



**THE HUMANE SOCIETY
OF THE UNITED STATES**

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

House Judiciary Committee, 4-2-13, 2pm

RE: SB8 ; Relating to Veterinary Medicine, SUPPORT with AMENMDENTS

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 you for the opportunity to speak in support of SB8; Relating to Veterinary Medicine, with the below noted critical amendments.

This important measure would prohibit unlicensed veterinarians and non-veterinarians from performing cruel surgical procedures on pet animals, and set forth appropriate criminal penalties. This bill is necessary as our current animal cruelty law exempts “cropping and docking as customarily practiced” but does not require that these procedures be performed by a professional licensed veterinarian. This law only applies to pets, not farm animals.

Ear cropping, tail docking, declawing, debarking and any other surgical procedure is extremely painful to an animal if proper pre and post-operative care and anesthetic are not administered. Non-veterinarians performing these procedures often forcefully restrain and bind the dogs with duct tape, then use razor blades, box-cutters or simple scissors to cut the dogs’ ears and/or tail.

Ear-cropping by non-veterinarians is also a common procedure performed on dogs prepared for and used in illegal dogfighting to prevent bleeding from torn and ripped ears, which may compromise the dogs’ vision and ability during a fight. Unfortunately, we have seen many cases where individuals (non-veterinarians) have attempted to perform such procedures on pets, resulting in extreme suffering. In addition, if not performed by a professional veterinarian, these procedures can result in serious infection, blood loss, shock and even the death of the pet.

We appreciate CPC’s attempt to address the concerns of a few breeders (non-veterinarians) who have been performing tail-docking and dewclaw removal however, we, along with the Hawaii Veterinary Medical Association are very concerned that the existing language exempting tail-docking and dewclaw removal before 5 days of age creates a massive loophole for *anyone* to perform these painful procedures, using *any* means or methods (razor blades, garden shears, etc), and regardless of whether or not they have even done these procedures before. We would like this exemption to be removed, however, if removing this language is not possible, we would like to add that on **PAGE 2, LINE 8**, “**only after first receiving approval based on a consultation provided by a licensed veterinarian**” be added. If non-veterinarians are going to be allowed to perform these procedures, at the least, they should consult with a vet on the appropriate pre/post-

operative care, what to do in case of emergency (e.g., blood loss, shock, infection) and what sterile surgical equipment must be used.

More information from the AVMA opposing the procedure here:

<https://www.avma.org/KB/Resources/Backgrounders/Pages/Welfare-Implications-of-Tail-Docking-Dogs-Backgrounder.aspx>

We respectfully urge your support of this measure with the above critical amendment.



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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)
April 2, 2013, 2:00 p.m., Room 325

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

Date: March 30, 2013

**RE: Support SB8, SD1;
Relating to Veterinary Medicine**

The Hawaiian Humane Society strongly supports the passage of Senate Bill 8, Senate Draft 1 as it prohibits laypersons from performing certain surgical procedures without being licensed as a veterinarian pursuant to section 471-2 Hawaii Revised Statutes.

Surgical procedures should only be performed by licensed veterinarians as they can result in negative physical consequences and can be extremely painful thereby resulting in distress. Surgical births, or otherwise known as cesarean births, tail docking, ear cropping, and debarking are some examples of these procedures where, if performed improperly by a layperson, could cause serious pain and suffering to the animal. Also, various procedures require critical post-surgery care in order to ensure that the wounded area is not infected or otherwise compromised. As with all surgical procedures, there are inherent risks of anesthesia, blood loss, and infection to the animal in addition to the emotional distress.

Further, we believe it is not good public policy to exempt a community by its population size. As such, we ask for this Committee to remove “and provided further that persons residing in counties with a population of less than five hundred thousand persons may conduct tail docking and dewclaw removal procedures on pet animals within five days of the pet animal’s birth” (lines 4-8, page 2).

In order to ensure that all animals are treated humanely in all aspects of their lives, it is incumbent for all surgical procedures to be performed by the licensed veterinarians as deemed qualified by statute.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of SB 8, relating to veterinary medicine. On behalf of the Hawaiian Humane Society, I ask for your support in passing this measure as SD 1.

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Testimony for JUD on Apr 2, 2013 14:00PM in Conference Room 325

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Aimee Nuss	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please remove the exemption for people living in a population of 500,000 or less.

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Alice Saul	Individual	Support	No

Comments: COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY Rep. Karl Rhoads, Chair Rep. Sharon E. Har, Vice Chair Dear Representatives Rhoads and Har, This is further testimony regarding SB8. I have already requested that you pass this bill, but I wish to make it clear that I do not support consideration of any exemptions to this measure, just as I could not envision any exemptions being countenanced for similar unprofessional medical surgical procedures to people. Thank you.

