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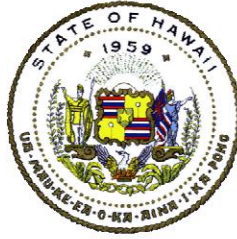
RE: S.B. 635, S.D. 1, H.D. 1; RELATING TO ANIMAL CRUELTY.

Chair Rhoads, Vice-Chair Har and members of the House Committee on Judiciary, the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu submits the following testimony in support of S.B. 635, S.D. 1, H.D. 1.

The purpose of S.B. 635, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, is to add "law enforcement animals" to the existing offenses of "Causing injury or death or a service dog," and "Intentional interference with the use of a service dog." The Department strongly agrees that law enforcement animals are an integral part of Hawaii's law enforcement and corrections agencies, hand-selected and highly trained for their jobs. These animals diligently work side-by-side with law enforcement officers, deputies and other personnel, and should be afforded special protections. The Department believes that language presented in S.B. 635, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, will work alongside existing animal cruelty statutes, to deter this specific type of offense and better protect the interests of both service dogs and law enforcement animals.

For the foregoing reasons, the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu supports S.B. 635, S.D. 1, H.D. 1. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

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TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL (SB) 635, SENATE DRAFT (SD) 1, HOUSE DRAFT (HD) 1
RELATING TO
ANIMAL CRUELTY

By
Ted Sakai, Director
Department of Public Safety

House Committee on Judiciary
Representative Karl Rhoads, Chair
Representative Sharon E. Har, Vice Chair

Tuesday, March 19, 2013, 2:00 p.m.
State Capitol, Room 325

Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Har, and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Public Safety (PSD) **supports** SB 635, SD1, HD1 which amends offenses of causing injury or death to a service dog and intentional interference with the use of a service dog, to include law enforcement animals.

PSD views its drug and bomb detection dogs as part of our Law Enforcement family and feels that SB 635, SD1, HD1 would help deter an individual from injuring our dogs while conducting searches, if the suspect knew that there were criminal penalties for such an action.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

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March 19, 2013

The Honorable Karl Rhoads, Chair
and Members
Committee on Judiciary
State House of Representatives
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Rhoads and Members:

Subject: Senate Bill No. 635, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, Relating to Animal Cruelty

I am Darren Chun, Captain of the Specialized Services Division, Honolulu Police Department, City and County of Honolulu.

The Honolulu Police Department supports Senate Bill No. 635, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, Relating to Animal Cruelty.

Canines of the Specialized Services Division accompany our officers during high-risk, critical incidents. These canines face the same, if not a higher, degree of risk when assisting our officers in the apprehension of dangerous criminal offenders. We agree that the protections provided by Senate Bill No. 635, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, are needed to shield our law enforcement animals from harm while they work hard to keep Hawaii's communities safe.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify. I urge your committee to support and pass Senate Bill No. 635, S.D. 1, H.D. 1.

Sincerely,

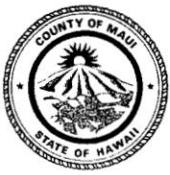
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DARREN CHUN, Captain
Specialized Services Division

APPROVED:

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LOUIS M. KEALOHA
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March 19, 2013

The Honorable Karl Rhoads, Chair
And Members of the Committee on Judiciary
House of Representatives
Hawaii State Capitol
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: Senate Bill No. 635, SD1, HD1, RELATING TO ANIMAL CRUELTY

Dear Chair Rhoads and Members of the Committee:


The Maui Police Department **SUPPORTS** the passing of S.B. No. 635, SD1, HD1. This bill establishes the offenses of causing injury or death to a service dog or law enforcement animal and intentional interference with the use of a service dog or law enforcement animal.

The Maui Police Department supports this measure as it will help to protect law enforcement service animals that work hard to prevent drugs from entering our community. We would also like to show our support for these courageous and hard working members of law enforcement that tirelessly work to support our goals to protect and serve our community.

The Maui Police Department asks for your **SUPPORT** to S.B. No. 635, SD1, HD1.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

For 
GARY A. YABUTA
Chief of Police



THE HUMANE SOCIETY
OF THE UNITED STATES

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

House Judiciary Committee, 3-19-13, 200pm, Rm 325

RE: SB635, Testimony in SUPPORT with AMENDMENTS; 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

Dear Honorable Chair Rhoads, Vice-Chair Har and Committee Members,

We support enhanced penalties for the intentional harm or abuse of a law enforcement animal, and believe they deserve the same protections as service animals and pet animals. Many states have already enacted similar laws to protect these animals who put their lives on the line in their course of duty to protect humans and public safety.

We respectfully request that **Page 4, line 4 and Page 6, line 4, exempting cropping and docking as customarily practiced and permitted by law be stricken.** Neither law enforcement nor service animals should be subjected to these painful procedures unless performed by a licensed veterinarian using proper anesthetic and pre and post-operative care.

Thank you for your consideration of this testimony.

SB635

Submitted on: 3/17/2013

Testimony for JUD on Mar 19, 2013 14:00PM in Conference Room 325

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Cleon Bailey	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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