



## Hawaiian Humane Society

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Date: February 5, 2015

To: Honorable Angus L.K. McKelvey, Chair  
Honorable Justin H. Woodson, Vice Chair  
and Committee Members

House of Representatives  
Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce

Submitted By: Jocelyn Bouchard, Director of Operations  
Hawaiian Humane Society, [jbouchard@hawaiianhumane.org](mailto:jbouchard@hawaiianhumane.org)

RE: Support Intent HB 702;  
Relating to Animals

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Dear Honorable Chair McKelvey, Vice-Chair Woodson and Committee Members,

The Hawaiian Humane Society strongly supports the intent of HB 702, which is intended to strengthen the cruelty to animal law at it pertains to dogs. However, we have several concerns regarding the language as written:

- Some of the provisions in this legislation may be in conflict with dog licensing requirements at the county level.
- Section 711-1109 (b)(i) is confusing and may be interpreted incorrectly.
- We do not agree with section 711-1109 (b)(ii), which states that an owner could be found guilty of violation even if the person was not responsible for the cause of the animal cruelty.

As a result, the bill's current language may discourage people from having their dogs licensed. We would be happy to work with the committee to provide specific amendments to strengthen the bill and to address some of our concerns.

Thank you for your consideration.

February 6, 2015

The Honorable Angus McKelvey, Chair, Consumer Protection & Commerce  
House of Representatives  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 325  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: In Support of HB702, Hope's Law

Hearing date 2-9-15; Time 2:30P

Room 325

Dear Chairman McKelvey & Committee

I am in strong support of HB702, a bill that would require dog owners to notify appropriate authorities when transferring ownership of a dog. This Act will also hold dog owners accountable for abandonment and other acts of animal cruelty that often go unpunished. I am asking for your support on the bill.

I have worked at Animal House Veterinary Center in Ewa Beach for the past two years and have been in the veterinary field since 2001 and sadly I see these dogs on almost a daily basis. Most of the dogs are reunited with their loving owners and have a happy ending, but not all of them.

Hope is just one of the many that did not have a happy ending. I have attached Hope's pictures below; the first day she came into the clinic and the larger picture was the day she died.

Hope was my eye opener to just how terrible our system failed such a beautiful girl. Hope arrived in our clinic in January 2013 and died just 62 days later. I was fortunate enough to spend almost every one of those days with her. I was there the day she was brought in and with her the day she died; I made a promise to her, as I kissed her good-bye, to not let her death go unheard.

Hope was found abandoned in Nanakuli. Hope was emaciated, bruised, covered in ticks, infected ears from a botched ear cropping and in extreme poor health. She spent 62 days in our hospital and ultimately died from her previous lack of

care. Hope did have a microchip when she was found, however, the registered owner on the microchip stated that they had sold her but did not know whom they sold her to.

Hope's owner was never located and no one was ever held accountable for the neglect and suffering she endured.

This is a story we see and hear far too often here in Hawaii.

This Act will help to prevent cruelty cases like Hope's from falling through the cracks. This Act will also help us to reunite dogs with their owners in a timelier manner.

For Hope's sake and the many other dogs in situations similar to hers, I urge the committee to please support HB702.



Sincerely,

Shannon Rountree,

Director of Administration & Public Contact, Animal House Veterinary Center

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The Honorable Angus McKelvey, Chair, Consumer Protection & Commerce  
House of Representatives  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 320  
Honolulu, HI 96813

My name is Gary Novosel and I am the President of Raw Dog Hawai'i.

I strongly desire your support for HB 702, which will make it criminal act of withholding of proper sustenance from and abuse to animals, the requirement to provide information for the transfer of dog ownership, and to make mandatory and provide the existence and update of pets' microchip identification. It is important that the law be applicable to any person in ownership of an animal and the party responsible FOR the transfer of that animal to a person or persons.

I have worked in the animal industry for 15 years and have seen the atrocities inflicted upon animals.

Personally, I have seen dogs tied to fences without food or water, victims of coordinated dog fighting using bait dogs, dogs that have been starved, beaten and neglected. Allowing these acts to continue directly translate into future abuses of animals as well as humans. Allowing this behavior to continue teaches our children this type of behavior is acceptable and subsequently perpetuates it.