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Andrew Connell	Individual	Support	No

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anna meng	Individual	Support	No

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Arin Duarte	Individual	Support	No

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Audrey Lake	Individual	Support	No

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audrey nakata	Individual	Support	No

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Bonnie Oda	Individual	Support	No

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Brett Lum	Individual	Support	No

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Carolyn Knoll	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I will support only if the following is removed: persons residing in a population of less than 500,000 may conduct tail docking and dewclaw removal on pet animals within five days of birth.

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Caron Nakamura	Individual	Support	No

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Chelsea Kentris	Individual	Support	No

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cheryl Thielen	Individual	Support	No

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Colleen Otsuka	Individual	Support	No

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Cynthia Frith	Individual	Support	No

Comments: It is vital that only qualified vets are the primary performers of any surgical procedures on animals. They have the knowledge and incentive to perform said procedures while the individual may well be motivated by financial savings primarily. The qualified vet has the business reputation of his practice to consider, along with his/her reputation-the individual has neither.

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Dana Jones	Individual	Support	No

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Daniel Morisato	Individual	Support	No

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Denise Anderson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I agree with this bill.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Diane (Kimura) & Sandy Sugiyama	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: We are against this bill because once again it targets dogs and dog owners. Dogs aren't the only animal that is subject to tail docking. Some sheep have their tails docked to keep the area clean. Sheep raisers don't go to the vet to cut their tails. Sometimes breeders know their breed better than a vet and are able to cut the tails at a better length than the vet. Some breeds of dogs cannot have a tail longer than so many inches according to their breed standard. Who best determines what length it should be cut as a pup to make sure as an adult it is the correct length? The breeder of the dog!! How can you consider the penalty correct for this? You can do a lot worse criminally and still have less of a penalty than if you cut your puppies' tails and dewclaws. It is also a danger to take such young puppies in to the vets office at such a young age because of chilling which can lead to pneumonia and eventual death and because the vet's office exposes the puppies to lots of germs which cause diseases that can be fatal. Please do not pass this bill. Mahalo!!

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Diane Blastic	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I believe that it is not good policy to exempt a community by its population size. Only licensed veterinarians should conduct surgical procedures. Please support this bill with this exemption removed.

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Dirk Fukushima	Individual	Support	No

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Elizabeth Rice Grossman	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Elizabeth Suter	Individual	Support	No

Comments: NO EXEMPTIONS! WHY ISN'T THIS ILLEGAL ALREADY??????

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Fawn Liebengood	Individual	Support	No

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Gillian Boss	Individual	Support	No

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Ginger Chock	Individual	Support	No

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Ginger Kolonick	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ginny Tiu	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: Please support SB8. It is inhumane to do surgical procedures without the benefit of anesthesia, which is available only to licensed vets.thank you for your kind consideration. Ginny Tiu

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Helene Navaro	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please support this so very important Bill. Only Licensed Vet should perform medical procedures on helpless animals. Any thing else is just plain cruel. Trained and licensed Vets will ensure the correct procedures are done with minimal pain for the animals. Please support this necessary Bill. The animals are counting on us to make the right decision for them. Thank you for your kind consideration.

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Iris Iwami	Individual	Support	No

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Jacque Le Blanc	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please remove the exemption for people living in a population of 500,000 or less.

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Jamie Ikeda	Individual	Support	No

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Jane Arnold	Individual	Support	No

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Janet Clark	Individual	Support	No

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Jason Cadiz	Individual	Support	No

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Jennifer Chiwa	Individual	Support	No

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Jenny Fujiwara	Individual	Support	No

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Jessica Dunn	Individual	Support	No

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Jessie Ito	Individual	Support	No

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Jessie Pennington	Individual	Support	No

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Jo-Ann Fujta	Individual	Support	No

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JOHNNY KELLY	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Judith A. Mick	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I object to these procedures being done at all, but as a compromise let's put it in the hands of professionals. I hope in the future it can be eliminated entirely.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kahanu Ponimoi	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please remove the exemption for people living in a population of 500,000 or less.

