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**Testimony of  
WILLIAM J. AILA, JR.  
Chairperson**

**Before the House Committee on  
JUDICIARY**

**Thursday, March 14, 2013  
2:00 PM  
State Capitol, Room 325**

**In consideration of  
SENATE BILL 6, SENATE DRAFT 1  
RELATING TO ANIMAL CRUELTY**

Senate Bill 6, Senate Draft 1 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 amendment.**

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.

Our suggested language for subsection (2)(b) of SECTION 3 of this measure is as follows:

"§711- \_\_\_\_\_ **Cruelty to animals by trapping.** (1) A person commits the offense of cruelty to animals by trapping if the person intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly uses, sets, or

maintains:

- (a) A steel-jawed leg-hold trap; or
- (b) A snare, conibear, or foot- or leg-hold trap in an area zoned as residential or any other area where such trap is prohibited by law or rule; except under the situations described in subsection (2).
- (2) Subsection (1)(b) 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; if pursuant to a mandatory statutory duty for the protection of species listed as threatened or endangered species, and other wildlife species protected by law; or for the protection of public health, safety, or property.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.





Testimony of The Nature Conservancy of Hawai'i  
Supporting S.B. 6 SD1 Relating to Animal Cruelty  
House Committee on Judiciary  
Thursday, March 14, 2013, 2:00PM, Room 325

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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 35,000 acres in 11 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.*

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The Nature Conservancy supports S.B. 6 SD1 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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March 14, 2013

Testimony To: House Committee on Judiciary  
Representative Karl Rhoads, Chair

Presented By: Tim Lyons, CAE  
Executive Director

Subject: S.B. 6, SD 1 – RELATING TO ANIMAL CRUELTY

Chair Rhoads and Members of the Committee:

I am Tim Lyons, Executive Director of the Hawaii Pest Control Association. It is our members that control household pests like termites, bed bugs, centipedes and rodents.

We have no particular problem with the intent of this bill however we do believe it needs some clarification in order to avoid any unintended consequences.

We would like to be sure that there is no misinterpretation or misapplication of the term "conibear trap" as it might relate to snap traps which are used routinely in rodent control. The definition of conibear traps as it appears in this bill, we believe could be applied to snap traps and, therefore, we would recommend that in Section 3 of the bill, subparagraph 3 where the

definition of conibear trap appears that additional language be added at the end of the sentence basically stating that "...not including snap traps used for rodent control."

We don't think it is the intent of this bill to include rodent control under the terms of animal cruelty however we think it would be far clearer if this additional language was provided.

Thank you.



**THE HUMANE SOCIETY  
OF THE UNITED STATES**

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

House Judiciary Committee, 3-14-13, 200pm, Rm 325

**RE: Testimony in STRONG SUPPORT of SB6 SD1; 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](mailto:igibson@hsus.org), 808-922-9910

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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.

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 exemption for the use of devices such as “snap-traps” designed specifically for rodent control we recommend the following addition to the definition of conibear traps:

“Conibear trap” means a contrivance consisting of metal or steel designed to kill by crushing the body or severing the spinal cord of any animal, **other than a snap trap that is designed to control rodents**

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 SB6 to protect pets and the community.



# Hawaiian Humane Society

People for animals. Animals for people.

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**To:** Representative Rhoads, Chair of the Committee on Judiciary,  
Representative Har, Vice Chair, and Committee Members

House Committee on Judiciary (JUD)  
March 14, 2013, 2:00 p.m., Room 325

**Submitted by:** Jennifer J. Han, Policy Advocate  
Hawaiian Humane Society, [jhan@hawaiianhumane.org](mailto:jhan@hawaiianhumane.org)

**Date:** March 11, 2013

**RE: Support SB6, SD I;  
Relating to Animal Cruelty: Snares - Trapping**

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The Hawaiian Humane Society supports the passage of Senate Bill 6, Senate Draft I 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 SB 6, SD I. On behalf of Hawaiian Humane Society, I ask for your support in passing this measure.





