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TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON  
AGRICULTURE

TWENTY-SEVENTH STATE LEGISLATURE  
REGULAR SESSION, 2014

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2014  
9:40 A.M.

TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2534  
RELATING TO DOGS

TO THE HONORABLE JESSICA WOOLEY, CHAIR,  
TO THE HONORABLE RICHARD ONISHI, VICE CHAIR,  
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

The Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department") appreciates the opportunity to testify on House Bill No. 2534, Relating to Dogs. My name is Jo Ann Uchida Takeuchi, Deputy Director. The Department opposes this bill.

House Bill No. 2534 requires any individual, firm, partnership, joint venture association, limited liability company, or corporation who owns, possesses, controls over otherwise has custody of ten or more dogs to register with the Department.

The regulation of large scale dog breeders has been exhaustively analyzed as part of a sunrise analysis conducted by the Legislative Auditor, Report No. 11-02, *Sunrise Analysis: Regulation of Large-Scale Dog Breeders and Facilities*. See, <http://files.hawaii.gov/auditor/Reports/2011/11-02.pdf>. In the report, the Auditor found that the proponents of the bill failed to demonstrate a need for regulation as defined by the sunrise law, and concluded on page 25:

We found little more than anecdotal evidence for the need to protect the public's health, safety, and welfare from abusive activities of large-scale dog breeders. Consequently, our analysis shows that S.B. No. 1522, S.D.2, H.D.1, does not meet the criteria for regulation of these breeders through the State's professional and vocational regulatory agency. We also found that the primary goal of the bill is to protect dogs rather than the public, and that DCCA is ill-equipped to administer regulation of animal breeders. In addition, financing is an unresolved issue due to the lack of information on the scale and extent of dog breeding in Hawaii...

The Department concurs with the conclusions of the Legislative Auditor that regulation in this area, to the extent regulation may be necessary, should not be placed with the Department.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in opposition to House Bill No. 2534. I will be happy to answer any questions members of the Committee may have.



**THE HUMANE SOCIETY  
OF THE UNITED STATES**

TO: Honorable Chair Wooley and Agriculture Committee Members

Committee on Agriculture, 2-6-14, 940 am

**RE: Testimony in SUPPORT of HB2534; Registration of Large-Scale Dog Breeders**

Submitted by: Inga Gibson, Hawaii State Director, The Humane Society of the United States, P.O. Box 89131, Honolulu, HI 96830, [igibson@hsus.org](mailto:igibson@hsus.org), 808-922-9910

On behalf of our members and supporters in Hawaii, we thank the Committee for considering this important, basic measure to protect both dogs and consumers. Our organization has been involved in efforts in more than 20 states that have passed laws in the past 4 years to prevent the cruel treatment and exploitation of dogs, where sadly, profit is all too often put above welfare.

**Animal Welfare Concerns:** Dogs at puppy mills, also known as large scale commercial breeding operations, typically receive little to no medical care, often live in squalid conditions with no exercise, socialization or human interaction and are confined inside cramped wire cages for life. Breeding dogs must endure constant breeding cycles and are typically confined for years on end, without ever becoming part of a family. The breeding “stock” live their entire lives confined to small cages, devoid of human companionship. They are often victims of filth, inadequate shelter, overcrowding, and insufficient food and water. They are bred repeatedly and often receive little or no veterinary care.

Furthermore, many of these large-scale dog breeding operations continue to produce litter after litter of puppies, exacerbating the pet overpopulation crisis; contributing to increased euthanasia rates at local animal shelters and increasing animal care and control costs to taxpayers.

**Consumer Protection Concerns:** Dogs from these large-scale breeders are often sold in pet stores, online, via newspaper ads and in some cases directly to consumers with little or no regard for the dog's health, genetic history or future welfare. Puppies are often taken from their mothers for sale to pet stores at approximately 8 weeks of age, when they are highly susceptible to contagious diseases such as parvovirus and are very sensitive to behavioral stress. Poor breeding practices can also lead to serious genetic problems such as hip dysplasia—an often painful and crippling disorder.

In addition, many unknowing consumers also purchase dogs with “Registry Papers” thinking that this ensures the health or temperament of the dog they are purchasing. However, the American Kennel Club (AKC), by its own admission, has stated that AKC papers, “in no way indicate the quality or state of health of the dog.” No one should believe a dog is well-socialized, genetically sound, or healthy simply because he or she comes with registry papers. In several states, laws even mandate that consumers must be told that these registry papers do not guarantee health or even lineage. Unfortunately, consumers mistakenly believe that a high price for a dog means that the dog is healthy and well-socialized. Since the AKC has no enforcement authority it is necessary that the state act to protect these dogs by ensuring that basic welfare and standards of care are met.

We look forward to further discussions with DCCA as to how we may support them as the bill progresses. Again, we urge your support of HB 2534 and this most basic registration requirement to better protect dogs and consumers alike.





