



THE HUMANE SOCIETY
OF THE UNITED STATES

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

House Consumer Protection Committee, 3-18-13, 230pm, Rm 325

RE: In STRONG SUPPORT OF SB328 SD1; Relating to Pet Rental Deposits

Submitted by: Inga Gibson, Hawaii State Director, The Humane Society of the United States,
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On behalf of our members and supporters of The Humane Society of the United States in Hawaii, we thank the Committee for the opportunity to speak in strong support of SB328; Relating to Pet Deposits.

This modest but necessary measure would simply allow landlords/property managers to work with tenants in providing for a pet deposit, in a mutually determined amount, to cover any necessary damages related to the pet. The intent of this measure is to:

- **Keep pets and people together.** More than 60 percent of Hawaii households own pets, however, with the housing crisis it is extremely difficult to find affordable housing, let alone affordable housing that allows pets.
- **Reduce intake/surrender of pets to local animal care and rescues, and with that, reduce animal care and control costs.** Many pet animals who are surrendered to local humane societies and rescue organizations are given up solely due to housing issues.
- **Encourage responsible pet ownership** by providing landlords/property managers a means of collecting a security deposit for damages caused by irresponsible pet owners.
- **Promote the human-animal bond and the treatment of pets as family members.** There are many who, unable to find housing, do not have a pet although we know that pets can improve human lives in many ways, including promoting a healthier lifestyle. The availability of pet-friendly rentals is a direct reflection of a community's concern and compassion in considering pets as member of the family to be cared for.

Furthermore a plethora of resources are available to help property managers and pet owners alike. Please visit these links for more information :

http://www.humaneociety.org/animals/resources/tips/renting_with_pets.html

http://www.humaneociety.org/animals/resources/tips/rental_manager_resources.html

We understand that the Hawaii Association of Realtors supports this measure with a minor amendment to add an extended effective date so they may revise their landlord-tenant contracts. We support this amendment and respectfully urge your support of this measure.



Hawaiian Humane Society

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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 and Commerce (CPC)
March 18, 2013, 2:30 p.m., Room 325

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

Date: March 15, 2013

**RE: Support SB328, SD I;
Relating to Animals; Residential Landlord-Tenant Code**

The Hawaiian Humane Society supports the passage of Senate Bill 328, Senate Draft I as it provides the opportunity for more pet-friendly housing in the Hawaii community.

Pursuant to a 2012 Ward Research study commissioned by the Hawaiian Humane Society, on Oahu, the population of cats and dogs has steadily risen to the point where there are now more pets residing in Oahu than there are school-aged children. That means, there are currently more than 700,000 cats and dogs. Nearly 60% of Oahu households have at least one pet. With an estimated 265,000 dogs in Oahu homes, ownership has more than doubled from 20 to 45 percent of homes. With this continuing growth of pets in the community, appropriate housing continues to be limited. This bill will, in effect, allow more pet-friendly opportunities as it will address the financial concerns by landlords and property owners alike of pet-related issues.

The one amendment we recommend is to set a maximum limit on the amount of the pet deposit as it currently reads as open-ended. We believe a pet security deposit of no more than one month's rent is reasonable.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of SB 328, SD I as it relates to pets in housing. On behalf of the Hawaiian Humane Society, I ask for your support in passing this measure.

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Madeline L. Harcourt	HI Humane Society	Support	No

Comments: It is very important for people in HI to have a family pet for a number of reasons. There are lots of animals who need a forever home and there are people to adopt them but their landlords will not allow pets. I had to move to adopt a rescue cat because I needed a comfort animal for several disabilities. It is not fair that landlords will not allow pets. We could do so much for the elderly and the disabled as well as pets if housing was pet friendly. Thank you for considering this bill.

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March 18, 2013

The Honorable Angus L.K. McKelvey, Chair
House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce
State Capitol, Room 325
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: S.B. 328, S.D.1, Relating to Animals

HEARING: Monday, March 18, 2013 at 2:30 p.m.

