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To Whom It May Concern,

As a nationally accredited program the largest provider of Assistance Dogs in the State of Hawaii, we would very much like to submit the following testimony.
I wanted to submit this before the 10am deadline, but need information on how to register.

Thank you!

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Testimony for JDL on Mar 21, 2014 10:00AM in Conference Room 016

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
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Comments: Assistance Dogs of Hawaii is an internationally accredited program and has graduated over 50 Service Dog teams in the State of Hawaii. We are in complete support of imposing a fine for people who misrepresent pets as Service Dogs as proposed in HB 1420. This problem is putting many of our clients with disabilities and their Assistance Dogs in danger. One of our clients who is both blind and paralyzed, lost her independence last year because her Guide/Service Dog was attacked in a Honolulu restaurant by a pet dog wearing a service dog coat. She was so traumatized by this incident, she has not left the house on her own since then.

We believe the imposition of a fine alone will help solve this growing problem in Hawaii.

However, we are NOT in support of the state overseeing the registration of Assistance Dogs, as this would be very difficult to administer and could lead to other problems.

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