## Hawaiian Humane Society

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February 6, 2014

The Honorable Jessica Wooley, Chair  
The Honorable Richard H.K. Onishi, Vice Chair  
House Committee on Agriculture

### Testimony in Strong Support of House Bill 2534 Relating to Dogs

I am Mary Steiner the Policy Advocate for the Hawaiian Humane Society here to speak in strong support of House Bill 2534.

House Bill 2534 is a very simple business registration bill and designates that owners of 10 or more intact dogs over the age of one year register as a business with DCCA. This is voluntary and there is no penalty attached for not doing so.

We believe this is important for the following reasons:

- The Sunrise Analysis on Regulation of Large-Scale Dog Breeders and Facilities prepared by the State Auditor in October 2011 at the request of the legislature states, "There is no reliable information on the magnitude of the problem of unscrupulous breeders in Hawaii." Further, the report states, "without reliable data on the numbers and size of large-scale dog breeders the cost of enforcement is unknown." HB 2534 attempts to gather this information.
- Over the years, legislators have introduced many bills to establish minimum standards of care for commercial dog breeders that included licensing requirements, inspections, enforcement and penalties. These bills have all failed. HB 2534 is an attempt to collect information on the commercial dog breeding in Hawaii.
- Data regarding the numbers of breeders in the state is anecdotal. The legislature needs accurate information in order to pass legislation. Because breeders are selling dogs via the Internet, at puppy swap meets, and through newspaper advertisements, it is hard to determine accurate estimates. Yesterday, on Craigslist alone, 87 dogs were offered for sale.
- One of the commercial dog breeding facilities shut down by the Hawaiian Humane Society resulted in 153 dogs entering our shelter. Within two months, 79 puppies were born. We estimated that the income from an operation that size could be between \$40,000 and \$50,000 a month. This is a business and not a hobby. HB 2534 protects consumers and dogs.

On behalf of the Hawaiian Humane Society, I would like to thank you for your consideration. I hope you will pass HB 2534.



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**From:** Donna Whitaker <exec.dir@hihs.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 05, 2014 8:51 AM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** Support HB2534

We support this bill for the following reasons.

- Hawaii has NO large-scale dog breeder laws or regulations. This bill simply requires that they register in order to protect both dogs and consumers
- Dogs bred in puppy mills (that yes, we sadly DO have in Hawaii) are often neglected when profit is put over welfare
- Without this registration requirement, animal care and control agencies often don't learn about such operations until conditions are extremely poor, and when animals are sick or dying.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

**Donna Whitaker**  
**Executive Director**  
**Hawaii Island Humane Society**  
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February 4, 2014

## **Testimony in Opposition to HB 2534**

Rep. Woolsey and Members of the House Agriculture Committee:

The Pacific Pet Alliance is a Hawai'i non-profit organization that promotes responsible pet ownership through education and advocacy. We respectfully ask this Honorable Committee to **oppose HB 2534**, as this bill serves no reasonable purpose. Please consider the following facts:

- Every county in our state requires that all dogs be registered annually, regardless of the number of dogs a person owns. The registration information calls for identification of each dog's owner, the dog's age and sex, and whether the dog has been spayed or neutered. This information is already available to local animal control agencies.
- On Friday February 1, 2013, Celia Suzuki, the licensing administrator for the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (DCCA), provided testimony that the DCCA concluded that it was not the appropriate regulatory agency for large-scale dog breeders.  
[http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/Session2013/Testimony/HB233\\_TESTIMONY\\_EDB\\_02-01-13\\_.PDF](http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/Session2013/Testimony/HB233_TESTIMONY_EDB_02-01-13_.PDF)
- In a 2011 report, our highly-respected State Auditor, Marion Higa, concluded that regulation of large-scale breeders and facilities was not warranted. <http://files.hawaii.gov/auditor/Reports/2011/11-02.pdf>

The Pacific Pet Alliance encourages responsible dog ownership, and encourages all dog owners to comply with their local counties' ordinances regarding registering and licensing their dogs. We respectfully ask this Honorable Committee to **oppose HB 2534**.

Respectfully submitted,  
**PACIFIC PET ALLIANCE**

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Lynn Muramaru, President

## Testimony in Opposition

BEFORE: House Committee on Agriculture  
RE: House Bill 2534  
DATE/TIME: Thursday, February 6, 2014 @ 9:40 a.m.  
TESTIMONY OF: Michiro Iwanaga

Dear Chair Wooley, Vice-Chair Onishi, and members of the committee:

On behalf of the Shetland Sheepdog Club of Hawaii and the Hawaii Companion Animal Coalition, I wish to express opposition to HB2534.

