

**PRESENTATION OF THE
BOARD OF VETERINARY EXAMINERS**

TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
JUDICIARY AND LABOR

TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE
Regular Session of 2013

Wednesday, February 20, 2013
10:00 a.m.

**TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL NO. 8, S.D. 1, RELATING TO VETERINARY
MEDICINE.**

TO THE HONORABLE CLAYTON HEE, CHAIR,
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is John Kaya, D.V.M. and I am the Chairperson of the Board of Veterinary Examiners ("Board"). Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony on Senate Bill No. 8, S.D. 1, Relating to Veterinary Medicine.

The purpose of this bill is to prohibit the owner of a pet animal and the owner's employee from performing any surgical procedure, including but not limited to surgical birth, ear cropping, tail docking, dewclaw removal, and debarking, without being a licensed veterinarian. Also, any person convicted of violating section 471-2 and who, in the course of that violation, intentionally or knowingly performs any surgical procedure shall be guilty of a class C felony.

Unfortunately, the Board has not yet held a meeting at which the language or substance of this bill has been available; therefore, there is no official position on this measure at this time. The Board will be discussing this bill at its next scheduled meeting on Wednesday, April 17, 2013.

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Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Senate Bill No. 8, S.D. 1. I will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

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Stephanie Ryan	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Surgical procedures performed by people without a veterinary license are often done without proper anesthesia or post operative pain medicine. Animals feel the same physical and emotional pain as humans. You wouldn't subject a family member to these ancient practices. Without specific laws to protect these animal who can not defend themselves, these practices go on without consequences.

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Michael Willinsky	Individual	Support	No

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Brian Walsh	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Because the phrase "surgical procedures including but not limited to" is vague, it is unclear which procedures are included. Many non-veterinarians perform simple medical "procedures" on their newborn puppies, livestock, rescued animals, etc. The language needs to be modified to be clearer, I suggest either: "surgical procedures requiring the use of anesthesia" or define a "surgical procedure" as one requiring sterile conditions and either anesthesia or pain medication. These procedures would not include "dewclaw removal" or non-surgical "tail docking". I cannot speak to any other procedures, but also excluded should be injections administered for the purposes of vaccination, immunizations or micro chipping. I don't do these myself but I know that in particular cat rescue organizations often do these. Many experienced breeders, farmers and animal rescue organizations perform simple "non-surgical procedures" on their own animals.

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Ginny Tiu	Individual	Support	Yes

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Theresa Donnelly - SUPPORT SB 8 SD1

Dear Sen. Clayton Hee, Vice-Chair, Senator Maile Shimabukuro and other members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor,

My name is Theresa Donnelly, and I am a volunteer with many national and local animal nonprofits. Previously, I was an officer with our local Boxer dog club and the owner of Hawaii Military Pets, an online educational resource for Hawaii Military families.

I am writing to you today to express my strong support for SB 8, relating to veterinarian medicine. Frankly, I find it difficult to believe that Hawaii didn't already have such a law.

I own a Boxer dog, a breed that customarily has a cropped tail and cropped ears. And, Pit Bull types are hugely popular here, which is another breed with ears that are cropped. I have personally seen the disastrous effects of a poor crop job on tails and ears. This delicate surgery must be done properly or animals suffer. It's that simple.

I hope you get some testimony from Hawaii's veterinarian community who no doubt have firsthand experience fixing these botched, painful backyard surgeries from suffering pets. Many of these veterinarians may tell you that they oppose docking and cropping all together, as this is the position of the American Medical Veterinarian Association. However, these surgeries are extremely popular in Hawaii. **The sad truth is that like abortion, this practice if outlawed would continue to go on without anesthesia, without pain medicine and without follow-up care.**

And currently, that's shamefully legal.

We wouldn't allow average citizens to perform surgeries on people. What makes animals ok?

These creatures deserve our voice and our protection and our advocacy.

Thank you for your time in reading my testimony.

Theresa Donnelly

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Patty Brady	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support this bill.

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