Submitted by: Donna Whitaker, Executive Director  
Hawaii Island Humane Society

Date: March 12, 2013

RE: Support SB 6, SD1  
Relating to Animal Cruelty: Snares-trapping

The Hawaii Island Humane Society stands with the Hawaiian Humane Society in support of the passage of SB 6, SD1 in order to better protect animals from snares, conibears and leg-hold traps as they are cruel, inhumane means of trapping.

These steel-jawed traps are not currently in use by any state or federal agency, are prohibited in a number of states and are banned in 89 other countries around the world. Their use is opposed by the American Veterinary Medical Association and the American Animal Hospital Association. Prohibiting these snares in residential areas will further protect pet animals who may become victim to these merciless traps. We also support the requirement that any pet that is captured in these devices be checked for identification and reported to the local humane society for reunion with their owner.

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

**SB6**

Submitted on: 3/11/2013

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Dr. Joel Fischer	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: SB6 March 14, 2013 PLEASE PASS THIS BILL (with change discussed below) This bill should be a no-brainer for every legislator who cares about pets and other animals. Those snares are SO brutal only a primitive society would continue to use them. CHANGE: Please delete the section absolving state employees and others from the reporting requirements. Leaving that provision in the bill dilutes it so much the bill becomes close to meaningless. Thank you. Aloha, joel

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JOHNNY KELLY	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please pass this bill! I can't believe people would even do this cruel and horrible act!!

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Comments: Keep our animals safe

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Caron Nakamura	Individual	Support	No

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Support SB 6

03/14/2013, 2:00PM, Conference Room #325

To: Committee on Judiciary  
Rep. Karl Rhoads, Chair  
Rep. Sharon E. Har, Vice Chair

From: Casey Hewes

Re: Support Bill SB6

I am writing as an individual in strong support of SB6.

The usage of traps and snares must be one of the most outdated modes of small animal capture it is almost comical, except these methods are of tremendous harm to the animals and members of the community.

I am from the small island of Lanai and I have seen these archaic methods utilized and it simply unnecessary and this should no longer be tolerated throughout the state. There are humane traps which when utilized sends a message to the community that thoughtfulness and humanity supersedes bad habits.

Please help in creating a sensible state and strengthening the communities by supporting SB 6.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Casey Hewes". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Casey Hewes  
(808) 454 - 7381  
caseyh246@gmail.com

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Catherine Leong	Individual	Support	No

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Cathrine Larsen Svihus	Individual	Support	No

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Chelsea Hong	Individual	Support	No

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Claudia Tarry	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please ban these barbaric contraptions that belong in the middle ages, not in modern life. There is nothing pono about these instruments of torture.

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Cynthia Frith	Individual	Support	No

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Cynthia Okido	Individual	Support	No

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D. Makiya	Individual	Support	No

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Daniel Morisato	Individual	Support	No

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Deborah Bukala	Individual	Support	No

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Denise Anderson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: No question. I support this bill.

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Eileen Herring	Individual	Support	No

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Faith Lebb	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please do not allow snare traps! Such treatment of animals cannot be allowed

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Francine Yee	Individual	Support	No

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Testimony against Hawaii Senate Bill [6 SD1](#)

This bill severely hinders the effectiveness of nonprofits and volunteers involved in conservation and environmental work and it would help the spread the range of invasive and highly destructive species in Hawaii by taking a tools from a very limited arsenal away from those of us in conservation.

The conibear (which is a brand of body grip trap) when used properly is a humane trap and is a lot more humane then live traps when a person can not check trap used for predator control often, as in a back woods setting on any of our islands. It is a great tool when used right and it would hurt the environment if it was remove from are slim arsenal of tools available to those of us who work in conservation.

The snare can be a very powerful tool. It can, for a minimal cost, allows a small number of people to manage a large ungulate population and to take that away from groups like The Nature Conservancy and the Ko'olau Mountains Watershed Partnership would be akin to a crime.