HB2534 is a pointless effort:

- Existing law already requires all dog owners regardless of the number of dogs they own to obtain dog licenses from county authorities.
- The Legislative Auditor in 2011 noted that abusive large scale breeders did not pose a significant problem in Hawaii, as distinguished from areas on the mainland. Moreover, state-wide regulation would be unduly expensive and unjustified. *See Sunrise Analysis: Regulation of Large-Scale Dog Breeders and Facilities, Report No. 11-0 (October 2011), <http://files.hawaii.gov/auditor/Reports/2011/11-02.pdf>.*
- We already have significant statutory limitations on animal cruelty, e.g., H.R.S. §§ 711-1108.5 & 1109.
- In response to proposed legislation in past years, the DCCA has noted its lack of interest in entering the field of dog breeder legislation.

Please vote against passing HB2534 out of committee.

Michiro Iwanaga





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February 5, 2014

The Honorable Jessica Wooley, Chair  
Members of the House Committee on Agriculture

RE: Oppose H.B. 2534

Dear Senator Wooley and Committee Members,

On behalf of responsible dog owners in Hawaii, the American Kennel Club writes to state strong opposition to H.B. 2534 which seeks to require dog owners to register with the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs.

We believe that an individual's choice to own a particular number of pets does not fall within the purview of this department.

Sincerely,

Sheila Goffe  
Director of Government Relations

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**HB2534**

Submitted on: 2/5/2014

Testimony for AGR on Feb 6, 2014 09:40AM in Conference Room 312

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kaye Walsh	Hawaii Companion Animal Coalition	Oppose	No

Comments: Hawaii Companion Animal Coalition (HCAC) We are opposed to HB2534 All individual dogs are already required to be licensed by the Counties. This information can easily be used to determine who owns 10 or more dogs. The Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (DCCA) has already voiced their disapproval of any involvement by that department in the registration or inspection of dog owners. The purpose of this registration is not stated. Would they then be subject to inspection? If so, by whom? The DCCA has no ability or knowledge to inspect. Will this list of registrants be available to the general public? No sanctions are mentioned for failing to register with the DCCA. How then will the DCCA (or anyone else) ensure compliance? Anyone currently illegally owning and breeding more than 10 dogs (in a residential area in Oahu County) will simply continue to flout the law. Only legitimate individuals and organizations would register. I assume that as written this Legislation would require registration by organizations like The Hawaiian Humane Society, ASPCA (and other animal rescue and shelter organizations), Hawaii Animal Quarantine, Police Dogs, Grooming and Boarding establishments and the like. All of these organizations at times have control or custody of more than 10 unneutered dogs over one year of age. Clearly, as proposed, this bill has no purpose. The undisclosed sponsor of this legislation on behalf of whom the Representative introduced it clearly has ulterior motives that are explicitly not stated. Presumably, if the bill advances, it's advocates will propose amendments that expose their real motives. Please do not support such deceptive legislation. This type of bill merely reinforces the public's low opinion of questionable legislative tactics. We believe this is a red herring and that it will be subject to "gut and replace" which has caused quite a bit of controversy in past years. Brian Walsh, HCAC

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## Testimony in Opposition to HB 2534

Feb. 5, 2014

Rep. Woolsey and Members of the House Agriculture Committee:

I would like to express my **opposition to HB 2534**. As a pet store owner we promote responsible pet ownership. We have many clients that are in the dog boarding, training, rescue, or grooming business, as well as working with licensed veterinarians for our pet care needs. At any one time, these entities will have ten or more dogs in their possession. I believe their businesses are already registered with the DCCA, why the double jeopardy? Is it only to collect more fees from these hard working individuals?

The wording of HB 2534 states :

**§ -1 Any individual, firm, partnership, joint venture, association, limited liability company, or corporation who owns, possesses, controls, or otherwise has custody of ten or more dogs that:**

**(1) Are over the age of one year; and**

**(2) Have intact sexual organs**

**shall register with the department of commerce and consumer affairs."**

Does this mean that anyone who is in possession of ten or more dogs at any one time must register with DCCA, again?

I am fully for any bill that is against animal cruelty. I believe in humane treatment of all animals.

I feel this bill is vague and poorly written and it does not properly address humane treatment of dogs, in this case, and is a waste of taxpayers money.

I respectfully ask this Honorable Committee to **oppose HB 2534**.

Sincerely,

Tish Rothwell

Owner, The Pet Depot





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**HB2534**

Submitted on: 2/4/2014

Testimony for AGR on Feb 6, 2014 09:40AM in Conference Room 312

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Terry Nii	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose this measure. I do not feel it is necessary and I think it will be costly and difficult to enforce. Also there is no purpose stated for this bill. What will this bill accomplish? Who will enforce it? Will there later be fees or licensing required for people that own 10 or more intact dogs? There is already a county law stating that 10 dogs is the maximum allowed in residential areas.

