

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Dirk Fukushima	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Donna Whitaker	Hawaii Island Humane Society	Support	No

Comments: I stand with the other Humane Organizations in the State of Hawaii in support of HB 493 in part because: • These snares and traps are archaic and inhumane; and • They are not currently in use by any state or federal agency and are prohibited in a number of states, banned in 89 countries and opposed by the American Veterinary Medical Association and the American Animal Hospital Association. And to help insure that owned pets will not be harmed or killed with their use.

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ELIZABETH RICE GROSSMAN
1240 MOKULUA DRIVE
KAILUA, HI 96734

February 23, 2013

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Elizabeth Rice Grossman and I live in Kailua. I strongly support HB493. Snares and traps are widely acknowledged as archaic and inhumane. They are not currently in use by any state or federal agency and are legally prohibited in a number of states and banned in 89 countries. These devices have no place in the land of Aloha.

Please consider passing HB493.

Respectfully yours,



Elizabeth Rice Grossman

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Fawn Liebengood	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ginger Towle		Support	No

Comments: This is a start, and by all means pass this legislation. I have a hard time understanding why anyone should be permitted to use such cruel devices except under extreme situations. Ginger Towle, President WHHS

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Ginny Tiu	Individual	Support	Yes

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Gloria	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Animal lover - oppose any cruelty to animals.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Hamid jahanmir	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support this bill and believe that it should be made much stronger. Animal cruelty should be more than a “misdemeanor” in a civilized society and government should not be exempt from It!

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Jacque Le Blanc	Individual	Support	No

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James Seto	Individual	Support	No

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Jamie Ikeda	Individual	Support	No

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Jane Arnold	Individual	Support	No

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Jason C	Individual	Support	No

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Jason Cadiz	Individual	Support	No

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Jennifer Chiwa	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jenny Fujiwara	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please help protect the innocent animals, if they were children wouldn't you automatically protect them? Animals have just as much right to be on this earth as humans do. They can't speak up and protect themselves from heartless people so we will have to. Thank you.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jessie Park	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please pass this bill. There is no need for snares or steel-jawed traps in residential areas, as the majority of animals in such areas are beloved pets, not wild animals. These traps are capable of causing much suffering and death among the helpless creatures who happen to become caught in them. They are also particularly a risk to young children, who may injure themselves if they happen to come across said traps without recognizing what they are.

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Jessie Pennington	Individual	Support	No

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Joanna	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support this bill because: • These snares and traps are archaic and inhumane; and • They are not currently in use by any state or federal agency and are prohibited in a number of states, banned in 89 countries and opposed by the American Veterinary Medical Association and the American Animal Hospital Association. We need to be the voice for these animals!

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John Tyrrell	Individual	Support	No

Comments: We need to outlaw inhumane treatment of animals.

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JOHNNY KELLY	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please pass this bill. Who could be mean and cruel enough to do this horrible act anyway?

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Kahanu Ponimoi	Individual	Support	No

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Kaipolani Smith	Individual	Support	No

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Karen Nakagawa	Individual	Support	No

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karen teruya	Individual	Support	No

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Kate Butts	Individual	Support	No

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Kate Linton	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kathleen Gissing	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: These types of traps are out-dated and in humane and shouldn't be allowed at all, let alone in area a dog or cat could be ensnared. Therefore, if a dog or cat is trapped in one, it should be reported and consequences should apply to those responsible for the trap.

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

Comments: It makes me cry at just the THOUGHT of any animal going through pain and suffering in any form. More and more research is being done on how much animals, especially dogs are much more intelligent than we can imagine. We must stop harming our animals...they are more loving than most human beings!

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
kent sato	Individual	Support	No

Comments: please stop the cruelty to animals

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Keoni Vaughn	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Dear Chair, Vice Chair, and Committee members, Please pass this bill. The use of snares in residential neighborhoods poses a serious danger not only to children but also to our pet animals. These traps are not only outdated but also inhumane. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of this bill. Sincerely, Keoni Vaughn

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Laurie Pottish	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Linda Ross	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please pass this bill.

