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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Inga Gibson	The Humane Society of the United States- Hawaii	Comments Only	Yes

Comments: Dear Chair Baker and Committee Members, We support the intent of SB2502, to regulate Veterinary Technicians. However, we are also in support of a pending Concurrent Resolution for a Sunshine Study to further discuss this matter. Bona fide, legitimate Veterinary Technicians deserve recognition for their skills and professional training. Unfortunately, there are some unqualified lay persons who are advertising themselves or their services in order to perform surgical and other procedures on animals. These procedures often result in pain and suffering for the animals who are not provided necessary pain or other veterinary medication, including appropriate post-operative care. These services should only be administered and performed by a licensed veterinarian or by a licensed veterinary technician practicing under a veterinarian. Thank you for your consideration of these comments. Inga Gibson Hawaii Senior State Director The Humane Society of the United States

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Frank DeGiacomo	Animal Haven	Comments Only	No

Comments: Please make an exception for eleemosynary groups. The animals they care for would have no help but for their charitable work, so it is unduly burdensome to require all their volunteers become certified vet techs. Mahalo, Frank DeGiacomo, Pres. Animal Haven

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