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**HB2534**

Submitted on: 2/4/2014

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Stacia Ohira	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Aloha Chair Vice Chair and committee members, I am writing this in opposition of this bill. While the intent of this bill is great because it supposedly protects the welfare of animals the way it goes about protecting the animals is all wrong. Having to register just because you someone has more than 10 intact animals does not constitute protection of the animals. The worse USDA certified kennels are in the most deplorable conditions. Yes they have kennels yes they have food and water but are they safe and protect the animals NO. I totally agree to the over breeding and the overpopulation of animals however the animals that are ending up at the Humane Society and the other shelters are not purebred dogs. If you took a walk through the shelters you will see mostly mixed breed animals that are not being bred by responsible breeders. Responsible breeders who are doing tests and doctor visits to make sure the puppies will be healthy are the ones who will be punished in the end and the problem of unwanted dogs is still going to be an issue. I say yes to the protection of animals but NO to this bill. Mahalo for your time- Stacia Ohira

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Javier Mendez-Alvarez	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Without any stated purpose or demonstrated need, this bill would require anyone owning 10 or more intact dogs over the age of one year to register with the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs. Such registration is essentially duplicative of ordinances in the various counties which require the registration of dogs, thereby placing an additional burden on dog owners, not to mention an administrative burden on DCCA.

A similar proposal for DCCA to register and regulate dog breeders was introduced in 2011, which resulted in a legislative audit by the State Auditor, Marion Higa. See, Report No. 11-02, of October 2011. In a thorough 28 page analysis and report, the office of the auditor concluded that there was little more than anecdotal evidence to support a need for such regulation and that the State's professional and vocational regulatory agency was functionally and philosophically inappropriate to the task. Moreover, the costs of implementation might exceed the possible benefits. As this study was quite recent, it is fully expected that a new study would produce the same results.

Experience has shown that existing laws are more than adequate to protect dogs from even large-scale ownership and abuses have been stopped and, where appropriate, successfully prosecuted.

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**From:** Tina Bounds <care4petservices@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 04, 2014 11:50 PM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** PLEASE SUPPORT HB2534-Dog Breeder Registration

I STRONGLY Support HB2545. Currently there are NO large scale dog breeder laws in Hawaii.

Puppy Mills are nothing but breeding factory for (human) profit. People who run these Puppy Mills do not care about these dogs welfare. Profit \$\$ is the #1 priority.....nothing else.

Without the registration requirement, animal care and control agencies don't learn about such operations until conditions are extremely poor, and when the innocent Animals are sick or dying.

PLEAAAAAASE SUPPORT HB2545.

Mahalo,

Tina Bounds



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**From:** Rodney & Terri Shishido <rodnrod@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 05, 2014 9:03 AM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** please support HB 2368 HB2534

Please support HB2368 regarding slaughter and traffic of cats and dogs  
Please support HB2534 to require that large scale breeders be registered

Both of these bills are vital steps in improving the humane standards we should have here in Hawaii.

Thank you

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**HB2534**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Susan Govier	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose this bill. It serves no purpose. Having custody of dogs or breeding dogs is a hobby not a profession requiring registration. And, our State has adequate laws in place to protect our animals. Please oppose HB 2534. Thank you, Mrs. Susan Kane Govier

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**From:** hawaiidogmom@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 04, 2014 9:33 PM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** SUPPORT HB2368; dog slaughter and SUPPORT HB2534 Dog breeder registration

Please support these bills. I know first hand that people on Oahu on raising dogs in large scale breeding operations and many of these dogs are slaughtered for human consumption. During the past six months, I have been on a quest for a new puppy and have been searching advertisements in the Star-Bulletin, Craigslist, and Ebay for puppies for sale. I have responded to some of these ads. There was one person selling papillon-pomeranian puppies in Kalihi. I went to the woman's home and saw 15 dogs and puppies living in squalid conditions with the heavy stench of urine and feces all around. Many of the dogs she had needed medical care and attention. She told me that she never took her dogs or puppies to the vet for annual check-ups. I would never have bought a puppy from this woman because I was afraid the dogs had a disease or parvo infection since the living conditions were unclean. Also, the dogs were not mentally stable. I reported this woman to the Hawaiian Humane Society and they went to investigate, but they said there was nothing they could do because the law allows people to own 15 dogs and keep them at their residence. This woman also told me that her next door neighbors who are Filipino breed many dogs so they can slaughter them for eating. She even went so far as to describe to me how they kill the dogs and cook them. You must pass these bills. If you don't, you are blind to what is really going on here in Hawaii. Sincerely, Stephanie McLaughlin, 95-310 Haakualiki Place, Mililani, Hawaii, 96789, phone 808-3844764, email: [hawaiidogmom@gmail.com](mailto:hawaiidogmom@gmail.com)

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### HB2534

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
RICKY BAKER	Retail Pet Store Co-Owner - The Pet Hale	Oppose	No

