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To: Senator Clayton Hee, Chair of the Committee on Judiciary and Labor,
Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair, and Committee Members

Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor (JDL)
February 20, 2013, 10:00 am, Room 016

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

Date: February 15, 2013

RE: **Support SB8, SD 1;
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.

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, SD 1, relating to veterinary medicine. On behalf of the Hawaiian Humane Society, I ask for your support in passing this measure.



**THE HUMANE SOCIETY
OF THE UNITED STATES**

TO: Honorable Chair Hee, Vice-Chair Shimabukuro and Committee Members

Senate Judiciary Committee, 2-20-13, 1000am

RE: In STRONG SUPPORT OF SB8 SD1; Relating to Veterinary Medicine

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 strong support of SB8; Relating to Veterinary Medicine.

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 respectfully urge your support of this measure.

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

Comments: Dear Chairman Hee and Judicial committee members, The mission of the Hawaii Veterinary Medical Association is to ensure the delivery of quality veterinary medical services to the community. We are in support of SB 8,SD 1, believing that only a licensed veterinarian has access to medicines that are required to perform surgical services in the fashion demanded by our community....free from pain and infection. Thank you, and i would be happy to clarify any issues. Eric Ako DVM Executive Vice President, HawaiiVMA

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Ginger Towle	West Hawaii Humane Society	Support	No

Comments: This law is long overdue and essential. It is just common sense that only a veterinarian should be doing any type of surgery!! Much testimony has supported the tragic results from individuals who operated on their pets. Ginger Towle- President WHHS

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Madelyn R. Barrea	West Hawaii Humane Society	Support	No

Comments: I would like to go on record as being in support of SB8. In the past I have worked for veterinarians, been an animal control officer and the manager of a humane society shelter. I have seen many unfortunate animals brought in suffering immensely from botched up surgical procedures that were not done by veterinarians, and some where their owners dumped the bodies of dead animals that obviously died a torturous death at the hands of these want-a-be surgeons. This heinous crime must be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law! Thank you, Madelyn R. Barrea Executive Director West Hawaii Humane Society

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
leslie farnel	last resort dog rescue	Comments Only	No

Comments: should be amended to state veterinarian or trained vet tech.

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February 19, 2013

Subject: SUPPORT FOR SENATE BILL No. 8

Honourable Chair and Members of the Committee.

I have mixed emotions on this Bill, having owned dogs that had docked tails and clipped ears for many years. Today, when I see dogs of this breed without them they look strange to me. However, many dog associations, especially in Europe have agreed that unless the docking of the tail is required for the performance of the duties of the dog, they should no longer be docked. I note the following legislation from England, where most dog clubs originated.

*1. The current law is set out in section 6 of the **Animal Welfare Act 2006** and in the **Docking of Working Dogs' Tails (England) Regulations 2007 (SI 2007/1120)**.*

In brief, the Act makes it an offence to remove the whole or part of a dog's tail other than for the purpose of medical treatment, subject to the exemption for docking the tails of certain working dogs. In particular, the legislation states:

- a. that any veterinary surgeon who docks a tail must certify that she/he has seen specified evidence that the dog is likely to work in specified areas;*
- b. the dog must be no older than five days and will need to be micro chipped;*
- c. the types of dog that may be docked; and*
- d. the types of evidence which the veterinary surgeon will need to see*

Most dogs do not need their tail docked for any reason, but if they must for working purposes, it should be done by a veterinary surgeon.

I would recommend **support** for this bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Allan Schildknecht,

Testimony for SB 8 SD 1

My name is Lynn Muramaru and I am a breeder/exhibitor of Miniature Schnauzers, a breed that is shown with dew claws removed, tails docked, and typically with cropped ears. I have also owned dogs that were debarked and have had c-sections so I am very familiar with all the procedures that this bill addresses. Most of the dogs I have purchased on the mainland have had dew claws removed, tails docked, and ears cropped by persons who were not veterinarians. As a lifelong animal lover and a dog breeder for over 20 years, the health and welfare of ALL animals has my utmost priority.