To ham string our under funded non-profit workers and eradication volunteers is very short sighted and shows a lack of understanding for what is involved in conservation and protecting the native and endangered plants and animals of the Aina.

Thank You

Fred Bannan

Honolulu, HI

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Gail Myers	Individual	Support	No

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ginger edmunds	Individual	Support	No

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Hana Blatter	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Allowing the use of inhumane traps in residential areas is highly dangerous to residents of the particular area and is not necessary to catch animals that would normally be found in residential areas. Traps of this nature are unsafe and not necessary in residential areas. Thank you

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Iris Iwami	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support this bill.

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Ivy Hawkins	Individual	Support	No

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Jacque Le Blanc	Individual	Support	No

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Jamie Ikeda	Individual	Support	No

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Janet Clark	Individual	Support	No

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Janine Wiehl	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please support this Bill to help prevent cruelty to animals including family pets who may wander and become inadvertently caught in such horrible traps as snare or steel jaw leg traps. I have witnessed first hand on the Mainland the horrors of such when the poor animal chewed off it's own leg in efforts to escape and lay meters away, it must have died in unbearable agony. A bloody scene I will never forget my entire life.

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Janis Kusatsu	Individual	Support	No

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Jason Cadiz	Individual	Support	No

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Jeffrey Chung	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Using these types of traps are simply cruel and malicious.

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Jenna Skededeski	Individual	Support	No

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jennifer leslein-hopley	Individual	Support	No

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Jennifer Lopez	Individual	Support	No

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jennifer shim	Individual	Support	No

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Jennifer Whaley	Individual	Support	No

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Jenny Fujiwara	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please help to legally protect the animals, they are voiceless and you are their only hope.

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Jessica Dunn	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am extremely saddened by the pain and suffering animals endure by these inhumane trapping mechanisms. I have personally seen dogs tore to shreds by these snares and the painful recovery necessary for them. Please pass this bill!!!

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Jessie Pennington	Individual	Support	No

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Jill Merl	Individual	Support	No

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Jill Villarmia	Individual	Support	No

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Joanne Romero	Individual	Support	No

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Johanna Leiato	Individual	Support	No

Comments: PLEASE pass this bill. Our neighborhood animals are part of our families. They should not be subjected to this CRUEL and inhumane treatment. May you become their voice and pass this legislation. Thank you :)

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JOHNNY KELLY	Individual	Support	No

Comments: PLEASE SUPPORT AND PASS THIS BILL!

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Judy Lam	Individual	Support	No

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Kahanu Ponimoi	Individual	Support	No

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Kalina Chang	Individual	Support	No

Comments: The use of such devices is reprehensible and inexcusable, ANYWHERE, let alone in residential areas. The suffering inflicted upon animals by humans is unbelievable, and misdemeanor is not an adequate charge.

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karen krasniewski	Individual	Support	No

Comments: It is inhumane to snare any animal, and I am against any cruelty to any animal on our planet.

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Kate Linton	Individual	Support	No

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KATHRYN CORREIA	Individual	Support	No

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Kathy Takayama	Individual	Support	No

Comments: The thought of the pain and suffering a loving animal would experience makes me sick to my stomach. No more suffering PLEASE!

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Kelley Streadbeck	Individual	Support	No

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Kelly Boudreau	Individual	Support	No

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Ken Renzoni	Individual	Support	No

Comments: These devices have no business being used in residential areas. I'm not certain they have any legitimate use at all but I hope we would all agree these contraptions don't belong in neighborhoods where people, children and pets co-habitate.

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Kenneth Lesperance	Individual	Support	No

Comments: As A professional resource enforcement officer, I state these methods of animal capture are inhumane and lead to by-kill on a regular basis.