Comments: I would like to take this opportunity to respond to HB2534, a measure entitled "Registration of Large Scale Dog Ownership". Once again, as the legislative session moves into full swing, we begin to see bills aimed at controlling dog ownership in the hopes that this will somehow put an end to animal cruelty. While I myself cannot ascertain what the purpose of this measure will ultimately be, I again feel the need to point out that there is no correlation between the number of animals a person owns and animal cruelty. This measure also seems redundant, as Hawaii already requires all dog owners to license their dogs, regardless of whether they have 1 or 50. Tasking the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs to also become involved in this licensing requirement is a waste of taxpayer's money. I would think it an easy matter to identify, through records that already exists, who owns 10 or more dogs. As for the matter of 10 dogs being defined as "large scale", I think there are many that would argue this number. I believe that Hawaii must quantify, more accurately, who a large scale dog owner is, or more to the point of what this bill is driving at, what constitutes a large scale breeder. I ask you to please oppose this measure, and work towards measures that will more adequately address animal cruelty, rather than burdensome licensing and regulation. To close, I point out a sunrise audit was conducted in October 2011 (Report 11-02), to study the very idea that HB2534 proposes; excerpts from the Auditor's report are listed below: "Our analysis of Senate Bill No. 1522, Senate Draft 2, House Draft 1 is not a typical sunrise review because the main purpose of the bill is to ensure that dogs are treated humanely, rather than to protect consumers from risks posed by an unregulated profession or vocation. Nevertheless, we proceeded to address the Legislature's request under the sunrise criteria of the Hawai'i Regulatory Licensing Reform Act, Chapter 26H, Hawai'i Revised Statutes. As proposed, the bill requires the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (DCCA) to issue licenses to large-scale dog breeders based on a qualifying inspection and to enforce the requirements for humane dog breeding. We found the bill problematic for several reasons. First, there is no reliable information on the magnitude of the problem of unscrupulous breeders in Hawai'i. Both the Better Business Bureau and the DCCA report only a handful of complaints in the past few years. Proponents of the bill could not provide information that satisfies the sunrise criteria and our own research showed the potential harm to the public by dog breeders is at best anecdotal. Secondly, without reliable data on the numbers and size of large-scale dog breeders, the cost of enforcement is unknown." Thank you for your time and consideration, Ricky Baker Co-Owner The Pet Hale

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**HB2534**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Rene Umberger	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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**From:** Nancy Hitzemann <nhitz@hawaii.rr.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 05, 2014 7:33 AM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** Fwd: support HB2368 &HB2534

I support HB2368 to explicitly prohibit the slaughter or trafficking of dogs or cats for human consumption.

I support HB2534 to finally require that the large-scale dog breeders be registered.

Nancy J Hitzemann

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**HB2534**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Mike Moran	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Let's rid our islands of puppy mills. Professional dog breeders should be glad to register and support this action to keep their business respectable. This is a good initial step to gaining control. I strongly support this and ask you to please pass it in your committee. Mahalo

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**From:** Margaret Sueoka <feathers03@me.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 04, 2014 8:09 PM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** SUPPORT HB2368; dog slaughter and SUPPORT HB2534 Dog breeder registration

Please support these bills. Dogs and cats are companion animals, and they deserve to be treated as such. Outlawing their consumption sends an important message.

Also HB2534 does not place burdensome regulations on large scale dog breeders, it just requires them to register. For those people who want a pure bred dog, it will help prevent the heartache of purchasing--and then losing their new family member to an undisclosed disease or other illness.

Thank you,  
Margaret Sueoka  
6295 Olohena Road  
Kapaa, HI 96746

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**From:** Ken Cribbs <kcribbs@hawaii.rr.com>  
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**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** \*\*\*\*\*SPAM\*\*\*\*\* My testimony opposing HB2534

02/04/2014

### Testimony in Opposition to HB 2534

Dear Representative Woolsey and Members of the House Agriculture Committee,

I write both as a concerned individual and pet owner, as well as in my capacity as the president of Hawai'i Hulacat Club, a component member-club of the Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc. ("CFA"), the world's largest registry of pedigreed felines. I am also CFA's Ambassador/Coordinator for its Hawai'i Division. CFA has long advocated in the interests of all cats, whether pedigreed or random-bred, as well as in the interests of all companion animals, whether cats or other species. My interests primarily concern cats, and HB2534, at least as currently drafted, would apply only to dog owners. However, prior experiences from many other states and local jurisdictions that have been targeted for animal- and breeder-regulation legislation by organizations such as the Humane Society of the United States has shown that animal-regulation legislation initially addressing only dogs quite often is expanded over time to include other species. Hence, I offer my anticipatory opposition to this bill.

I respectfully ask this Honorable Committee to **oppose HB 2534**, which is redundant and would serve no legitimate or necessary purpose.

First, each of Hawai'i's counties requires all dogs to be registered, with mandatory annual renewals. These requirements apply regardless of the number of dogs owned by a person. Counties collect registration data that include the name and address of each dog's owner, each dog's age and its gender, and whether the dog has been spayed or castrated. Local animal control agencies have ready access to these data. There simply is no necessity for breeder registration with the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs in order to identify dog owners and to classify and characterize the pets they own.