The impact on our children is devastating and directly causes additional costs financially to our state. There is a proven correlation between animal abuses to the future human abuses and subsequent incarcerations because of these individuals.

I have attached to this testimony a sample of the peered reviewed scientific research that proves these facts.

I humbly offer, through my experience and knowledge to act as a resource should the legislators or staff have questions, require direct assistance or need additional information.

Thank you for making the time to hear my testimony and to support the adoption and enactment of this initiative.

I may be reached at (808) 683-5223, by email at [gary@rawdoghawaii.com](mailto:gary@rawdoghawaii.com) or at 3860 Round Top Drive, Honolulu HI 96822.

Mahalo nui loa,

Gary Novosel

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**HB702**

Submitted on: 2/3/2015

Testimony for CPC on Feb 9, 2015 14:30PM in Conference Room 325

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kim Murphy	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I have rescued 3 feral dogs at the beach park near my home in just the last year. Why are there so many feral dogs fending for themselves out there? There need to be stricter requirements of dog owners. I concur with criminal liability for failure to provide sustenance and notification of transfer of dog ownership.

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Gillian Boss	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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**HB702**

Submitted on: 2/4/2015

Testimony for CPC on Feb 9, 2015 14:30PM in Conference Room 325

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Charlene Deveraturda	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please pass this bill that will provide some measure of protection for animals. Owners have to be directed to be more responsible for the animals they decide to put in their care--as well as taking care to whom they give their animal.

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February 4, 2015

The Honorable Angus McKelvey  
Consumer Protection & Commerce  
House of Representatives  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 320  
Honolulu, HI 96813

**SUBJECT: TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB702**

My name is Emily Roberson, and I would like to express to the Consumer Protection & Commerce Committee my **strong support** for HB702, also known as Hope's Law. I am testifying as an individual citizen.

HB 702 extends criminal liability to the owner of a dog that has been deprived of sustenance, requires persons holding a dog license to provide notification if ownership of the dog is transferred, and requires persons holding a dog license to provide microchip information.

I believe very strongly that we have a desperate need for stronger laws to protect the animals of Hawaii. However, even if you are not convinced that Hawaii's companion animals are in need of stronger laws to protect them, you should support this law in order to support children, women, families, and everyone else that makes up the State of Hawaii. I have worked in public health, and specifically maternal and child health, for over 10 years. The intersection between animal cruelty and issues such as child abuse and neglect, and family and intimate partner violence have been well studied and thoroughly documented for years. When animals in a home are abused or neglected, it is a warning sign that others in the household may not be safe. Also, children who witness animal abuse are at a greater risk of becoming abusers of both humans and animals themselves. Both of these facts underscore that we as a community need to be taking animal abuse and neglect seriously. However, Hawaii's current animal cruelty laws are woefully insufficient.

Animal protection laws are a reflection of how a society feels about its weakest and most vulnerable members. **Please show the people of Hawaii that we as a state will protect and care for our most vulnerable by passing HB702.**

Thank you,

Emily K. Roberson, PhD, MPH

For more information on the intersection between animal cruelty and child abuse and neglect, as well as a partial list of relevant research findings and study results, please see:  
<http://www.americanhumane.org/interaction/support-the-bond/fact-sheets/understanding-the-link.html>

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**HB702**

Submitted on: 2/4/2015

Testimony for CPC on Feb 9, 2015 14:30PM in Conference Room 325

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
joel fischer	Individual	Support	No

Comments: PLEASE PASS THIS BILL! How could any one who loves animals oppose this bill? Depriving a pet of sustenance is no different than any other form of animal cruelty. Passage of this bill should be a no-brainer for your committee. I am deeply grateful that it was introduced. Thank you. Dr. Joel Fischer

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**HB702**

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

Comments: I am writing today in support of HB702, Hope's Law. I am the owner of three rescued animals and regularly foster abused/unwanted animals. It is our moral responsibility to defend, protect, and care for our fellow creatures. Far too many animals are abused, neglected, and severely mistreated in our islands. Please, choose to protect our pets and help give these abused animals justice. Tell the people of Hawaii that they need to take responsibility for their pets.

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The Honorable Angus McKelvey, Chair, Consumer Protection & Commerce  
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Aloha,

My name is Valerie Taylor and I reside in Oahu, Hawaii with my Active Duty spouse, Michael Shackelford. We were stationed here in July 2012, and since being on island we have volunteered with several organizations including the Hawaiian Humane Society, to foster and care for pre-adoptive animals (dogs, cats, bunnies, birds...you name it!).