I do not oppose this bill in its entirety. I would like to propose an amendment to this bill that would separate out the 2 procedures of dew claw removal and tail docking and allow breeders (non-veterinarians) to continue to perform these procedures if done before 5 days of age. Any procedure to be done after 5 days would require the services of a veterinarian.

I would like to propose another amendment that would allow a non-veterinarian who is skilled at ear cropping to perform this procedure until the supervision of a veterinarian. This would allow breeders from the mainland to come to Hawaii to teach interested veterinarians how to produce an ear crop that is consistent with a particular breed standard.

- 1) I have attempted an informal survey of every veterinary clinic on Oahu, Maui, Hawaii, and Kauai. I was able to identify about 80% of the clinics on Oahu and close to 90% on the neighbor islands. Clinics were surveyed to see if they perform dew claw removal, tail docking, ear cropping, and debarking. **Passing this bill as written ASSUMES that every veterinarian performs each of these procedures and the services are reasonable accessible. This is NOT the case. See attached file.**
- 2) New born puppies are born under developed. Ears and eyes are sealed shut and nerve endings are under developed. My litters of puppies had dew claws removed and tails docked by a vet at around 2 to 3 days of age before the nerve endings have a chance to develop. There were occasions when a pup might not have been stable enough to have the procedure done with its littermates. That would necessitate an additional trip to the vet. **These trips to the vet expose very young pups (4-8 ounces depending upon breed) to the stress of travel and highly contagious diseases like parvo virus.**



- 3) Dew claw removal & tail docking done before 5 days of age is done without anesthesia and does not require a sterile surgical suite. It only requires a clean working surface. No blood or extremely little is involved. I have witnessed this procedure many times. Dr. Eric Ako attested to this fact at the hearing for HB 140 (the companion bill).

<http://www.uskbtc.com/article.php/454> This is a link to a veterinarian authored article regarding dew claw removal, tail docking, and rationale behind doing the procedure before 5 days.

- 4) There is a **time constraint of no more than 5 days** in which to do docking and dew claw removal. This is a very small window of time and when you factor in holidays, weekends, and busy veterinary practices, this does not leave a person very time to get a litter an appointment.

Regarding ear cropping:

- 1) The best examples of tail docking and ear cropping I have seen for my breed were done by breeders themselves. **Correct docking and cropping is an art form requiring more than just surgical skill.** Only a breeder can best estimate projected adult proportions so that tails and ears are in balance once a dog hits maturity. I do not perform these procedures myself but I have had breeders who were skilled come to Hawaii to teach local veterinarians how to do these techniques. Currently there are **20 breeds that are cropped and 62 breeds where tails are docked. There is no way for a veterinarian to know the particular nuances for all these breeds!** http://images.akc.org/pdf/canine_legislation/Crop-Dock-Debark-Article.pdf Additional information regarding these procedures.
- 2) There are **only about 12 veterinarians statewide who do ear cropping** and a few offices told me they only know how to do about 2 different breeds.

A bill such as this **would do more harm to the preservation of pure bred dogs** by destroying what we refer to breed type. We ought to know at a glance that this dog is a schnauzer and that one is a poodle, etc. We should not have to guess.

Thank you for allowing me to provide testimony that I hope will guide you to making the right decision.

Lynn Muramaru

Proud member American Miniature Schnauzer Club

Member Miniature Schnauzer Club of So. California

Members Hawaii Companion Animal Coalition

Christopher Feld

Constituents of Sen. Mike Gabbard (Kapolei)