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kent sato	Individual	Support	No

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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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Kristine Lesperance	Individual	Support	No

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Kupono Wong	Individual	Support	No

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Laura Lum	Individual	Support	No

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Lisa Fowler	Individual	Support	No

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Lois Kelsey	Individual	Support	No

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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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Marcia Muraoka-Dunn	Individual	Support	No

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Marielle Harrison	Individual	Support	No

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Marisa Tottori	Individual	Support	No

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Mary E Wilson	Individual	Support	No

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Michelle bowerman	Individual	Support	No

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Michelle Brown	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support of the Snare Bill, Senate Bill 6. Far too many domestic animals are injured by these traps to merit their use in residential areas - and the Humane Society has to spend many hours dealing with (non-intended) animals which have been caught and maimed by these traps. Thus diverting time and resources that could be put to greater use here in Hawai'i. Most importantly, this bill would end the needless suffering of pets caught and injured by these traps. Sadly, it is not enough to ask people to avoid using snare, conibear and steel-jaw traps in residential areas - please grant law enforcement the ability to enforce these requirements!

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Myra Lam	Individual	Oppose	No

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Nanci Kosten	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please stop this inhumane practice.

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Amber Russell	Individual	Support	No

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Anna Parmley	Individual	Support	No

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Brigette Kuhn	Individual	Support	No

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Laurie Pottish	Individual	Support	No

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Michelle de la Vega	Individual	Support	No

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Nancy Walden	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support this to prevent the unnecessary abuse and pain caused by these inhmane snares and traps.

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Naomi Egami	Individual	Support	No

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Niurka Lopez	Individual	Support	No

Comments: These traps are barbaric and not species specific. They have no place in Hawaii.

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Pam Leslein-Yoshihiro	Individual	Support	No

Comments: There is absolutely no reason to have such devices in residential areas. This is not just for the protection of animals, but children as well.

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Pamela DaGrossa	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am in support of this bill. There is no reason for the use of inhumane traps such as snares, conibears, or steel-jawed traps, particularly in residential areas. There are multiple humane ways of trapping and/or killing animals. Please support this bill.

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Patricia	Individual	Support	No

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peter hopley	Individual	Support	No

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Peter Kowen	Individual	Support	No

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Rachel Sussman	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I support the snare bill wholeheartedly. Snares and steel jawed traps are the most inhumane possible way to catch an animal. There should be no excuse to inflict such immense pain and suffering when there are more safe and effective ways of trapping an animal.

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Rebecca choy	Individual	Support	No

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Rumi Yoshida	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Inhumane traps should not be used anywhere. It is not right to treat innocent animals in this manner.

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I support The **Snare Bill, Senate Bill 6**.

The Snare Bill prohibits the use of inhumane traps, like snares, conibears, and steel-jawed traps, in residential areas. Any person in violation will be guilty of a misdemeanor.

There is no need to use snares in present day hunting practices. It also poses a major risk to harm humans or animals who are not aware of their presence. Please pass the snare bill today.

Sincerely,  
Susan Hammer  
Sierra Drive  
Honolulu, HI 96816

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d.jinbo	Individual	Support	No

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diane blastic	Individual	Support	No

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Elaine Partlow	Hui Pono Holoholona	Support	No

Comments: I help feed and maintain three feral (abandoned) cat colonies in a residential area. Because of illegal snares, several cats have been injured, and one even lost her hind foot. Until there are legal consequences for their actions, these people will continue to put innocent cats and dogs at risk of death or maiming. Please pass this legislation to help protect animals. Thank you.

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Elizabeth Rice Grossman  
1240 Mokulua Drive  
Kailua, HI 96734

12 March 2013

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Elizabeth Rice Grossman and I live in Kailua. I strongly support SB 6. Snares and traps are widely acknowledged as archaic and inhumane. They are not currently in use in any state or federal agency and are legally prohibited in a number of states and banned in over 80 countries. These devices have no place in the land of Aloha. I urge you to support SB 6.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Elizabeth Rice Grossman", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Elizabeth Rice Grossman  
808.388.3978

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Fawn Liebengood	Individual	Support	No

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Florence Hulihee	Individual	Support	No

Comments: This is an archaic device that injures innocent animals. No animal should be caught with a device like this. Also, if these are out and about not only can pets get hurt with them, but kids could also. Kids will not know what these are and their natural curiosity could cause serious harm. These need to be outlawed completely.