As a recently named Armed Forces Insurance, Military Spouse of the Year, representing US Coast Guard, District 14, I strongly advocate for the rights of all animals, especially those which are abandoned, neglected, maltreated and/or abused.

I urge your support of H.B.702/S.B.1301 – Hope's Law! This law would provide a requirement for the continued registration of all microchips, ensuring a way to track the ownership of those animals lost, abused, or left behind. Hope's Law will extend criminal liability to owners of a dog that has proven to have been abused or abandoned. Hope's Law will also require the registered microchip holder to transfer the microchip when gifting, transferring, selling, and/or rehoming a dog. Failing to do so will carry criminal liability, if the dog is found to be abandoned, abused, had bitten a child/adult or caused property damage.

On October 31, 2014, I came across a post on a social medial site containing a photo and brief description of a dog that had been brought into a local vet clinic for emergency treatment after a 'hit and run'. I reached out to the author of the post, only to find out days later –after dozens of messages back and forth – that the injured fox terrier had no microchip, collar, tag or license, and no way to identify her or her owners without someone coming forward. The pup was estimated to be between 2 and 4 years old; she was malnourished, extremely timid and showed obvious signs (mentally and physically) of being in an abusive and neglectful environment. The Animal House Vet Center took her in, treated her injuries, including removing her left eye as a result of the accident. The owners were eventually identified, and former neighbors confirmed the dog was abandoned when the owners moved to a different location. This poor girl had been on the streets for a very long time, with no home, no love and no safe haven. The staff at Animal House Vet Center took amazing care of her, covering her expenses for surgery, vaccinations, and treatment for tick-borne diseases. After becoming so involved in her story, I offered to foster the pup during healing. We met for the first time on November 10th, where I witnessed a very scared, highly anxious and emotional dog with no confidence whatsoever. A few days later, when she was well enough for release, I brought her home to join our Chihuahua, Pepe' and Maltipoo, Bella. Within a few hours, I knew she was right where she belonged, and I vowed to do whatever it took to ensure she lived the happiest, healthiest and most loving life possible. In honor of Thanksgiving and because of her trials and tribulations of the

past, we named her Ginger Grace (Pure, Lively, and unmerited favor of God), and she is now a permanent member of our family 'pack'. Despite her unfortunate circumstances, she is very loving and wants nothing more than to be loved in return.

I share this story because had Hope's Law been in effect, her owners could have been held criminally liable for the condition in which she was found – by a stranger, who witnessed a car hit her, then drive off. We already hold owners responsible for the actions of their pets, and we already have laws in place against animal cruelty. So, why not enact a law that supports what is already in place, by making it easier to track animal ownership and prove responsibility.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Your support of Hope's Law is greatly appreciated!

Sincerely,

Valerie Taylor Shackleford

AFI Military Spouse of the Year 2015

US Coast Guard, District 14

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House of Representatives  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 325  
Honolulu, HI 96813

My name is Maria Olipas. I am an avid animal lover and pet owner.

I urge you to support H.B. 702 and S.B. 1301 which will help lost animals find their way home and legally connect animals with their rightful owners. I am in strong support of these bills because the microchip is what brought my lost dog home after five years of being gone.

My dog managed to get out of my yard. After accepting that he was not coming home, I got a call from a Humane Society officer five years later claiming she had my dog. I nearly fell out of my chair. We live in Village Park in Waipahu. My dog was found in Mililani Mauka with a different name and address on his collar from what was on the chip. Because he was legally registered and chipped to me, the information on the dog collar was irrelevant. I cannot begin to express the joy it was to bring him home to my children.

This bill will impact our community positively by providing the following:

- Allowing all pets to be tracked and accounted for;
- Lessening the amount of stray, lost, and euthanized animals due to overcrowding or financial hardship of the shelter(s);
- Keep pet owners accountable for their animals

As pet owners, our choice to home them is our responsibility. If we fail to provide for them, the animal suffers while the pet owner is free to repeat their behavior. There are no repercussions for their neglect and abuse towards their pet(s). This law would help prevent animal abuse and neglect and hold all pet owners accountable for the well being and safety of their pets. For those that have lost their pets, it will make it easier to find them and bring them home.

