



PACIFIC PET ALLIANCE

March 29, 2017

TESTIMONY OF PACIFIC PET ALLIANCE IN OPPOSITION TO HB 1516 HD1

Chair Sen. Gilbert Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Sen. Karl Rhoads, and members of the Senate Judiciary Committee,

As you know, the Pacific Pet Alliance (PPA) is a Hawai'i non-profit organization that promotes responsible pet ownership through education and advocacy. We respectfully request that you vote **no** on HB 1516 HD1.

PPA strongly supports humane treatment for all animals. We also strongly believe that people (including business entities) who are convicted of animal cruelty should be held accountable for their shameful actions, and for paying the costs for treating and rehabilitating the animals they mistreated.

But the interests of protecting animals from abuse must be balanced against the legal rights of those animals' owners. Current law provides safeguards for animal owners in the event they are found not guilty of alleged animal cruelty, or if animal cruelty charges are dropped. These fundamental, constitutionally-derived rights must not be taken away. Existing law states that a person accused of animal cruelty can be required to post a bond to cover the costs for caring for the animals, and that posting of additional bond funds can be requested if the proceedings go beyond the expected time period.

HB 1561 HD1 seeks to do away with these important protections. If the accused is later found not guilty, or if the charges are dropped, they could permanently lose their animals with no recourse to get them back.

PPA respectfully requests that you vote **no** on this bill to help preserve the legal rights of Hawai'i citizens who own animals.

Lynn Muramaru
Board Member
Pacific Pet Alliance

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Adina Ness	Individual	Support	No

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Arthur Mangaoang	Individual	Oppose	No

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Count my vote please.

Debi Cary

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Duane Lum	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Emily Hoffman	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please help these dogs. They're only there because of the neglect and hate of others, it is wrong to punish them for it. They're man's best friend. We need to treat them as such.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Erika Smith	Individual	Support	No

Comments: HB1516 will keep abused and neglected animals out of limbo while their previous owners are being criminally charged. Allowing the Humane Society to petition for full custody and find these animals loving homes as soon as possible. Criminal courts cases can take many months and even years leaving these animals without the possibility of permanent adoption.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
jackie	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I suport this bill

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
James K. Rzonca	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose this bill. It is unconstitutional and illegal for anybody to take my private property, my pets are my private property, from my private property. Innocent until proven guilty. This bill amounts to theft. If proven innocent how will we get our animals back if they are euthanized. How will we be compensated for our loss. Do we get to sue the humane society for euthanizing my private property that I can now never get back even if I was innocent from the start?

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jeremy kuratsu	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I think this has begun to become a really unfair situation for every pet owner out there, how is it that they can do such a thing to animals when is part of there family, I can see if a pet is being abused an neglected. But to assume something that he or she said an being stripped of your animals with no questions asked is consider wrong. The house really needs to think about this an oppose this bill HB1516 because alot of pet lovers is not gonna forfeit there pets without a fight.

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My name is John D'Amato, and my family is fostering a dog who is part of the Waianae rescue. I testify in strong support of HB1516.

When Maddie first came to us in early November, she had just had puppies though she's not much more than a year old herself. She is a small dog and was emaciated. You could see all of her ribs and her vertebrae. She had an ear infection and skin infection, which made her smell very bad. Her hind legs were very weak because she had been raised in a crate and had not had the exercise needed to properly develop leg muscles. And she was not socialized at all, so she was afraid of everything. She trembled constantly and would fall down into a ball whenever our dog, Cocoa, tried to play with her. Conversely, she would growl at other dogs and people from fear. She even growled at members of my family.

That was five months ago. She has now made a complete turnaround. She has gained more than 10 pounds so you no longer see her ribs and vertebrae. The ear and skin infections have been cured, and she no longer smells. We take Maddie and Cocoa to a dog park on a daily basis, and she has learned to play with other dogs. She now romps and wrestles with Cocoa and her friends at the dog park and loves to go there. She is still a little cautious about people beyond her family, but she has stopped growling and has even made some friends among the people at the dog park. She is a confident, happy dog.

We would like to adopt her but are prevented from doing so because the people from whom she was rescued still own her.

I've gleaned from news stories that her former owners wanted to "do good." I don't doubt that. But "wanting" and "doing" are two different things.

Maddie's emaciated condition, her skin and ear infections, her underdeveloped hind quarters, her lack of socialization, and the circumstances from which she was rescued are objective facts which should have formed the predicament for forfeiture from day one. She was abused.