Furthermore, a 2011 report from the State Auditor concluded that regulation of large-scale breeders and facilities was not warranted. See: <http://files.hawaii.gov/auditor/Reports/2011/11-02.pdf>

Finally, and most recently, last year the DCCA testified that it had concluded it was not the appropriate agency for regulation of dog breeders (which I view as one of the ultimate goals of HB2534, whether explicitly stated or not). See: [http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/Session2013/Testimony/HB233\\_TESTIMONY\\_EDB\\_02-01-13.PDF](http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/Session2013/Testimony/HB233_TESTIMONY_EDB_02-01-13.PDF) In this era of increased cost-consciousness and with the legislative desire to avoid needless and duplicative regulations, the DCCA's opinion should be considered and respected.

A better approach than that offered by this proposed legislation would be to encourage dog owners to comply with *existing* local dog licensure/registration regulations.

I respectfully urge the Committee to **reject HB 2534**.

Respectfully submitted,

*/ss:/ Kenneth Cribbs*

Kenneth Cribbs



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**From:** Jennifer Chiwa <bjcmd808@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 05, 2014 6:32 AM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** SUPPORT HB2368; dog slaughter and SUPPORT HB2534 Dog breeder registration

Aloha, Agriculture Committee Members. Please support HB 2368 which would prohibit the slaughter or trafficking of dogs or cats and HB 2534 which would require large-scale breeders to be registered. Slaughtering or trafficking dogs and cats is inhumane. Also, these animals are often lost or stolen beloved family members. Requiring registration of large-scale dog breeders would assist animal care agencies to monitor them. Mahalo.

Jennifer Chiwa

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**HB2534**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Fawn Liebengood	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Dominic Souza	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose this bill because their is no good reason given as to why someone needs to register. Thank you!

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**HB2534**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Darlene	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am in opposition to this bill.

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**Sent:** Wednesday, February 05, 2014 8:59 AM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** SUPPORT HB2368; dog slaughter and SUPPORT HB2534 Dog breeder registration

I support HB 2369 and HB 2534. I worked at the Maui Humane Society for years and we had dogs stolen for consumption. I also see so many free dogs and cats to new homes that I know many of those end up dinner. Also my friend has a neighbor that gets many dogs that bark and a few days later, they are gone. Then another group comes in. Killing cats and dogs for human consumption NEEDS TO BE AGAINST THE LAW. This is America, not a 3rd world country. Anita Wintner Maui

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
cd feld	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose this bill because the counties already license and register every dog. Data indicates owner's name, address, breed, age, sex, & if the dog has been spayed or neutered. This information is available to humane societies through out the state. DCCA is also the wrong the agency to assign this task to. Oppose this unneeded law!

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## **Testimony in Opposition**

BEFORE: House Committee on Agriculture  
RE: House Bill 2534  
DATE/TIME: Thursday, February 6, 2014 @ 9:40 a.m.  
TESTIMONY OF: Morris M. Lee

I am an active member of the Hawaii dog community AND I VOTE. I currently serve as President of the Doberman Pinscher Club of Hawaii, Vice-President of the Working Dog Club of Hawaii, Board Member Hawaiian Kennel Club, member of Leeward Obedience Training Club and also member and First Vice-President of the Doberman Pinscher Club of America. I have been involved in training and showing dogs in Hawaii for over 35 years.

This bill is unnecessary. The recently implemented Animal Welfare Act (AWA) by the USDA/APHIS, as amended this week by the Farm Bill, already serves the purpose of this legislation. Another issue is that this bill contradicts some of the federal government policies in the aforementioned federal policy.

I would suggest that a committee revisits this legislation after reviewing already existing policies that serve the same purpose this bill is attempting to legislate.

Sincerely

/s/Morris M. Lee

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2-4-2014

Dear legislator,

I am reading from my dog Mochi's dog license application. Licensing form is from Department of Customer Services Division of Motor Vehicle Licensing and Records Honolulu Hawaii. This info is available on Hawaiian Humane Society computers.

Owners name-

Owners home phone-

Address-

City-

State-

zip code-

Business phone-

Breed-

Color-

Age-

Sex-

Nuetered-

Microchip number-

Tag number-

Year-

Owners signature-

With this information The Hawaiian Humane Society should be able to figure out who has more than 10 dogs over a year old that are not nuetered. I understand at over \$160,000 per year some of their time may be too valuable to bother with looking it up. I understand our time seems far less valuable and Hawaiian Humane Society feels we should fill out multiple forms so they don't have to look up on their computer the information. I clearly disagree that my time should be wasted so the \$160,000 per year enforcer does not have to waste her time.

I also disagree with the premise that all or most that control or have custody of 10 or more dogs in this universe are dog breeders and abusers. How about Honolulu Police Department, Dept. of Agriculture alien species detection dogs, service dog trainers, groomers, vets, pet stores, airlines, dog trainers, military exchanges, civil defense, DEA, military bomb detection dogs, therapy dog organizations, pet hotels(boarding operations),Hawaiian Humane Society, and state quarantine? Does the Hawaiian Humane Society really believe that these operators are probably abusing the dogs?