Should you have any questions or would like to discuss my testimony further, feel free to contact me at [maria.olipas@gmail.com](mailto:maria.olipas@gmail.com) or (808) 232-1454.

Harley, the day we took him home from the Humane Society after being gone for five years



Harley, after grooming. It took them over five hours to complete.



## SUPPORTING Testimony for HB 702

Measure  
Title: RELATING TO ANIMALS.

Report Title: Hope's Law; Animal Cruelty; Liability; Dog License; Microchip

Description: Extends criminal liability to the owner of a dog that has been deprived of sustenance. Requires persons holding a dog license to provide notification if ownership of the dog is transferred. Requires persons holding a dog license to provide microchip information.

Companion: [SB1301](#)

I am writing to **SUPPORT** HB 702 that will extend criminal liability to the owner of a dog that has been deprived of sustenance. Requires persons holding a dog license to provide notification if ownership of the dog is transferred. Requires persons holding a dog license to provide microchip information.

Thank you very much for your support!

Julie Chen



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Yvonne Bringuel	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support HB702. This is a crucial way of tracking ownership, not only for abuse, but for owner/lost dog reunites.

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Consumer Protection & Commerce  
House of Representatives  
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Honolulu, HI 96813

**SUBJECT: TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB702**

My name is Jae Bonarek, and I would like to express to the Consumer Protection & Commerce Committee my **strong support** for HB702, also known as Hope's Law. I am testifying as an individual citizen who has encountered many dogs, in various situations, who had microchips that did not have current owner information.

It is in my experience as a community member and as a first-responder volunteer with K9 Kokua, that too many dogs are deprived of sustenance and the owner(s) go about their normal life without any penalties. A few years ago, the group I volunteer for was contacted about a female dog that was dumped at Kea'au Beach Park and needed immediate vet care. When we got there, the female dog (later dubbed Moxy), smelt of decaying flesh, her bones on her rear right foot were completely exposed and she had many other wounds, old and new, littering her body. When we got her into our vet, there was nothing that could have been done for Moxy. Her body suffered too much trauma, due to wounds consistent with dog fighting, and this was verified with 3 dog fighting vet experts. Like Hope, Moxy was microchipped, but due to the laws that are in place now, any person(s) can say that they sold, gifted, lost, etc., and no one is required to transfer their dog's microchip info to the next person. This was just one of many of my first-hand experiences with a dog that was microchipped to someone that claimed to no longer have possession of the dog.

I believe by protecting our dogs, we can better protect our communities. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

**Please pass HB702 and show Hawaii that's this is where we start fighting for the voiceless.**

Very respectfully,

Jae Bonarek  
USN Veteran  
Beach Crew Volunteer with K9 Kokua  
808-853-7267

**LATE**



## Testimony in Opposition of HB 702

February 7, 2015

Rep. McKelvey and members of the House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce:

The Pacific Pet Alliance is a Hawai'i non-profit organization that promotes responsible pet ownership through education and advocacy.

We respectfully request that you not pass HB 702. Our position does present a dilemma because the Pacific Pet Alliance recognizes that K9 Kokua does wonderful work in the community for "houseless dogs" and filling the gaps in caring for animals whose owners have fallen upon hard times.

From an animal welfare view point, microchipping an animal serves a valuable purpose of reuniting lost animals with their owners. Many breeders prefer to chip an entire litter in their name prior to sale. We do this because we have a responsibility to that animal that we brought in to this world. Should the new owner renege on their contract (breeders require to be contacted first) and surrender an animal to a shelter or rescue the breeder will be contacted and can take custody of the animal. We are concerned that this bill might discourage microchipping.

Currently the practice of microchipping an animal is voluntary and available at a nominal cost to the pet owner. PPA is concerned that the unintended consequence of this bill would extend criminal and civil liabilities to innocent people and provide incentive not to microchip an animal. Paperwork errors will make criminals of innocent people who have not physically harmed or neglected animals. Their only "crime" is that they did not follow up with the new owner to ensure the chip registration was changed.

This bill also extends criminal liability to the owner of a dog that has been deprived of sustenance. Again, innocent people could be charged with animal cruelty in the second degree over failure to comply with paperwork.