Aloha Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Kawakami, and Members of the Committee:

I am Myoung Oh, Government Affairs Director, testifying on behalf of the Hawai'i Association of REALTORS® ("HAR"), the voice of real estate in Hawai'i, and its 8,000 members. HAR **supports** S.B. 328, S.D.1 which allows a landlord to hold a tenant's security deposit for the purpose of paying for damages caused by an animal residing in the premises and authorizes a landlord as a condition of a rental agreement to add to the security deposit an amount for an animal to reside in the premises.

The use of pet deposits is to ensure that the landlord will be compensated for any damage done to a rental unit by a pet (urine stains, scratches, rips or other damage). The negotiated amount of a pet deposit will depend on varying situations such as number, size, type, and demeanor of the pet, or if the pet seems properly trained. Some landlords will ask to see the pets before making a decision.

It is important to note that HAR's widely used Rental Agreement contains information with respect to security deposit and that the deposit may not be more than one-month rent.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

Ian Bigelow

March 15, 2013

Testimony Supporting: Bill SB328, SD1

To Whom It May Concern,

I am Ian Bigelow, a licensed real estate broker (RB – 20581) and Vice President of Property Management at Prudential Locations. I am writing this letter in support of SB328, SD1.

As the law is currently written, tenants are responsible for damage caused by their pets. However, the landlord does not have the authority to require any additional deposit for allowing pets in their rental. The security deposit is meant to cure rental delinquency, late fees, tenant related damages, and whatever other unpaid charges the tenant incurred during their tenancy. The security deposit amount is often inadequate to cover additional damage caused by pets.

When a tenant's pet causes damage that exceeds their security deposit, the landlord's only recourse is to go through an already backlogged court system to be awarded a judgment, and then attempt to collect the judgment through a long and often fruitless collection process. Because of this, many landlords opt to not rent to tenants that have pets. Or, some end up allowing pets, but charging a premium on top of the rent which is not refundable when the tenant vacates.

Although I believe that the intent of the current legislation is to protect tenants, it's causing a huge shortage on the island of units that are willing to accept pets. The actions of a few bad tenants with pets are adversely impacting the majority of the good and responsible tenants with pets. SB328, SD 1 will not be an immediate solution to the problem, however it will be a step in the right direction. With more security to shield landlords from pet damages, more landlords will be willing to open their rentals to tenants with pets.

SB328, SD 1 will also work in the tenant's favor financially, because landlords will be able to collect fully refundable deposits, rather than charging non-refundable rent increases. There really are no discernible downsides to SB328, SD 1, and it is our hope that this passes in short order.

Sincerely,



Ian Bigelow

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Keoni Vaughn	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Dear Chair, Vice Chair and Committee members, In allowing a pet deposit, this bill addresses the financial concerns that landlords may have in allowing their unit/building to be pet friendly. As the number of dog owners continues to increase on Oahu, ensuring that pet-friendly housing is available for these families is absolutely necessary. As such, I ask for your support to pass this bill. Thank you for allowing me to testify in support of HB 1316. Sincerely, Keoni Vaughn

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Carolyn Knoll	Individual	Support	No

Comments: We need more pet friendly housing as 60% of Oahu's households have pets.

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Kelley Streadbeck	Individual	Support	No

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Renee Martinson	Individual	Support	No

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Mayumi Levesque	Individual	Support	No

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Ginger Konno	Hawaiian Humane Society	Support	No

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Allan Schildknecht	Individual	Support	No

Comments: We've been lucky when we rented that we found landlords who will rent to us with a pet. However we see and hear too many cases where they will not. This Bill will help those people and we urge you to support this bill. Mahalo

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Carla Rogers	Individual	Support	No

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Ruth Arreola Parks	Individual	Support	No

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Rachel Sussman	Individual	Support	No

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Patricia L. Lau	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Hawaii is not pet friendly. So many families have pets and end up sending their pets to shelters because they can't find pet friendly housing. This is detrimental to the family as well as the animal. Please pass this bill.