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Jennifer Chiwa	Individual	Support	No

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Jennifer Oka	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Inhumane traps in residential areas are cruel and creates unnecessary risk to our keiki and furry ohana. Please pass this bill. Mahalo!

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Jo Ann Yanazaki	Hawaiian Humane Society	Support	No

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Joey Ann Kempson	Individual	Support	No

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Joy Zepeda	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please support this sb6, Please outlaw snare traps. Thank you

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Judith Aikawa	Individual	Support	No

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Julie Ikeda	Individual	Support	No

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Karen Ikoma	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please pass SB 6 / HB 493. It is unthinkable in this day and age for anyone to even consider utilizing such cruel and inhumane traps at all!

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Karen Scharff	Individual	Support	No

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Kolina Shepard	Individual	Support	No

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kris hara	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support Snare Bill, Senate Bill 6 which prohibits the use of inhumane traps, like snares, conibears, and steel-jawed traps in residential areas. Such torturous items should not be used anywhere, let alone in residential areas.

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Lisa Kumbroch	Individual	Support	No

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liz	Individual	Support	No

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Lorraine Askam	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please pass this legislation! You can help stop the this cruel treatment of animals!

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Lorraine Shaughnessy	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Dear Representative Rhoads and Judiciary Committee Members, Please support of the Snare Bill (SB6 SD1). 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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Marc Nadon	Individual	Support	No

Comments: This should really be a no-brainer.

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Margaret Sueoka	Individual	Support	No

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Mark Takekawa	Individual	Support	No

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maurice needham	Individual	Support	No

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Melina Patrick	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support the Sanre Bill because I believe the use of inhumane traps, like snares, conibears, and steel-jawed traps, should be prohibited in residential areas and that any person in violation should be guilty of a misdemeanor.

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Monica Ruiz	Individual	Support	No

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Nancy Harrison	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support the snare bill which prohibits the use of inhumane traps, snares, conibears and steel-jawed traps, in residential areas and makes such a violation a felony. I believe such a practice should be prohibited in any situation. Humane methods are widely available and should be used.

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Nancy mcCormick	Individual	Support	No

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Natalie Lukashevsky	Individual	Support	No

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Pauline Osborne	Individual	Support	No

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Rebecca Axberg	Individual	Support	No

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Robert Ewen	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please pass the Snare Bill, SB9 into law. Thank you.

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Satoko Makino	Individual	Support	No

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Sharon walden	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support this measure.

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March 12, 2013

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

**Re: Testimony on SB6, Relating to Animal Cruelty**

Dear Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Har, and Members of the Committee on Judiciary,

The Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor found that “this measure allows for the use of appropriate tools to control feral animals, such as pigs, goats, sheep, deer, and wild cattle, where there is a potential for these animals to damage natural resource areas. At the same time, this measure establishes 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.”

I support the passage of SB6 creating a misdemeanor 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 areas; requiring the reporting of dogs and cats that are captured or killed in a snare or trap; and providing exemptions for activities carried out by state and federal agencies. I was disappointed to see that the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor inserted an effective date of July 1, 2050 “to encourage further discussion” on the issue. If this Committee finds there is a need to pass a measure to protect pet animals from the use of these types of traps in residential areas, what good is it going to do for animals in the 37 years before it becomes effective? I would urge this Committee to amend the measure by changing the effective date to be within the next 2 years.

According to a report compiled by the Animal Legal Defense Fund ([www.aldf.org](http://www.aldf.org)) that assessed the strength of each jurisdiction’s animal protection laws, Hawaii ranked #43 out of the 50 states for 2012. We were recognized as one of seven states who for the first time enacted a felony penalty for cases involving extreme animal cruelty. The report ranks states (and the District of Columbia and U.S. territories) based on their cumulative scores to 42 study questions covering 15 distinct animal protection laws categories. I believe that the passage of this measure is one step toward rising out of the bottom tier when it comes to animal protection laws.