While the spirit of "Hope's Law" is well meaning, its passage would have the potential to hurt too many innocent people and not have effect that its supporters want.

The Pacific Pet Alliance respectfully requests that this committee not pass this bill.

Lynn Muramaru  
President  
Pacific Pet Alliance



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**HB702**

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

Comments:

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Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: In Support of HB702, Hope's Law

Dear Chairman McKelvey and Committee Members,

I strongly support HB702, a bill introduced by Representative Jo Jordan. This Act would require dog owners to notify appropriate authorities when transferring ownership of a dog. This Act would also hold dog owners accountable for abandonment and other acts of animal cruelty that often go unpunished.

I am a veterinary technician and also work with many of the local animal welfare groups on Oahu. I have met many dogs over the years. Most dogs come and go easily, and they live happily ever after. But not Hope. I knew her personally. Her story is a sad one.

When Hope was found abandoned in Nanakuli she was emaciated and in very poor health. She spent months in the hospital and ultimately died from her previous lack of care. Hope had a microchip when she was found but the registered owner on the microchip stated that they had given her away to another owner. Hope's owner was never located and no one was ever held accountable for the neglect and suffering she endured.

This Act will help to prevent cruelty cases like Hope's from falling through the cracks.

For Hope's sake and the sake of other dogs in situations similar to hers, I urge the committee to please support HB702.

Thank you for taking this testimony into consideration.

Sincerely,

Kelly Carrington  
Veterinary Technician



Hope (pictured) was gentle and maintained a calming presence despite everything she endured.

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**HB702**

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Tiffany	Individual	Support	No

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**LATE**

**SUBJECT: SUPPORT FOR HB702, also known as Hope's Law.**

Aloha,

My name is Kale Lyman and I am submitting my testimony as an individual. I am the Sr. Volunteer and a Main Beach Crew member of K9 Kokua and have witnessed many scenarios involving a dog and how current information on a microchip can make the difference in proper identification. There is a large population of people who own dogs in Hawaii and many of them have microchips. Many of these microchips hold incorrect or out-dated information. Dog license tags can come off and during my years of volunteering, I have known of situations where a dog's collar and license tag is stolen to be placed on another dog. You cannot steal a microchip and it cannot get lost.

The existing form for a dog licensing has a designated box for microchips to be included on record. All other counties allow the microchip to also be included in their systems records.

HB702 will have no impact on county licensing regulations. There will be no need for additional forms to be created or additional positions. No tax-payer dollars will be used when HB702 is passed! It is meant to help the authorities to strengthen their cases when it comes to the abused, abandonment and neglect of dogs.

HB702 places the responsibility solely on a dog owner to keep their dog's microchip info current. Just like selling/gifting a car in Hawaii, the owner has a certain number of days to submit the transfer or possibly be liable if anything occurs with the car while it was out of the owner's possession. HB702 will also help to increase the revenue for each county as more people will need to acquire their dog's license when registering the microchip number.

During my years of experience and work in the community, I have been a first-responder to many cruelty cases where dogs had a microchip and realize that HB702 is a real-life solution.

**I humbly urge you to pass HB702 on Monday.**

Please feel free to contact me with any questions. I will be present on Monday at 2:33p.  
Mahalo nui loa.

**Very respectfully,**

**Kale Lyman**  
[kale@k9kokua.org](mailto:kale@k9kokua.org)



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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Diane Kimura-Sugiyama	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Seems to me that this legislature only seems to want to pass anti pet laws instead of concentrating on the stuff that really matters. This is a foolish bill and if passed, would create a lot of confusion.

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

Comments: It was so hard to see what someone had done to such a sweet dog. There needs to be stricter laws in place to protect those who can't speak for themselves.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Regina Guzzo	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: Animal cruelty needs to be stopped here in Hawaii. Owners need to be held responsible for their dogs actions and for the owner's lack of care. It is impareti e that the current owner of the animal be held responsible!