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Kate Linton	Individual	Support	No

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

Comments: Dear Chair, Vice Chair and Committee members, I ask for your support in passing this bill with amendments. Surgical procedures, when improperly performed, can cause needless, severe physical pain and emotional distress on the animals. This bill which permits only licensed veterinarians to perform these surgical procedures will ensure to prevent pain and suffering. Further, I urge you to remove the exemption for those living in a population of 500,000 or less. Not only is it not good public policy but it presents enforcement issues as well. Thank you for allowing me to testify in support with amendments. Sincerely, Keoni Vaughn

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Laura Lum	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
LEILA ISHIKI	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I believe that it is not good policy to exempt a community by its population size. Only licensed veterinarians should conduct surgical procedures. Please remove the exemption: Persons residing in a population of less than 500,000 may conduct tail docking and dewclaw removal on pet animals within five days of birth.

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Leona Ely	Individual	Support	No

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leslie takaki	Individual	Support	No

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Linda Ross	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support this bill.

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Lisa Fowler	Individual	Support	No

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Liz Rizzo	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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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
lu fleming	Individual	Support	No

Comments: cruel butchering at its core! what give us a right to take these measures in our own hands? a licenced vet that is trained in these skills knows best..for the sake of the animal...let us not allow inexperienced hands to cut up an animal at will...they are a living creature of this earth.

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Malia Hollmann	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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Margaret Sueoka	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mari Zeleznik	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Docking should be illegal anyway, but of course animals' health should be protected.

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Mary James	Individual	Support	No

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May Tyrrell	Individual	Support	No

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Mi Kosasa	Individual	Support	No

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Michele Higa	Individual	Support	No

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Michelle Bowerman	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mike Moran	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Would you allow some guy to perform surgery of your ohana? No, me either. Let's protect those with no voice from this fate. Please support

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Naomi Egami	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Pam Wolf	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Only trained vets should preform procedures that might cause pain, or worse!

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patricia stevens	Individual	Support	No

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Peter Kowen	Individual	Support	No

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Rachel Sussman	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Rene Umberger	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Chair Rhoads, Vice-chair Har and Committee members, Thank you for considering this measure which will protect pets from the horrific pain and injury that comes from surgical procedures performed by non-veterinarians. Please keep all aspects of this measure intact, included surgical birth, ear cropping, tail docking, dewclaw removal and debarking. No exemptions to any of these practices - please! Mahalo, Rene Umberger

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Renee Martinson	Individual	Support	No

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Rob Church	Individual	Support	No

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roland shanklin	Individual	Support	No

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sarah kimmons	Individual	Support	No

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Sherryl Mencacci	Individual	Support	No

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Stacy Takekawa	Individual	Support	No

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Stephanie Docekal	Individual	Support	No

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The Vet Med Bill seeks to ensure that animals do not endure unnecessary pain and suffering by permitting only licensed veterinarians to do surgical procedures such as tail docking, ear cropping, and debarking.

At the last hearing, the committee added an unexpected exemption: persons residing in a population of less than 500,000 may conduct tail docking and dewclaw removal on pet animals within five days of birth.

I firmly support this bill **without** the new exemption.

Signed,
Susan Hammer

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Susan Kosasa	Individual	Support	No

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Vernon Ling	Individual	Support	No

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Victoria Sandoval	Individual	Support	No

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Violet Iuta	Individual	Support	No

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Jane Shiraki	Individual	Support	No

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Jamie Louis	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Eric Ako DVM	Hawaii Veterinary Medical Association	Support	Yes

Comments: Dear Honorable Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Har, and committee members, Veterinarians support SB8, except for exempting counties of 500,000 population or less. Niihau has no dogs. Molokai has a veterinary clinic in Kaunakakai, and veterinarians serve Kalaupapa as well. Lanai, of Maui County, has a clinic, although it is not now regularly operated. All other counties are well served. It should be called to your attention that the vast majority of show and obedience dog fanciers use licensed veterinarians. That these procedures serve no useful function, and are cosmetic. That these procedures are increasingly implicated as painful in nature, which can be long lasting. Please help us move forward by learning to better care for our animals, as well as ourselves. Respectfully yours, Eric Ako DVM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Christopher Feld	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments: Oppose. We love our animals but these are animals. Need to consider if a class c felony is an appropriate punishment considering that abuse of humans is not as severely punished. Also need to allow breeders on Oahu to do dew claw removal and tail docking.