The fact she is still owned by the people from whom she was rescued, means that we still can't take her to our vet and give her the care we would like to. It took a couple of months to identify and cure the ear infection, simply because the Humane Society's veterinary resources are stretched to their limit. We don't know if there are other problems, or things we might do to help her with continuing issues, such as her underdeveloped hind quarters, because we haven't been able to take her to our vet yet.

Further, the more time that passes, the less obvious becomes the abuse that she suffered, and the more difficult it becomes to prove.

Again, I don't doubt the motivations of the people who ran the shelter from which she was rescued or that those individuals have an attachment to her. But they don't know this dog. They couldn't; she was one of 300 to them. Maddie can't tell you what she would like. But if you put her between my family and her former owners, I have no doubt to whom she would go.

John J. D'Amato

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Karlene Perez	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am in strong SUPPORT for the passing of HB1516 for the betterment of the animals being cared for by the Hawaiian Humane Society (HHS) while an animal cruelty case is being processed and criminal charges are being made. I have been fostering for the Hawaiian Humane Society (HHS) for over 3 years. I have fostered multiple dogs from 3 large scale animal cruelty cases (Haleiwa case, Kahaluu case, and the Waianae case). ALL the dogs that came into our home were pregnant, extremely sick, emaciated, and required additional emergency vet care outside of what HHS could provide for at the shelter (all of which was paid for by HHS!). Not only did they need significant amounts of medical care, but they were also all poorly socialized, traumatized, and emotionally and behaviorally unstable due to the severe abuse and neglect they received from their previous owners. While in foster care we provided a loving and nurturing home for these dogs to become healthy physically, mentally, and emotionally, all of whom were able to be placed into permanent homes once legal ownership was turned over to HHS. In my experience with the last 2 cruelty cases it took 6 MONTHS before forfeiture was granted and the Makaha case is taking just as long! 6 months is far too long for a dog to be without a permanent home! Additionally, please take into consideration the enormous amount time, financial resources, and commitment it takes to assume large cruelty cases such as these. Long delays in permanent placement also prevents foster families like ours from being able to foster other animals because we are currently caring for case dogs who are being held up by legal court proceedings. Thus, my support stands for HB1516 for the following reasons: • The priority in an animal cruelty case should be the welfare of the rescued animals. • The delay between an animal cruelty rescue and the filing of criminal charges can stretch for months. This holding period places an undue burden on animals who has already have suffered greatly, as well as on the resources of the rescuing entity (HHS). • These animals need to be placed in permanent loving homes as quickly as possible. Thank you for taking the time to read my testimony as you consider the passage of HB1516. Sincerely, Karlene Perez

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kimo kaiama	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: It my right as a native Hawaiian to practice my culture

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lisa esteron	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Know one should have the right to enter private property to seize animals. Much of us love our animals and it is our constitutional right to raise our animals for pleasure as well as support of our households. What one person may view clas harmful, can be necessary for the animals safety and well being. Anyone entering our property is not right at all and no organization should ever be given that authority. I oppose this bill in every way and will make sure that a lot of us voters will not support the politicians who introduced this bill.

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Mallorie Stefan	Keiko	Comments Only	No

Comments: Please help find these animals a safe and loving home.

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From: Barbershop Singer
To: JDL Testimony
Subject: Testimony in Support of Bill HB 1516
Date: Friday, March 31, 2017 7:43:26 AM

Dear Sir or Madam,

Please be advised that I am currently fostering one of the rescued dogs from Wainae for the Hawaii Humane Society.

I have had this precious dog since October and am very concerned that she has had to wait so long for a permanent home due to the current forfeiture law in place.

Daisy had obviously been through a lot in her short life as she was so fearful and depressed when she came to me she wouldn't even lift her tail or interact with my dogs. Through a lot of love and patience she has come out of her shell and is now a happy dog.

I am very concerned however that having been with me for 5 months she is going to suffer terribly from our parting when she eventually finds her forever home. To be "abandoned" once more will be a heartbreaking moment for her. Also, during my fostering of Daisy I had to go to the mainland and could not afford to have her boarded. This meant that she was going to have to return to the Humane Society and not be returned to me upon my return. Fortunately at the last moment I found a friend who was able to care for her while I was gone.

I do not understand the present policy as these dogs are not going to come into court and give testimony. Having been confirmed as being abused they deserve to be given the opportunity to be adopted regardless of whether the former owners are held responsible for inflicting pain and suffering on these animals.

I urge the state to change the law as it stands and allow these animals to be given to the Humane Society as soon as possible so that they can start the healing process of the abuse and neglect they have already suffered, regardless of the reasons and intent.