I strongly believe that the passage of this bill is a necessary step to take in order to improve the lives of pet animals in Hawaii, and I urge you to support the passage of SB6 relating to animal cruelty.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Stacy Takekawa, Esq.

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Stephanie Needham	Individual	Support	No

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Arthur Wierzchos	Individual	Support	No

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Ashley Silva	Individual	Support	No

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Audrey Nakata	Individual	Support	No

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Carol Ogata	Individual	Support	No

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Charles barboza	Individual	Support	No

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Christina Wu	Hawaiian Humane Society	Support	No

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Dallas Marie Cabalse	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I fully support the passage of SB6 re: Snare Bill.

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Debra Barboza	Individual	Support	No

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Diana Franklin	Individual	Support	No

Comments: These inhumane traps aren't needed. The humane traps are adequate to trap animals without causing injury to the animal. Please ban the use of inhumane traps. Thank you for your time to read my comments. Sincerely, Diana Franklin

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diana pugh	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Another very important bill Mr.Hee-These passive devices of cruelty,even for those that they are intended for,as the people who set them may leave the trapped animal to suffer and die a very cruel death before the trapper checks the traps,also not to mention what may be inflicted upon a beloved pet,child or innocent passer-by-er !!

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Jan Vestal	Individual	Support	No

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Janis Turner	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please pass this bill. We must not allow animal cruelty..it is barbaric. Thank you.

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Joann	Individual	Support	No

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Karen Brenden	Individual	Support	No

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Karen Maruoka	Individual	Support	No

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Regina Yoshimori	Individual	Support	No

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Ron Gose	Individual	Support	No

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Sorcha McKeown	Individual	Support	No

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Theresa Donnelly -- SUPPORT SB6 SD1

Dear Chair Rep. Rhodes. Vice Chair, Rep. 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 you to express my support for SB 6 SD1, 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 might just save an innocent animal's life.

Thank you for your time in reading my testimony.

Theresa Donnelly

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Tomoko Nakagawa	Individual	Support	No

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Vince Dydasco	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support this bill. It is useless today to use such archaic devices.

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Vivian S. Toellner	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha, Please support this bill. Animal snares have been found right in Hilo, where a sweet cat had been trapped for days-losing his back leg. Animals have been found dead in traps, that have not been checked for weeks! No true hunter sets a trap and does not check it! Please be humane. Mahalo.

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Approximately 21 animal snares, set with string, cord and wire, were located and dismantled.  
Courtesy photo



Approximately 21 animal snares, set with string, cord and wire, were located and dismantled.  
Courtesy photo

Snaring at Kea'au Transfer Station

By Alan D. McNarie

Mei Andrade, who works at Recycle Hawai 'i's recycling and reuse center at the Kea'au Transfer Station, knew something was wrong when she heard a chicken "screaming."

She went to investigate, and found the chicken caught in a homemade snare in the woods next to the transfer station.

Later, she said, she confronted a group of Micronesians who were setting more snares in the woods. Strong words were exchanged, and Mei threatened to call the police if she found them there again. She also reported the incidents to Franny Pueo of the animal advocacy group

Hui Pono Honoholona. Pueo searched the woods, and found and removed more snares. When she returned a few days later, she found still more.

"One had the rope missing so it is assumed that it may be around an animal," she wrote in an e-mail afterwards. "The others were taken to Keaau HIHS [Hawai'i Island Humane Society] and another animal abuse report was made, I had the assistant there take pictures and left all the evidence with her.

"Of these snares, all were different – one tied to a branch was a green thin but strong cord, another had a yellow heavy duty twine buried in the ground, and the last was thick cord attached to a large guava cut tree, and at the top was a heavy wire metal taped to it.... Noting all the differences in the methods of these snares, makes me think that there is more than one person setting them."