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David McArthur	Individual	Support	No

Comments: please support SB 8 mahalo

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SB 8 SD 1 HD 1

April 2, 2013

Opposition with amendments

I represent a small group of dog breeders and we will never be able to compete with the number of “no comment supporters” that this bill has. This fact should **NOT** discount the importance of our testimony. We have worked very hard to provide thoughtful and meaningful testimony to protect the dogs we love. We do the docking and dew claw removal to prevent painful injuries later in life. We do it **at 3-5 days** of age because that is when it would cause the **least amount of distress** to the animal. **The ability to do these procedures should be afforded ALL breeders in Hawaii, not just the neighbor islands.**

I agree with the amendments that were included in [SB8 HD1 HSCR1170](#) however I strongly urge this committee to allow the breeders on Oahu to continue to be able to perform their own dew claw removal and tail docking for the following reasons:

- Doing these procedures at home prevents puppies from being exposed to deadly viruses like parvo in a vet’s waiting room.
- Doing these procedures at home is less stressful to the puppies as they are not subjected to being separated from their mothers during the commute to and from a vet’s office.
- Excluding the island of Oahu from being exempt **ASSUMES** that **every vet on Oahu does these procedures and can accommodate breeders within the small 3-5 day window. Roughly 50% of the veterinarians on Oahu perform dew claw removal and tail dockings.** In some areas of Oahu a person would have to drive an hour to get to a vet that performs these procedures. **IF a person was not a regular client, it may not be possible to obtain an appointment within the 5 day time frame.** I know this for a fact as I have assisted people who found out at the last minute their vets do not do these procedures and were unable to find a vet near them who could. **Accessibility to vet who does these procedures IS an issue on Oahu.**

I would also urge all legislators to consider the punishments given to animal cruelty cases.

The **Public Defender office's attorney Timothy Hoe** made a good point in his Senate testimony regarding some of the animal cruelty bills, while we all love animals, these are animals. **Let's not elevate animals to the same levels as human beings.** Doing so only plays in to the hands of the Humane Society of the United States and Animal Rights Hawaii animal rights agenda.

For example look at **§709-906 Abuse of family or household members; penalty.** (7) For a third or any subsequent offense that occurs within two years of a second or subsequent conviction, the offense shall be a class C felony.

It takes 3 offenses of abusing a family member to get a class C felony but the legislature is willing to make felons out of law abiding citizens who want to remove a dew claw or dock a tail?

As a social worker in this community for over 30 years, I understand abuse and work daily to advocate for people. I've been a dog lover my entire life and would NEVER condone acts of animal cruelty.

PLEASE don't make felons out of innocent people who love their dogs!

Oahu	Docking	Dew Claws	Ear Cropping	Debark
Aina Haina Pet	N	Y	N	Y
King Street Pet	Y	Y	N	N
All Pets Waipahu	N	N	N	N
Blue Cross Animal	N	Y	N	Y
Aloha Animal	N	N	N	Y
VCA Kapolei	N	N	N	N
VCA Waimalu	N	N	N	N
VCA Waipahu	Y	Y	Y	N
Ewa Beach Animal	Y	Y	N	N
Gentle Vets	Y	Y	N	N
Gentry-Waipio	N	N	N	N
The Pet Clinic	N	N	N	N
Hawaii Kai Vet	N	N	N	N
Kapalama Pet	Y	Y	Y	Y
Honolulu Pet Clinic	Y	Y	N	N
Island Vet	Y	N	N	N
Koolau Animal	N	N	N	N
Kahala Pet	N	N	N	N
Kakaako Pet	N	Y	N	N
Kalihi Pet	Y	Y	Y	N
Ohana Vet	N	N	N	N
Newtown Vet	Y	Y	N	Y
Kilani Pet	Y	Y	N	N
Kokua Pet	Y	Y	Y	N
Leeward Pet	N	N	N	N
Makai Animal	Y	Y	N	Y
Mililani Mauka	N	N	N	N
Mililani Town	Y	Y	N	N
North Shore Vet	Y	Y	N	N
Waianae Vet	Y	Y	N	Y
Waipio Pet	Y	Y	N	N
VCA Manoa	Y	Y	N	N
VCA Family	N	N	N	N
Feather & Fur	Y	Y	Y	N
VCA Kaneohe	Y	Y	N	N

TOTAL	19 (54%)	21 (60%)	5 (14%)	7 (20%)
35 SURVEYED				

Lynn Muramaru, LSW
 Judge, American Kennel Club
 President, Terriers In Paradise-Hawaii
 Member, American Working Terrier Assn.
 Member, American Miniature Schnauzer Club
 Member, Miniature Schnauzer Club of So. California
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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mary Markl	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Just as we wouldn't want to be forced to submit to these practices being done to us say by anyone who feels like doing it, anyone imagine doing it to you and getting away with it, infection, no pain killer, mistakes can abound and no penalty. Please do not allow just anyone to do this. Though I am against these procedures, at least if they are done, let them have some mercy of pain medication and least amount of infection now. Thank you.

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Comments: Oppose. It needs to be amended to ALLOW Oahu residents to also perform dew claw removal and tail docking. It should be uniform throughout the State!

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Ron Gose	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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