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Comments: Exempts any charitable or nonprofit organization from civil liability for providing shelter or subsistence to any animal in need. Exempts from civil liability any person who donates goods or food to a charitable or nonprofit organization for the purpose of providing shelter or subsistence to any animal in need. We of Hui Pono Holoholona a 501c3 animal non profit donate hours and hours of our time, money, energy, etc to the welfare of animals. To have to worry about law suits in addition to our volunteer work is a shame. Mahalo.

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To: Chair Clayton Hee, Vice Chair Maile Shimabukuro and Members of the Senate
Judiciary and Labor Committee
From: Mary James
Date: January 30, 2013

Re: Testimony in support of Senate Bill 329

I have been involved in animal rescue for many years and have worked with numerous nonprofits dedicated to improving the lives of pets and other animals. These nonprofits are run entirely on donations with all the work performed by volunteers. One of the major expenses of these organizations is the cost of supplies to help the animals. Unfortunately, many businesses who supply pet food and other supplies, are prevented from donating many of these supplies to the nonprofits because of the possibility of being held liable for unforeseen injuries related to the donations. For example, a great amount of pet food is lost because it cannot be sold once the expiration date has passed – even by one day. Nearly 100% of such food is absolutely healthy. If the businesses who must throw such food away were protected from liability, it would not only provide animal rescue nonprofits with additional supplies, it will also prevent a large amount of unnecessary waste. This bill will address this waste and help nonprofits with no cost to businesses or others.

In 1994, the Legislature addressed a similar problem with donations made to charitable or nonprofit organizations that provide shelter or subsistence to needy persons. That year, the Legislature passed Act 250 which was codified as section 663-10.6, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS). The language in S.B. No. 329 is nearly identical to section 663-10.6, HRS, and will help nonprofit organizations working for animal welfare to do more.

This bill, again similar to section 663-10.6, HRS, will also provide protection from liability for charitable and nonprofit organizations that provide shelter and subsistence to animals.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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