Some of the snares were surrounded by sharpened sticks embedded in the ground so that the caught animal would impale itself on the sticks as it thrashed about, trying to free itself. According to Andrade, at least one chicken lost its eye in a snare. Pueo found a cat that had been caught in

one of the snares for an estimated one and a half weeks. Its mangled paw had to be amputated; in its weakened condition, it did not survive long after the surgery.

Inga Gibson of the Humane Society of the United States told the Big Island Weekly that the Kea'au snares are not an isolated incident; local humane societies frequently receive animals injured in snares. And Gibson believes that many more cases go unreported. In one notorious case in Ocean View in 2009, eight dogs were caught in head snares. Four strangled before they were found; the other four had to be put down because of their injuries. While the Kea'au incidents have allegedly involved Micronesians, Gibson said,

“I've never heard that any ethnicity uses these snares or devices more than any other.”

Snares have been used to catch animals since Neolithic times. In Hawai'i, even state and federal agencies sometimes use them to catch invasive species such as pigs. But they're also one of the crueler ways to capture an animal. Head snares, noted Gibson, cause an extremely painful condition called “jelly head”: lymph builds up in the animals' heads, inflaming the tissue. Animals caught in leg snares face a horrendous choice: gnaw their legs off or face a slow death from dehydration, starvation, blood loss or gangrene, unless the trapper comes by to end the agony sooner. And more humane capture methods exist, such as live traps.

It's illegal to set snares on public or private property without permission. But since snare-setters don't usually leave their names on their handiwork, it's difficult to track them. And the laws are weak, anyway. Gibson said that when the local humane society tried to get prosecutors to act on the 2009 Ocean View case, they were told that prosecution wasn't possible because “They couldn't demonstrate the intent to catch a dog.” And Hawai'i state laws don't even require snare-setters to check their traps regularly.



The Humane Society and other animal advocacy groups want to change that. According to Stevens, various bills regarding snares have been introduced for at least the past five years, without success. Some of the bills would have prohibited the use of snares entirely, but have been opposed by some conservation agencies that use them to control pig populations.

Last session, with the humane societies' support, South Hilo Rep. Jerry Chang introduced a more modest bill requiring snare setters to check their traps every 24 hours, put names and contact information on them, and report captures of unintended animals to local humane societies. The bill exempted snaring activities in remote areas to protect threatened and invasive species. Those testifying favored the bill, 81-4, but by the time it had passed out of Chang's Water, Land and Ocean Resources Committee, it had been amended to exempt certain agencies, exempt snaring in agricultural areas, and allow 48 hours to check traps. Gibson says her group allowed the bill to die, rather than face more weakening amendments in other committees.

"The last thing we wanted was a bill that may allow four or five days and permit other exemptions," she said.

Her group will be reintroducing the legislation and hoping for better luck next time. Meanwhile, Gibson urges those who discover live traps and those who know of pets injured by such traps to report the incidents to their local humane societies. Snares found on state land should also be reported to the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

"We can do both: We can continue to protect the environment and avoid unnecessary suffering," Gibson believes.



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Yvette Clithero	Individual	Support	No

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David McArthur	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please support this important bill

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Ginny Tiu	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: Please support this bill. These devices inflinimaginable and excruciating suffering on innocent animals, that can go on for days before they die. I'm sure you are aware that these animals have been found with their limbs chewed off, in an attempt to release themselves from their agony. Thank you for your consideration to support this bill. Ginny Tiu

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Mary Markl	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please pass this bill now. Right now anyone, any kid can make a makeshift snare which causes horrifying pain to an innocent creature. You are their only hope to stop this now for snares, steeltrap, etc.. This is why laws are created since there are people who will do anything and seem to have no sensitivity or awareness. Last year someone came from outer island to testify that she saw plenty of snares and suffering or dead animals. These innocent creatures do not deserve such horrors. They have sensitive nerve endings like us. Imagine if you were caught in one that was approximate to their size but our size - what a nightmare of pain. Please make a law to stop this now and help it to pass with all of your colleagues now and in the future. Thank you.