Hawaii (Big Island)	Docking	Dew Claws	Ear Cropping	Debarking
Aloha Vet. Center	Y	Y	Y (limited breeds)	Y (with limits)
Boyd Castro, DVM	Y	Y		
East HI Vet Center	Y	Y	N	N
Hilo Pet Hospital	Y	Y	Y	N
Keauhou Vet Hosp	N	N	N	N
Kong Vet Services	Y	Y	N	N
Kilauea Vet				
Kamuela Animal				
Jason Moniz, DVM				
Stephen Poleshuk				
Robin Woodley				
TOTAL	5 (83%)	5 (83%)	2 (33%)	1 (16%)
6 SURVEYED 50%				
Maui				
Aardvarks to Zebra	N	N	N	N
Animal Care	Y	Y	N	N
Central Maui	Y	Y	N	Y (with limits)
Kihei Vet Clinic	Y	Y	Y	N
Lahaina Vet Clinic	N	N	N	N
Makawao Vet	Y	Y	N	N
Maui Vet Clinic	Y	Y	Y	Y (with limits)
Shepherd Vet	N	Y	N	N
South Shore Vet	N	N	N	N
Upcountry Vet	N	N	N	N
Wailuku Pet	Y	Y	Y	Y (with limits)
Demian Dressler				
Hannabelle Animal				
Clayton Matchett				
TOTAL	6 (55%)	7 (64%)	3 (27%)	3 (27%)
11 SURVEYED 85%				
Kauai				
All Creatures	N	N	N	N
Kapaa Animal	Y	Y	Y	N
Kauai Vet Clinic	Y	Y	Y	N
Lihue Vet	Y	Y	N	Y (with limits)
Paradise Animal	Y	Y	N	N
TOTAL	4 (80%)	4 (80%)	2 (40%)	1 (20%)
5 SURVEYED 100%				

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Christopher Feld	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Oppose with amendment to allow non-veterinarians to perform dew claw removal and tail docking if done before 5 days old. OK to require a vet to do it if done after 5 days old. No opposition to the rest of the bill.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Robert Inouye	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Oppose with amendment to exclude tail docking and dew claw removal IF done before 5 days old. If done after 5 days, then must be done by a vet. No problem with the rest of bill.

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Testimony in Opposition to SB 8 February 20, 2013

Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor. Date of Hearing: Wednesday, February 20, 2013

Submitted by: Charlee Abrams, President of the Hawaiian Chinese Shar-Pei Club, a member of The Chinese Shar-Pei Club of America, and affiliate of the American Kennel Club, America's Largest Registry of Pedigree Dogs.

Dear Chair Hee, Vice-Chair Shimabukuro, and Committee Members

We do not oppose this bill in its entirety. However, we do believe that, in the case of dew claw removal that the procedure should be allowed to be performed by non-veterinarians if accomplished prior to five days of age.

Our breed, the Chinese Shar-Pei dog is shown with dew claws removed, otherwise unaltered. Our Master Breeders, and many veterinary technicians, currently perform the procedure. In fact, most of us prefer the procedure be done at the whelping box, close to mom, with little interruption to the new born puppy's routine.

Our new born puppies are born both blind and deaf and are not able to regulate or maintain their body temperature. They are totally dependent on mom and human assistance, if necessary, to begin their life process. Taking them away from mom at 48 hours of age, just as they are developing a regular nursing protocol, to a vet office to have their dew claws removed is unnecessarily harsh for both mom and puppies. Moreover, trips to the vet expose our new tiny under developed puppies to the stress of travel and highly contagious puppy killing diseases such parvo.

Furthermore, dew claw removal done before five days of age is done without anesthesia and does not require a sterile surgical environment. It only requires a clean instruments and proper after care. In fact, the tiny little dew claw is so soft that usually a single "snip" will remove it. No blood or very little is involved. I have witnessed this procedure many times, and I know of no complications from the removal of our puppy dew claws over the past 20 years.

In our opinion, SB 8 as submitted should be amended as suggested by, not only our club members, but also breeders of other breeds who may require additional newborn procedure.

We urge your committee not to adopt SB 8 in its current rendition.

Yours in dogs,

Charlee Abrams

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Terry Nii	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I support banning most types of surgery, however I ask you to consider excluding puppy "dew claw removal" from that list as long as it is done within the first five days after birth. It is sometimes done by responsible breeders at a very early age (two or three days old), who do not wish to expose their puppies to the stress of a long trip to the vet and whatever bacteria and diseases that they might be exposed to at the vet office and on the way to and from the vet's office. Veterinarians do not do this procedure under anesthesia nor in a sterile environment. Thank you for your consideration.