As indicated in the legislative auditor report 11-02 for similar regulation proposal there is little more than anecdotal evidence to support a need for regulation. The report further stated dcca was functionally and philosophically inappropriate for the task. The costs of implementation might exceed the possible benefits. The report further stated the Hawaiian Humane Society should provide info on the number of likely licensees. As recently as 3 months ago the Hawaiian Humane Society refused the request for more information on the number of large scale dog breeders when asked by members of a committee trying to find reasonable solutions made up of a broad spectrum of interested parties including law enforcement, breeders, pet shops, and lawmakers. This is the same info requested by the legislative auditor in her report recently.

Since Hawaiian Humane Society wants to hide information on large scale breeders their motive may be the income this bill may provide to support her \$160,000 annual salary.

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**From:** Victoria Anderson <[vanderso@hawaii.edu](mailto:vanderso@hawaii.edu)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 05, 2014 10:32 AM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** SUPPORT HB2368; dog/cat slaughter and SUPPORT HB2534 Dog breeder registration

Dear Agriculture Committee:

I am in strong support of both of the above-mentioned bills.

RE HB2368, a dogmeat trade creates a "market" situation where pets and lost animals can be preyed upon. Pets are beloved family, not food.

RE HB2534, we have seen the tragic and inhumane effects of the "profit-above-all" mentality as applied to pet factories. Registration is a very modest requirement.

Please support these bills.

Thank you,

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Victoria B. Anderson  
Associate Professor of Linguistics  
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**From:** SMJGRUNAUER@aol.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 05, 2014 11:32 AM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** Support HB2368 ; HB2534 And HB2380 URGENT

**Dear Delegates,**

**We urge you to support these extremely important bills:**

**1) SUPPORT HB2368 ; to explicitly prohibit the slaughter or trafficking of dogs or cats for human consumption**

- Dogs and Cats are pets! More than 60 percent of Hawaii households have dogs or cats who they consider family members. This is an animal cruelty issue-- not a cultural or "food choice" issue.
- Dogs used for the dogmeat trade are often lost or stolen pets or acquired from free to good home ads or the internet
- Share your personal stories!

**2) SUPPORT HB2534 ; to finally require that large-scale dog breeders be registered.**

·Hawaii has NO large-scale dog breeder laws or regulations. This bill simply requires that they register in order to protect both dogs and consumers

·Dogs bred in puppy mills (that yes, we sadly DO have in Hawaii) are often neglected when profit is put over welfare

Without this registration requirement, animal care and control agencies often don't learn about such operations until conditions are extremely poor, and when animals are sick or dying.

**3) SUPPORT HB2380 ; Prohibits the killing of sharks or rays in Hawaii waters .**

·Sharks are apex predators: when they are killed our entire marine ecosystem is negatively impacted. Many shark species continue to be on the verge of extinction due to years of harvesting for their fins. This bill would prohibit cruel and unnecessary shark-hunting tournaments and recreational killing.

·In 2010, Hawaii became the 1st state in the world to prohibit shark-finning. This bill would again make Hawaii the global leader in shark conservation

·Sharks are sacred animals, aumakua, for many native Hawaiians. These important, magnificent creatures need our continued protection

Thank you in advance for supporting these important bills,

*Silvia Jovel Grunauer*

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**Sent:** Wednesday, February 05, 2014 10:02 AM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** SUPPORT HB2368; dog slaughter and SUPPORT HB2534 Dog breeder registration

To Whom it may concern:

I am in support of HB2368. Dogs and Cats are pets and more than half of of Hawaii households have these animals and consider them family members. This is not a cultural issue of dog and cat consumption but an ethical issue. Dogs used for the dogmeat trade are often lost or stolen pets or acquired from the internet. Please consider in passing this bill and protecting these sentient animals.

I am also in support of HB2534:

It is disgraceful that Hawaii and NO large-scale dog breeder laws or regulations. This bill simply required that they register in order to protect both dogs and consumers. Dogs bred in puppy mills (which we have here in HI) are often neglected when profit is prized over welfare. Without this registration requirement, animal care and control agencies often don't learn about such operations until conditions are extremely poor, and when animals are already sick and dying.

Thank you for your consideration.

-Priscilla Grunauer

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
leanne hong	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support this bill.

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**From:** owlit1@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 05, 2014 11:41 AM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** Support HB 2534

**I SUPPORT HB2534**; to finally require that large-scale dog breeders be registered.

Animal have no way to complain that they are being mistreated, abused, limited food or water, bred too often, no medical care, or living in unsanitary conditions. In this case such malefic behavior to animals is reward with money gains, if unregulated.

Animal breeders it a business for money gain, and breeders like all business enterprises are looking at a sizable profit margin and that's why they need to be monitored to protect these animals. Much too often and in recent Oahu history, proof of malefic conditions for the animals by certain animal breeders were discovered. In one classic case, the owner of the dog breeding business where animals were found in horrible abused conditions by your Honolulu Humane Society has restarted their same dog breeding business here off of South Kulani Street, on the big Isle.