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RL Thomson	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Criminalizing the people who do the right thing (chip) because of people who do the wrong thing (abuse) is WRONG and stupid. All you do is make people like me avoid chipping our dogs. Not only that, but you make me responsible for the behavior of anyone who owns a dog I rehomed. No. That's not right. It's WRONG. Throw this bill out.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Joy Zepeda	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha CBC Committee , I support Hopes Law HB702. Please help be a voice for the voiceless and support it too. Thank you.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Carol Pohina	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support Hopes Bill. I would like to see Hawaii take animal cruelty seriously and feel by passing this bill it's a step in the right direction. Abuse may start with a dog but will not end there. Studies show that abusers move on to children and adults. We need to STOP this cycle NOW. PLEASE PASS BILL HB 702. Mahalo

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Charise Sue	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Patricia Bonarek	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: This bill is the start for the good in helping dogs and making owners accountable. We start with the dogs and this will help so many of our 4 legged friends. Way to go with this bill. Not is a long time in coming.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Myra Gobble	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support Hope's Law HB702.

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Myranda Silva	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please pass thus bill. Mahalo nui loa.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Ann Shower, DVM	Individual	Support	No

Comments: As a veterinarian who often has had to treat dogs and cats who are injured, mistreated, or just plain lost - having current microchip information can literally be a lifesaver for the animal. Up to date chip information allows us to contact owners to receive treatment authority, in cases of abuse or neglect it allows not only the veterinary community but law enforcement information in legal cases. Animal abuse will only be conquered if our legislative leaders have the fortitude to put laws in place that hold pet owners, pet shops, and dealers accountable for the life of that animal. For lost animals, veterinarians, humane groups, and shelters can contact nationwide registration sites and help get the animal home. Pets that transfer to Hawaii are required to be microchipped prior to arriving on the island, it only makes sense that ALL pets in the state should be micro chipped. I, personally have been presented with an injured dog on an emergency basis, which during the exam we found a microchip. That chip led us to the owner who informed us the animal had been previously stolen. That chip, with correct information, saved not only that animal's life but reunited the pet with the rightful owner.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Celina Hatt	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I personally oversaw Hope's care, and have never seen such a poor state of representation and protection for this helpless animal. There was no animal protection for her, simply a personally funded group, K9 Kokua who worked with my veterinary practice to provide her shelter, food, and meet her medical needs. Our Veterinary professionals can only do so much to extend our compassion and care to uphold and advocate quality of life for an animal. Other states have stronger Animal Cruelty laws than are present in Hawaii. As a veterinary practitioner in Hawaii, a government enforcement preventing animal cruelty, would truly reach many people, and protect multiple animals. It is inappropriate to have the emotional and financial burden of such irresponsible animal care fall on others. Hawaii needs to advocate humane animal rights more, by holding owners responsible and above all, accountable for their pets. We as a state already advocate and assist those humans who are in need, who do not have a voice, who are vulnerable in any mental or physical capacity. Especially those impacted by the ill treatment of other human hands, such as CPS, or PTSD patients. It is time to extend that compassionate government attention to our animals of Hawaii. Please make a moral act performed by Hope's advocates a legal requirement of pet owners. Already as Veterinarians we take an oath to promote life, and heal the sick. Laws such as Hope's law would help us not only heal but protect our deserved pets. This law would assist our veterinary professionals by having a law that sets a clear boundary of pet endangerment, proper husbandry, and a clear responsibility as to proper treatment of animals.

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kelli Kepka	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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**LATE**

February 8, 2015

The Honorable Angus McKelvey, Chair  
The Honorable Justin Woodson, Vice Chair  
Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce  
Hawaii State House  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Woodson, and Members:

I strongly support HB702, Hope's Law, which extends criminal liability to the owner of a dog that has been deprived of sustenance, requires persons holding a dog license to provide notification if ownership of the dog is transferred, and requires persons holding a dog license to provide microchip information.

"The awful wrongs and sufferings forced upon the innocent, helpless, faithful animal race, form the blackest chapter in the whole world's history." Edward Freeman

This quote by Edward Freeman summarizes why I support Hope's Bill. No animal in anyway should suffer as Hope did. People who wantonly use animals for their selfish means must be held accountable for any heinous abuse committed or abandonment of any animal. This simple requirement of notifying the director of finance when ownership of an animal is transferred and keeping the microchip information up to date is such a small way to help track/prosecute true animal abuse cases.

On 02/08/2015, KHON News reported the discovery of over 30 dead dogs discarded like trash in Nanakuli. If these dogs were microchipped, perhaps we could be track their owners and eventually figure out what happened to them and how they ended up like this.