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Jeff Chung	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I wish I could have a cat in my apartment. This bill will hopefully provide owners a better sense of assurance and security to allow their tenants to have pets. I hope it passes!

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Brenda McDonough	Individual	Support	No

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Irene Koga	Individual	Support	No

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Dallas Marie Cabalse	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I fully support Pet Deposit Bill, SB 328.

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Karen Scharff	Individual	Support	No

Comments: With so many homeless animals, and people wanting pets, but aren't allowed to because of House Rules, this bill could be a win-win, and a lot of landlords would undoubtedly allow pets with a security deposit to cover any damage.

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Catherine Nearman	Individual	Support	No

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Lauren Seibert-Hatalsky	Individual	Support	No

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Leslie takaki	Individual	Support	No

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Makenna Belmonte	Individual	Support	No

Comments: IN SUPPORT

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Michelle Bowerman	Individual	Support	No

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Diane	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Excellent! This will make places more pet friendly, landlords to have some security and not bear the brunt of damages and pet people to find a decent place to live.

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Ivy Hawkins	Individual	Support	No

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Jessica Dunn	Individual	Support	No

Comments: It was extremely difficult to find pet friendly housing and I had to get a roommate just to keep my pets. The "pet-friendly" housing had so many restrictions and hoops to go through they were never really options. I see many pets on craigslist trying to rehome because of all the restrictions. The more pets we can keep with their families the more animal shelters can focus on the animals that never had a home to start.

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Lorraine Shaughnessy	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Dear Representative Rhoads, Representative McKelvey, and Committee Members, Please support of the Pet Deposit Bill (SB 328). It is crucial we provide landlords with resources to allow them to make their units pet friendly. So many people here in Hawaii must give up their animal companions because they cannot find housing that allows pets. Help Hawaii become a state that regards animals as part of the family. Aloha, Lorraine Shaughnessy 4132 Napali Place Honolulu, HI 96816

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rebecca choy	Individual	Support	Yes

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Velma Iversen	Individual	Support	No

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Cathryn Griffith	Individual	Support	No

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Amanda Hembree	Individual	Support	No

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LEILA ISHIKI	Individual	Support	No

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Iris Iwami	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support this bill. As a landlord I have been asked if the tenant can have pets. My answer is no, but if I could charge a pet security deposit, I may consider allowing a pet. I do think we need more pet friendly rentals.

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Clarissa Domek	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I have had a very difficult time finding a residence that allows pets. Our cat is a loving, kind animal that is extremely well trained. She was a stray that was small and sick. We took her in and gave her minor medical attention and a loving home. She has grown, is healthy, and a joy to have. It had been proven that pets lengthen lifespan and improve people's overall quality of life. They teach children responsibility and give adults a companion that requires accountability and more importantly, unconditional love. The people of Hawaii would benefit from having housing that allows pets. It will prevent animals from being in the shelters or abused. It will reduce the amount of feral animals on the streets and greatly improve the quality of life for families and individuals. I whole heartedly support this bill.

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Wade Nevitt	Individual	Support	No

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Ginger Chock	Individual	Support	No