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Will Weaver	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: To whom it may concern, I oppose bill SB6 SD1 Relating to Animal Cruelty. The bill needs to be more specific on the definition of a prohibited area outside of residential areas and who is allowed to utilize snares and traps. I work in conservation in Hawaii and we utilize snares and conibears to control ungulates in a forest setting. These are invaluable tools that we need to be able to use responsibly. Perhaps there should be a permitting process that would allow the controlled use of snares and traps. Sincerely, Will Weaver

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leslie takaki	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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lynne wood	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support this bill . Please pass it.

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Brent Ching	Individual	Support	No

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Dennis Y. Fujii	Individual	Support	No

Comments: There are other humane means of capturing feral animals. All forms of trapping should be outlawed. If hunters can not track their prey, they should find another hobby!

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Lawrence A. Woode, Jr.	Individual	Support	No

Comments: We need this to prevent potential injury to not only our domesticated pets but also our children. The placement of these devices in residential areas is ludicrous.

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Matthew D Burt	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I would like to put forth my opposition to this bill (SB6-SD1) being heard today. The use of leg-hold/foot-hold snares, conibears, steel mouth traps, etc. are proven effective tools for removing dangerous destructive animals. When trying to remove/eradicate animals from any area you need to have the ability to rely on multiple methods of removal. Limiting your arsenal of tools limits your ability to be effective and cost efficient. In effect you are forcing the use of live traps, hunting dogs and projectiles (firearms, bows, and/or crossbows exclusively), each of which has some level of danger associated with them. Please reconsider the passage of this bill and just say no. If this bill passes you will be limiting the publics ability to protect their lives and property from feral animals (which also includes dogs and cats). Thank you

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Jessica Agsalda	Individual	Support	No

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Jane Shiraki	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please put an end to these animal torture devices, we mustn't look away at what they are doing. Please make a difference and help make it a better world.  
<http://salina.com/news/Story/carson-mansfield-and-trapping-31209> (A pet beagle died in this merciless trap.) <http://www.causes.com/actions/1726064-ban-all-trapping-in-america-> (Both of the defenseless racoon's hands are trapped as if a criminal) now[http://www.earthisland.org/journal/index.php/elist/eListRead/fire\\_wildlife\\_services\\_employee\\_for\\_animal\\_cruelty/](http://www.earthisland.org/journal/index.php/elist/eListRead/fire_wildlife_services_employee_for_animal_cruelty/) (Trapped, weakened cayote tortured and ripped apart by dogs)

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Victoria Anderson	Individual	Support	No

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Tamara Ochoa	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please keep our family pets and all animals safer by adopting this bill. I was shocked to find out that there could be traps in residential areas with the potential to wound or kill our innocent and unsuspecting animals. It isn't just rodents at risk. We all know responsible owners who have had the misfortune of losing sight of a pet or has had a pet escape from a yard or fenced in area. It is terrifying enough to know that a family pet is alone unprotected in the neighborhood. We cannot allow further traps and snares to endanger these animals, not to mention small children that may happen upon these curious contraptions. This really is a reasonable request. I thank you for your time. Respectfully, Tamara Ochoa

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Lori Tsue	Individual	Support	No

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Sarin Koerner	Individual	Support	No

Comments: We got to stop and prevent any violent and inhumane acts against animals!!!!

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Helene Navaro	Individual	Support	No

Comments: These barbaric, cruel, horrific and painful trapping such as one-leg hold, steel trap should be banned completely. It would give the animal caught in this barbaric trap excruciating pain; therefore, it's cruelty to the highest level. Please have a heart and ban these traps. Please share your Aloha Spirit to these unfortunate animals. Mahalo Nui Loa!

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Joni Yuen	Individual	Support	No

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Nicole Barnes	Individual	Support	No

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Tina Bounds	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Steel Jawed Traps & Snares are Cruel & Inhumane.

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