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Christin Matsushige	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Please support this bill! Thank you.

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Diane Kimura-Sugiyama	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Dogs have dewclaws and tails docked for a reason. I ask that dog owners be allowed to remove their own tails and dewclaws if the puppy is 5 days old or less. Exposing young pups to a vet clinic at that age puts them at UNNECESSARY risk of contracting deadly illnesses. In the UK and down under, dewclaws are left on causing adult dogs used for field, i.e. cattle herding, hunting to more unnecessary pain if those dewclaws get caught on something and torn. Some responsible dog breeders also prefer to take off tails at less than 3 days old because they are more accurate at making sure the length is correct and meets their breed standard as an adult. Please consider amending this bill to allow the pup owners to remove their own sews and tails if puppies are 5 days old or less.

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Ann Mello	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am opposed to this bill as written because of the statement " Makes intentionally or knowingly performing any surgical procedure, including but not limited to surgical birth, ear cropping, tail docking, dewclaw removal, and debarking, on a pet animal by any person not licensed as a veterinarian a class C felony." It is wrong to leave in the wording "not limited to" because it leaves it open to interpretation. A class C felony designation should NOT be left open to interpretation. I would support this bill if it was written as LIMITED TO the specific surgical acts stated, but am STRONGLY OPPOSED to it with "not limited to" in the wording.

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Susan Govier	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I OPPOSE SB8 SD1. I ask you to OPPOSE this bill for the following reasons: 1. This bill makes it a felony for a knowledgeable and responsible dog breeder to do their new born puppy tail docks and dewclaws. 2. The fear of felony is not going to stop the miscreants and unfairly burdens the responsible breeder who knows how to do their breed's tail docking and dewclaw removal. I OPPOSE including tail docking and dewclaw removal in this bill.

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Melina Patrick	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support this bill because it prohibits someone from performing surgical procedures without being licensed as a veterinarian. As an animal lover I wouldn't want a person that's not legally qualified to perform any procedures where, if performed improperly, could cause extreme pain and suffering to the animal.

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Starla Takaraq	Individual	Support	No

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Keoni Vaughn	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Dear Chair, Vice Chair and Committee members, I ask for your support in passing this bill. 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. Thank you for allowing me to testify in support of this bill. Sincerely, Keoni Vaughn

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Bonnie Osaki	Individual	Support	No

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Keri L. Jones, DVM, CVPP	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I believe this bill would bring us more in line with the rest of the country in terms of animal cruelty. I would like to see a mention of anesthesia and analgesia in conjunction with this bill, but that is a matter best addressed by the Hawaii Veterinary Medical Board once this bill is passed. Thank you for your attention.

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Ruth	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am for this bill because it will prohibit animal owners, and the owner's employees, from performing any surgical procedure, including but not limited to surgical birth, ear cropping, tail docking, and debarking without being a licensed veterinarian. Why would anyone who is not a veterinarian want or have the need to perform surgical actions on an animal? They will most likely only cause pain and traumatic experiences for the animal/pet. It is not healthy if they have no knowledge of how to treat and care after surgical procedures which can lead to an animals death! They will leave the animal suffering from its non medical related wounds!

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Jennifer Chiwa	Individual	Support	No

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Judith Aikawa, MD	Individual	Support	No