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Natalie Cady	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Colleen Otsuka	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Andrea Hamblin	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I strongly urge the senate to oppose bill SB328. This bill does not help provide pet-friendly housing. In fact, it simply creates another financial hurdle and discourages people from owning pets due to the high costs involved in housing them. The only people who benefit from this bill are rental property owners and property management companies who will find it convenient to continue charging the non-refundable, pet rent each month and the newly allowed, refundable, pet deposit up front. My golden retriever and I currently live in a rental property on Oahu, and we have lived in rental properties in other states where I have had to pay a rental deposit and a pet deposit, and in addition to those initial fees, I have also had to pay rent and pet rent each month. I think these initial and reoccurring fees specifically designated as 'pet' deposit and 'pet' rent are unnecessary and redundant. As a resident at a rental property, I'm responsible for the care and any damage of my unit regardless of who or what causes it. If the initial deposit a property owner charges is not enough to cover damages, can't they take their case to small claims court to collect for any additional damages not covered by the initial deposit? Wouldn't they do this regardless of whether the damages were caused by a pet or not? As I walk around my community, I see the path lighting broken by neighborhood kids. I see the stone column lighting at the end of each pathway vandalized. I see unsightly graffiti on fences, walls and signs. This is done by neighborhood kids. Despite such destruction, there is no separate 'kid' deposit or 'kid' rent. That destruction is paid for by all of us living here, even those of us without children. Consequently, I think it unnecessary to provide for these added 'pet' fee clauses. If anything, we should be advocating against these separate pet fees (pet deposit and pet rent) to make pet ownership more affordable. As I mentioned before, rental companies will collect on damages either through the initial rental deposit and/or through small claims court to make sure they are fully compensated. Please vote against SB328.

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melissa rietfors	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Pet deposit for renting from a legitimate landlord is a great idea. Please pass this bill!
Mahalo.

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Skye Morrison	Individual	Support	No

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mary babcock	Individual	Support	No

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KATHRYN CORREIA	Individual	Support	No

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Kalina Chang	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Denying someone a place to live because they don't want to part with their pet is just wrong. I have seen such heartbreak involving people giving up their animal companions because of this. An adequate pet deposit is all that's needed. We once rented to a couple who said they would not rent if they couldn't bring their dog. The dog was older and harmless, we had no problem with it.

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Roland Shanklin	Individual	Support	No

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Howard Yoshiura	Individual	Support	No

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deborah hyde	Individual	Support	No

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Judy Eko	Individual	Support	No

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Linda Chock	Individual	Support	No

Comments: As a responsible pet owner and owner of a rental property, I support this bill which would be fair to both pet owners and property owners. A pet deposit makes sense! Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

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Mike Lewis	Individual	Support	No

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Malia Hollmann	Individual	Support	No

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Mara Kyle	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I would like to see more pets being adopted by allowing more pet friendly housing.
Thanks.

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andrea nelson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I would like this bill to pass. i think it would benefit many people who need animals in thier lives.

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Brigette Kuhn	Individual	Support	No

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Audy Kimura	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support this bill which will encourage and promote compassionate care for animals. Also, through my work as a board member of Oahu SPCA animal shelter I have learned that many "homeless" people, especially on the leeward coast can afford housing. However, the housing they can afford or find does not allow pets and they refuse to give up their animals. Others who work in this field can verify this. I find this very compelling as well as admirable on the part of the pet owners. Thank you for your consideration. With Aloha, Audy Kimura

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Suyin Phillips	Individual	Support	No

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Ginger chock	Individual	Support	No

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Diane M Kimura	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Renters should have the ability to own and make pets a part of their families. Pet ownership provides many benefits for the elderly, children and families as a whole. Having the ability to negotiate a rental deposit will also incentivise responsible pet ownership. I am fully in support of this bill.

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Karen Brenden	Individual	Support	No

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Kazu Muneoka-Jepsen	Individual	Support	No

Comments: lets make more affordable housing for pet owners We all have the right to have a furry friend.

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debra barboza	Individual	Support	No

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karen krasniewski	Individual	Support	No

Comments: We need more pet friendly housing! Animals are good for everyone!

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Ivy Castellanos	Individual	Support	No

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Terry Joiner	Individual	Support	No

Comments: If you or your family owns a pet and/or if you grew up with a pet; then you know how important it is for people of all ages to enjoy the company of a pet and you MUST vote "yes" to support this bill.

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Laura Lum	Individual	Support	No

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JOHNNY KELLY	Individual	Support	No

Comments: PLEASE PASS THIS BILL!