Mahalo,

Kathy Dos Santos-Tam  
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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Ronnie Perry	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support this bill. We need to protect our animals. Please pass this bill. Mahalo, Ronnie Perry

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lydia Welch	Individual	Support	No

Comments: The only reason to oppose this bill is to give the abusers the freedom to walk away. The abuse usually doesn't stop with animals.

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Working as a volunteer with rescue groups and animal shelters, there was an instance a dog, found dead, was dumped in a crate on the side of the road. Had the dog been microchipped, the unimaginable cruelty this dog suffered would not have gone unpunished. For all those entering into the state of Hawaii, a microchip is a must. Why can not the same be said for those already living there?

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Susan Govier	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I OPPOSE HB 702 and ask you to please vote NO on the bill. This bill would make the current license and/or microchip system for dogs a vehicle to prosecute the person whose name is on the license and/or microchip for animal cruelty even if they are not the person who abused the dog. The average dog owner would be devastated by such criminal or civil charges. Yes, decent people want to identify and punish those who commit crimes against animals, however, to allow this attempt to punish the innocent person because they complied with the requirement to license their dog and because the real guilty party cannot be found is ludicrous. This bill will not stop miscreants from abusing animals. It will potentially make criminals out of innocent dog owners and in all probability, will destroy the licensing and microchip system that has shown it works to return lost animals to their owners. Please vote NO on HB 702.

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joyce webster	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Jill Bullock	Individual	Support	No

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Renee Martinson	Individual	Support	No

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# LATE TESTIMONY

February 8, 2015

The Honorable Angus McKelvey, Chair, Consumer Protection & Commerce

House of Representatives

Hawaii State Capitol

Re: In Support of HB702, Hope's Law

Hearing date 2-9-15; Time 2:30Pm Rm #325

Dear Chairman McKelvey, Vice Chair Woodson & Committee

I am in strong support of HB702, a bill that would require dog owners to notify appropriate authorities when transferring ownership of a dog. This Act will also hold dog owners accountable for abandonment and other acts of animal cruelty that often go unpunished. I am asking for your support on the bill.

My name is Emily Snyder I am a 14 year old student at James Campbell high school. I am asking for you to support HB702 Hope's Law. It is extremely important that dog owners update their information on their dog's microchip, especially when they move or find a new home for their dog. It is also important that people who abandon their dogs be held accountable for their action and hurting an innocent animal. I feel I have a lot of experience in this area. I have tagged along with my mom at work for the past 12 years and I have been around animals especially dogs my whole life. Over the years, my mom and I have picked up many strays and the first thing we do is scan for a microchip, luckily many of the dogs have a microchip that is up to date sadly some don't. For example Kiba, a Shiba Inu, I found on my way home had a microchip but it was not up to date. We called the number on file and the company they gave us the same information we already had. It wasn't until later that night we saw flyers and were able to reunite him with his owners. His story ended happily unlike Hope's. I am sure many of you have heard her story. That is why we are here today about HB702 Hope's Law. Hope had a microchip but when the owner was contacted he said he had sold her but didn't not know whom he sold her to. Hope was found on the side of the road in Nanakuli half alive. I knew Hope personally and I visited her every chance I had. I would sit with her and love on her to prove that not all people are bad all I could see was sadness in her eyes but some how I could see a glow in her eyes of relief and trust. Sadly, hope died of neglect and internal organ failure had this law been in place when hope was found the owner on her microchip could've been held accountable and charged and we could've given

hope justice. This last Saturday I happened to be on a road in Nanakuli where I ride my horses; and I came across a dog that had been placed in a bag on the side of the road. It was very disturbing. She was also a pit bull who appeared to have just had puppies or was still pregnant and there were scars all over her body. On Sunday morning I went back to the area where the dog was found and I walked down a little and came across many bags each bag had animal remains. We counted over 40 sets of remains most of them were dogs. We scanned them all but were unsuccessful probably due to the stage of decomposition. This is why we need your support to make micro-chipping a must and to always update your information when you move or rehome your dog. Had Hope's law already been in place these dogs would've been micro-chipped, owners could've been contacted and a cruelty case opened against them if they were found to be negligent. So please give us your support in HB702 Hope's Law. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Emily Ann Snyder

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D'Angelo McIntyre	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support this measure. I feel and know it is a good start and will keep people on their toes when it comes to proper care for individuals such as Dogs and Cats.

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