That should be a clear bell of alarm in any language that protection and control is needed for these animals and too to protect our society from such businesses by mandating they be registered under law to register their business and subject to be monitored by unannounced visits by the local Humane Society.

Frannie Pueo, (769-1128)

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**Sent:** Wednesday, February 05, 2014 11:10 AM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** SUPPORT HB2368; dog slaughter and SUPPORT HB2534 Dog breeder registration

- HB2368
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- Dogs used for the dogmeat trade are often lost or stolen pets or acquired from free to good home ads or the internet
- Share your personal stories!

HB2534: dog breeder registration

- Hawaii has NO large-scale dog breeder laws or regulations. This bill simply requires that they register in order to protect both dogs and consumers
- Dogs bred in puppy mills (that yes, we sadly DO have in Hawaii) are often neglected when profit is put over welfare
- Without this registration requirement, animal care and control agencies often don't learn about such operations until conditions are extremely poor, and when animals are sick or dying.

Mahalo.

Dixon Smith

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Brenda Clark	Individual	Support	No

Comments: If we are going to control the mating habits and reproduction of another species, the only way to make it acceptable is to limit the practice to trained and registered specialists who will follow ethical regulations.

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**From:** Laurie Pottish <pottishl001@hawaii.rr.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 05, 2014 12:15 PM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** \*\*\*\*\*SPAM\*\*\*\*\* SUPPORT HB2534

Aloha:

Please support HB2534 requiring large scale dog breeders to be registered and be regulated. Hawaii has NO large-scale dog breeder laws or regulations. This bill simply requires that they register in order to protect both dogs and consumers. Dogs bred in puppy mills (that yes, we sadly DO have in Hawaii) are often neglected when profit is put over welfare. Without this registration requirement, animal care and control agencies often don't learn about such operations until conditions are extremely poor, and when animals are sick or dying.

Mahalo for your time in reading this.

Sincerely,

Laurie Pottish  
Pukalani, HI



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**From:** Cindy Texeira <cindy@lokahipacific.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 05, 2014 1:06 PM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** HB2534

I personally feel that all breeders should be registered but HB2534 is a great start, please support HB2534.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Angela Leslee	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Legislation serves no purpose. Dogs must already be licensed with the counties under existing law. In her report, the Legislative Auditor was severely critical of regulation of large scale dog breeders and thought it was unnecessary and extremely costly

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Laura	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am a resident of Oahu and oppose this bill.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Marielle Terbio	Individual	Support	No

Comments: We need to establish breeding regulations in Hawaii. I'm in support of HB 2534 Relating to Dogs, which will require owners of 10 or more dogs, age 1 or over with intact sexual organs to register with the department of commerce and consumer affairs.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Lorraine Shaughnessy	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Dear Representative Wooley and Committee members, Please support House Bill 2534. It is crucial to the well-being and humane treatment of thousands of living beings that we set minimum standards of care for commercial dog breeders. I understand many bills have been proposed in the past and failed. Help Hawaii become a state that values the lives of those who cannot speak for themselves, and support this bill. Aloha, Lorraine Shaughnessy 4132 Napali Place Honolulu, HI 96816

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Lisa Fowler	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Bonnie Oda	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Our lawmakers need accurate information for future regulation. Because breeders are selling dogs via Internet sites such as Craigslist, at puppy swap meets and through newspaper advertisements, it is hard to collect estimates. The state can collect data through business registrations and HB 2534 is the tool. Respectfully, Bonnie Oda

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Please pass HB2368, I and others who testified at the last hearing have either spoken to people who have witnessed the horrifying dog slaughters so denial does not work. As far as cultural practices, it is an ongoing process of us imperfect human beings trying to figure as we go creating a lot of traumas along the way, slavery, foot binding, cannibalism, etc. etc. etc. as well as some healing practices. The earth did not dawn with the perfect cultural practices in place, rather it is always a practice of reevaluating and updating, uplifting to humane practices. I'm sure all of us would not want nor could handle many of past cultural practices done to us. Why is Hawaii so far behind in outlawing this excruciating practice? If you want Hawaii to be a model of evolution in the international world, the legislators have the most important duty to enact humane laws not cop out like the legislators have in the past sessions on this very important issue. Otherwise the tourism needs to be upfront in advertising to the international community of what our legislators allow, Aloha from Hawaii, come spend your money here in this nature place but really Hawaii's legislators have refused in the past to protect their innocent cats and dogs and this is the horror they allow to happen to them here.

We will all be accountable to life when we return for not doing actions that could have helped from much trauma or doing actions for healings. The legislators are their only hope. Please do not cop out. Please use your powers to be heroes to protect the cats and dogs from this horror we'd never want to endure and push this bill through with other legislators into law now. Thank you.

Please support HB2534 so dogs can have some basic protections from certain people who misuse them and care only for profit not for care. There needs to be humane guidelines for people who take advantage and cause animal suffering.



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