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kelli bergstrom-marshall	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Many of these displaced persons only have their animal friend as family! We need some compassion for these poor souls that find their lifes treasure in their animal best friend, and choose to live on the street instead of leaving their family behind.

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I support the **Pet Deposit Bill**, SB 328. As a renter with two dogs and 3 tortoises I would like to be able to offer a refundable deposit to my landlord as proof that I will leave my apartment in the same condition that I had found it.

As a land owner, I would like to ask for a pet deposit in case the renter's animals create any messes or destruction to the house. This would make me feel much more comfortable with renting to a tenant with animals. Currently, landowners are legally not allowed to ask for a pet deposit which makes them much more less likely to rent to someone with a pet or much more likely to evict someone with a pet.

Please pass this very important Bill.

Signed,

Susan Hammer

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Rachel Ariola	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Families should not have to choose between a home and losing their pet.

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Marcia Muraoka-Dunn	Individual	Support	No

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thaddeus lilly	Individual	Support	No

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

From: Mary James

Date: March 18, 2013

Re: Testimony in support of Senate Bill 328, SD1

Senate Bill 328, SD1, will increase the availability of residential rentals for people with pet animals. Currently, the law only allows a landlord to require a maximum deposit equal one month's rent. Unfortunately, some pets might cause damage in addition to that covered by the one month amount so some landlords will not allow renters to have pets. This bill will provide a specified pet deposit which will be in addition to the deposit equal to one month's rent. It is not unreasonable to allow for such a deposit so that people with pets can more easily find a rental that will accept them.

The following is a recent article by Lurline Johnson, a member of the Oahu Chapter of the National Association of Residential Property Managers, which points out the difficulties of a law that prohibits pet deposits:

Landlord Tenant Q&A

LURLINE R. JOHNSON (R), ABR, CRB, CRS, GRI, RMP

Property Manager Property Profiles, Inc. Past President, Oahu Chapter
National Association of Residential Property Managers

Q. My landlord gave us approval to bring in a puppy. He said we had to get "renter's insurance" to cover any liability issues which we are okay with. He also said we have to give a non-refundable pet deposit. I am okay with the deposit but not with the "non-refundable" part of it. We have owned pets before and are very diligent with their care and the care of the home. We would be responsible for any damage the pet would make. Any suggestions?

A. Congratulations on being allowed to bring a pet into your rental property – you are definitely the exception to the rule here in Hawaii. The majority of landlords in this state – our company included – are hesitant to allow a pet because we are only allowed to accept a deposit equal to or less than the actual rental amount. The Landlord Tenant Code 521-44 (b) states that "the landlord may not require or receive from or on behalf of a tenant at the beginning of a rental agreement any money other than the money for the first month's rent and security deposit." Some states allow for an additional deposit – whether it is specifically for pets or not – but not Hawaii.

Also any deposit that is collected and held by a landlord for a rental property

needs to be fully refundable. The deposit is held to remedy tenant defaults for accidental or intentional damages to the unit, failure to pay rent, failure to return all keys, cleaning, and compensation for damages caused by a tenant who wrongfully quits the dwelling unit. Within 14 days of a tenant vacating the unit, the landlord will notify the tenant in writing as to what portion of the security deposit is being held – along with documentation such as estimates or invoices for materials and services or for costs of cleaning.

The “renter’s insurance” the landlord is referring to is actually a HO-4 homeowner’s policy that protects a renter and their personal property. The liability insurance provides coverage for sums that you are legally obligated to pay as a result of a suit or claim by others that are injured by you or your belongings (excluding your automobile), family members or pet(s). The policy also has coverage for various other losses, but for this discussion it specifically insures the tenant in the event the pet should bite, hurt, or somehow injure someone on the property. Each company is a little different but the majority will not accept a pet that is considered a “notorious breed.” So when you are picking out that cute little pup you might want to think twice if it is a Pit Bull, Doberman Pinscher, or Rottweiler.

