

Hello, I am writing in support of SB8 SD1, the bill banning the performance of surgical procedures by a non-licensed veterinarian. I am the only veterinarian on Molokai (I live on island) and have seen the results of what happens to animals in communities where people attempt to perform surgical procedures (including cosmetic procedures such as ear cropping) on animals without anesthesia, pain medication, antibiotics, and when those people lack medical knowledge or skill. Some of these results include disfigurement, infection, and animals in pain.

Making an exemption in rural communities like Molokai and Lanai would not change the fact that the procedures people want exemptions for are ELECTIVE procedures. Most of these procedures, including ear cropping, tail docking, debarking are cosmetic procedures that are frowned upon by all animal welfare organizations and the American Veterinary Medical Association:

“The AVMA opposes ear cropping and tail docking of dogs when done solely for cosmetic purposes. The AVMA encourages the elimination of ear cropping and tail docking from breed standards.”

If an owner would like to have these procedures, which are unnecessary, performed there is no reason they could not have them done in a humane fashion by a veterinarian, even if they have to fly off-island. Getting them done by a random person without training is inhumane and cruel. Most veterinarians do not even perform these procedures, that are opposed by the AVMA, anymore.

Surgical birth, such as a caesarean section on a dog or cat, or spay/neuter would require pain medication and general anesthesia, which would entail controlled drugs (which would have to be under a veterinarian’s license) and training in veterinary anesthesia which require a veterinarian to administer and monitor the animal.

There are other cases in which I have had to intervene that were not covered in this bill. One concerns a dog that had a life-threatening uterine infection. A gentleman named “Mike” artificially inseminated the dog on Oahu. Her dog’s breeder referred the owner of the dog to this gentleman. A week later, the dog presented to me with a fever of 105F and pus dripping from the vagina. I performed an emergency surgery (spay) on the dog to remove its uterus, which was swollen with pus. While I cannot blame “Mike” for giving the dog this infection, the most likely cause of the dog’s almost dying was an infection from non-sterile instruments used in the artificial insemination.

I really believe that veterinarians should perform veterinary procedures. We went to college and receive the same training that physicians do in medicine and surgery. We also have to pass both a national board exam and a Hawaiian veterinary board examination. People’s pets deserve appropriate care.

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Pam Kutaka	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose this bill but I am for an amendment to EXCLUDE docking tails and dew claws. Please support the amendment.

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Comments: Animal Surgeries should be done by Licensed Vet to minimize pain and suffering. Surgeries should be done by licensed professionals. Any one else performing medical surgery should be considered a form of cruelty.

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