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Jill Yoshicedo, DVM	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Dear Committee: I am writing in support of SB8. As a licensed veterinarian, I believe only veterinarians are properly trained to perform humane and safe surgical procedures on animals. Not only do veterinarians go through rigorous training to develop proper surgical skills, they also possess the knowledge of proper drug use in animals and safe anesthetic protocols. SB8 ensures that our pets are cared for by those with the appropriate knowledge and skills. Any surgical procedure on an animal performed by a non-veterinarian is highly likely to be in a non-sterile environment with inadequate tools, anesthesia, and medication, and will NOT provide a safe and humane procedure for the animal. Most remember the KITV expose of the Pearl City man who admitted to doing ear crops, spays, and castrations on dogs in 2010. Unfortunately no legal action could be taken against him to prevent him from continuing to do these procedures, because a law such as SB8 was not in place. In practice, I have seen multiple cases of pit bull and doberman puppies with infected ears from poorly done ear crops (sutures obviously too tight, infected surgery sites, too much of the ear cropped). All of these owners will not say who performed the "surgery", which raises my suspicion of non-veterinarians performing these procedures. As an advocate for animal safety and health and a representative of the veterinary profession, I strongly support SB8. Thank you for your consideration.
Jill Yoshicedo, DVM

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Lisa Imai	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am writing to show my support for SB 8, SD 1: (Vet Med Bill) which would prohibit animal owners and the owner's employees, from performing surgical procedures on animals unless they are licensed veterinarians. Cesarean births, tail docking, ear cropping, and debarking are some examples of these procedures where, if performed improperly, could cause extreme pain and suffering to an animal. Thank you for your consideration.

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Martin Davis	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support this bill.

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Violet Murakami	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support SB 8 I support this bill on grounds that those who are not licensed veterinarians should not perform surgeries like ear cropping, tail docking, debarking, declawing and other surgical procedures on their pets and animals and will make it a criminal offense if they do so. It is inhumane to do otherwise.

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Chelsea Kentris	Individual	Support	No

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Lola Colombe	Individual	Support	No

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Kahanu Ponimo	Individual	Support	No

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Arin Duarte	Individual	Support	No

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Violet Iuta	Individual	Support	No

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Jamie Ikeda	Individual	Support	No

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Caron Nakamura	Individual	Support	No

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Marci Taylor-Kaneshige	Individual	Support	No

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Jason Cadiz	Individual	Support	No

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Testimony in support of SB8

Thank you for your consideration of this bill. Protecting our pet animals from unskilled and untrained surgeries is a great step forward for Hawaii. Just because someone wants to save money and feels they can perform these surgeries on pets themselves, does not qualify them, and absent the skill, training, medical equipment, and devotion of a veterinarian, these pets suffer needlessly. If this bill is passed into law, it will be a great victory for animal rights, and provide a way to hold people accountable for trying to cut corners. I am also a pet owner, and I cannot imagine taking some household item and mutilating my dog, causing great pain and suffering, just for the convenience.

Thank you for the opportunity to share my testimony in support of this bill.

Laurel Grimes

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Rachel Sussman	Individual	Support	No

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Mary James	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: I strongly support this bill. It will help prevent unnecessary pain for numerous pet animals. In addition, it provides a statement that veterinarian training is critical for the performance of surgical procedures. In addition to the pain experienced by the animals treated by nonveterinarians, there may be other unforeseen outcomes which a person without veterinarian training would be unable to address, inadvertently injuring or killing an animal. Thank you for hearing this bill.

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Mike Moran	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Pretty simple. This is a medical procedure, so only performed by professionals, please.
Support Mahalo

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V.Schindler		Support	No

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Lorraine Askam	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support this bill. As a previous Maui Humane Society adoption counselor, I saw the damage done to animals through home surgeries. I even adopted a Doberman whose ears and tail had been cropped. It was awful. Please pass this bill!

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dana russell	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Surgeries should only be preformed by veterinarians. That is the only way to insure that animals are humanely treated.

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Margaret Sueoka	Individual	Support	No

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Kale	Individual	Support	Yes

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Rene Umberger	Individual	Support	No

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Cecily Ling	Individual	Support	No

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Kristin Davidson	Individual	Support	No

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Kathy Takayama	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Surgical procedures should ONLY be done by a vet and one who has been approved by the HHS. It is abuse if not done properly and in some cases, not even necessary! Think of the pain the pet must endure and suffering if not done properly.

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Jill Merl	Individual	Support	No

Comments: This should be a no-brainer. Pets/animals feel pain. Would you allow someone who is not licensed to perform surgery on you?

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