I can’t speak for other landlords but if you were to rent from us and we allowed a pet, you would be required to sign a pet addendum. The addendum specifies such things as the number and size of the pet(s) allowed, whether it will be allowed in the home, that the tenant is responsible for any damage caused by the pet and that the tenant purchase a “renter’s policy.” All these precautions are put in place because – once again – Hawaii law doesn’t allow for a pet deposit – refundable or not.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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Francine Yee	Individual	Support	No

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Brenda Becker	Individual	Support	No

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Wenona	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Although I disagree with an additional pet deposit to the rent deposit, if it encourages landlords to allow tenants with pets; then I support Bill SB 328. I own two small dogs and it took nearly over two months to find one apartment out of 15 that allowed pets. It's not even in an ideal location, but I had to compromise my amenities for my dogs because I love them. Dogs are like family members - not just pets.

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Theresa Donnelly - SUPPORT

Dear Chair, Rep. Angus McKelvey, Vice Chair Rep. Derek Kawakamo and other members of the Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce,

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

I am writing to you today to express my strong support for SB 328 SD1, relating to animals.

Here in Hawaii, it's extremely hard to find pet-friendly rentals. **This is especially important to our transient military community, many of which cannot afford to purchase a home.**

Giving realtors the ability to impose a pet deposit may encourage more to permit pets, leading to less animals dropped off at shelters with an uncertain fate.

This bill is a great step in making Hawaii more pet friendly. In fact, housing restrictions are one of the main reasons why people are forced to leave family members behind. This must stop.

Thank you for your time in reading my testimony.

Theresa Donnelly

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steph hong	Individual	Support	No

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Carole R. Richelieu	Individual	Support	No

Comments: As volunteers who care for hundreds of abandoned pets, we believe that it is imperative for the community that citizens and their pet families have all opportunities to remain together even when forced to relocate due to financial straits.

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Kristen McManus-Miller	Individual	Support	No

Comments: My family and I have lived on island for over 7 years. There are very limited rentals available that allow animals specifically the large breed dogs. Everywhere we call states either no animals or ankle biter breeds only. It's ironic because my large breed dogs never cause damage to the home. They are true coach potatoes. It is very frustrating when trying to find a home. Three years ago we were all set to move. We had movers scheduled and everything, to only have the homeowner change his mind the day we were supposed to meet up obtain keys. It left us in a huge lurch as we were supposed to move the next day and had already given notice to our current landlord.

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rochelle blaisdell	Individual	Support	No

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Kim Williams	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please pass this bill! Hundreds of animals every year are given up because people can not find pet friendly rental units. This bill is urgently needed to start undoing the damage caused so far to families who love their pets and have been forced to part with them. This bill will save the lives of hundreds of animals each year!! If you want less animals living on the streets or taken to shelters to possibly be put down, then pass this bill!! Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!!!!!!

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Ruth Carlson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: It's the right thing to do.

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Helene Navaro	Individual	Support	No

Comments: More pet housing means less abandonment which is the biggest current situation. More Pet Housing is what Hawaii really needs. We live on an Island and we must share our Aloha Spirit to these homeless animals. More Pet Housing less animals on the street. Please support this so very important Bill for the Animals! Mahalo Nui Loa.

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Duncan Brown	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Seniors absolutely need the privilege and right to live with a companion &/or therapy & family pet...

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Diane Endo	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Cindy Lance	Individual	Support	No

Comments: This is truly an idea whose time has come. People should be able to have pets in their rentals as long as they are responsible for damages, jut as they would for damages of any other kind. Passage of this bill would be a step in reducing the number of abandoned animals who are largely cared for by compassionate private citizens at great personal expense. This bill makes so much sense, it's hard to believe one like it wasn't passed years ago! It's no skin off the landlord's nose. They get their money and repairs done, as they would from any irresponsible tenant; people get to have their pets; and there will be fewer abandoned animals left to suffer and die unless they are fortunate enough to be rescued by caring citizens. Please vote "Yes."

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