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Lisa Fowler	Individual	Support	No

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Lisa Uzar	Individual	Support	No

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Liz Croegaert	Individual	Support	No

Comments: These snares and traps are archaic and inhumane; and • They are not currently in use by any state or federal agency and are prohibited in a number of states, banned in 89 countries and opposed by the American Veterinary Medical Association and the American Animal Hospital Association.

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Lola Colombe	Individual	Support	No

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Lopaka Biondine	Individual	Support	No

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Marci Taylor-Kaneshige	Individual	Support	No

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Margaret Sueoka	Individual	Support	No

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Margene Ayers	Individual	Support	No

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Mayumi Levesque	Individual	Support	No

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SUPPORT OF HB493

Thank you for protecting our animals as well as our human population with this bill that will prevent trapping using steel-jawed leg-hold traps, snares, conibear or foot- or le-hold traps in residential or other prohibited areas.

I support this bill that will establish this offense as animal cruelty.

Would you also consider multiple offenses of this kind be elevated to more than just a misdemeanor?

Thank you,

Mi Kosasa
808-343-1111

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Michelle bowerman	Individual	Support	No

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MIKE MORAN	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Let's eliminate these horrible devices once and for all. The time is now. Please give your support. Mahalo.

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Peter Kowen	Individual	Support	No

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peter tierney	Individual	Support	No

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Rachel Sussman	Individual	Support	No

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Rene Umberger	Individual	Support	No

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Rob Church	Individual	Support	No

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Robin Rae Swanson	Individual	Support	No

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Stephanie Docekal	Individual	Support	No

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Violet Iuta	Individual	Support	No

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William Harris, M.D.	Individual	Support	No

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Andrea Galvin	Individual	Support	No

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David McArthur	Individual	Support	No

Comments: please support this bill, Mahalo

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lance	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am in strong support of this bill. Animals subjected to the suffering and slow death caused by these traps are inhumane and barbaric. These traps are indiscriminant and are also a threat to humans, endangered species and domestic pets.

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Feroi Kolons	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Bill HB 493 should of been passed a hundred years ago. There is no need for these inhumane and cruel traps unless you're trying to catch a man eating grizzly bear. Even then, that is wrong. There are much more humane ways to catch animals without torturing them and indangering domestic animals and human beings. This is the 21st century.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mary James	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: These traps and snares are incredibly cruel. I only wish their use could be outlawed everywhere in the state by everyone, including government employees. The injuries and death are no less horrific if there is a state purpose for the trapping than if there is not. It's hard to imagine that there can't be found alternatives to accomplish the state purpose. Providing reports of dogs and cats injured or killed will establish statistics that can be used in the future. Plus, identifying owned pets that have been hurt can provide families with the ability to care for the injured animal or, if the animal has been killed, it will provide the owners with some measure of closure in knowing what happened to their pet.

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Mary Markl	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support the banning of these cruel devices. It is so very basic that it is amazing that such a law has not existed long ago. Hawaii seems so far behind on so many basic humane practices yet advertises itself big as a nature and aloha state to the world. It needs to catch up in a big way to it's advertising. I think the visitors and world would be appalled at the many atrocities that the legislators have not stepped up to stop toward innocent, feeling creatures As it is now on snares, etc. kids are even allowed to make makeshift torture devices to the innocent creature that steps into it. For decency's sake, please pass and urge all committees to pass this and other humane laws. You are their only hope and we all have to account to spirit what atrocities we stop and don't stop. If you were in their place in these torture traps and other awful situations animals often face in Hawaii, what would you want? Please pass humane laws now so that so many innocents don't have to continue going through such horrible terrors.

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Melina Patrick	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support this bill because I believe that snares and traps are archaic and inhumane. They are not currently in use by any state or federal agency and are prohibited in a number of states, banned in 89 countries and opposed by the American Veterinary Medical Association and the American Animal Hospital Association.

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Jane Shiraki	Individual	Support	No

Comments: In bills such as these, please imagine how you would feel, if you were the animal that was trapped. It is wrong to intentionally make an animal suffer. Please ban traps for all animals that make animals suffer and please replace with humane methods. Trapped animals can also be subject to further cruelty by sadistic persons as had been reported in mainland news.

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