Yours truly,

Maryanne Leonhardt

LATE TESTIMONY

From: Bud Ralston
To: JDL Testimony
Subject: House Bill 1516
Date: Thursday, March 30, 2017 7:08:25 PM

Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I wish to provide input for your hearing on House Bill 1516 on amending the forfeiture law regarding animal cruelty cases.

As a volunteer dog walker for the Hawaii Humane Society, I see close-up the product of these unconscionable individuals who have abused animals on a gross scale. Starved for human attention and kindness, these poor dogs are now kept in indefinite limbo awaiting the outcome of a criminal trial. They are only eligible for foster care rather than outright adoption. I have spoken to numerous people seeking a dog for their pet who are unwilling to provide foster care for a dog in hopes they may one day be able to adopt it. Knowing that they may be forced to give up an animal they and their family have grown seriously attached to is more than they are willing to risk.

In your deliberations, please consider:

1. **The priority in an animal cruelty case should be the welfare of the rescued animals.**
2. The delay between an animal cruelty rescue and the filing of criminal charges can stretch for months. This holding period places an undue burden on animals who already have suffered greatly, as well as on the resources of the rescuing entity.
3. These animals need to be placed in permanent loving homes as quickly as possible.
4. A society for the protection of animals granted custody by forfeiture must have complete discretion regarding disposition of the rescued animals.

Sincerely,

Norman J. Ralston
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Pono Esteron	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Do we live in China or Russia? We do not live in a country where our citizens have no rights. We raise, breed and love our animals. So if you see one cow that is sick..this law gives animal groups the right to go into the pasture and seize all animals, even my dog protecting my pasture? Stupidity and a gross violation of our constitutional rights. Our land and our property should remain ours and not be subject to seizure and killing just because they think they know better; know one knows better than the man up above, no human being should have that right if not the owner himself. This bill is bad for everyone, like I said we don't live in a foreign country do we? We are educated, we work, we are law abiding citizens, we pay taxes. I am not paying taxes to be subject to this dictatorship. Stupid law, go make laws to help the homeless and alleviate all the crimes that has been occurring everyday in our city. This bill is surely not priority to me and many other farmers, we vote NO, NO, NO. Thank you!

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richard silva jr	Individual	Oppose	No

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RICKY BAKER	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Our judicial system is based on individuals being innocent until proven guilty. This seems to fly in the face of that belief. How can you take someone's animals and either re-home them (or possibly euthanize them) before the owner has even been convicted of cruelty? It is difficult for me to understand how this measure continues to move forward. I strongly oppose this bill in its entirety. Ricky Baker

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russell j garcia	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose any authority to come into any private property to take our animals away from us. Come to my table we talk . I will tell you hundreds of stories of animal cruelty by the humane society. This is unconstitutional. All you politicians are ripping us of our freedom . This all part of un agenda 21 my name is Russell garcia and I strongly oppose this bill

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We have been foster parents for animals from the Hawaiian Humane Society since 2011 and we have fostered in our home over 100 dogs and cats. We get great joy and satisfaction from this form of volunteer work we do for this organization and we plan on continuing for years to come.

We have had the medical case animals, the temporary hold animals, and the “for space” animals because the HHS was overcrowded for a few days and lastly we have had the case animals. We have had animals from the Waimanalo puppy mill, the Poodle hoarder on the North Shore, the Kahaluu puppy mill and recently the Waianae rescue where over 300 animals were removed due to unhealthy and unsafe conditions. From this rescue we were tasked with two very young puppies that only weighed 4lbs each. Right after they came to us, one got extremely sick due to a parasite and the other got sick due to parvo. Both Lillie and Maggie survived to become very big, active and energetic loving dogs, but it has been over 6 months and these two puppies truly believe that we are their forever home. We would love to keep them but if we do that, we can no longer continue to help foster animals in need from the HHS.

The forfeiture process needs to move more quickly so that animals like Lillie and Maggie can be treated and adopted into families that want dogs such as them. Several drawbacks to them staying in foster care for a long time are; the foster families can't plan how to develop the animals because of the uncertainty of when they will need to be returned. Some families would not want to invest so much time into training and socializing a dog if it's not going to become a member of their family.

Because the dogs are not the property of the HHS, females such as Lillie and Maggie can't be spayed or neutered and are getting close to becoming adults and could go into heat. This result could bring in more unwanted puppies. In all the court cases we have been involved with; the HHS can't spay or neuter the animals until they are completely forfeited, either voluntarily or by court decision.

Lastly, the animal's confidence and psychological well-being are jeopardized because the animals are unsure of their present situation and develop trust issues and psychological problems which make them difficult to adopt out or to develop into excellent pets.

The purpose of this bill is not one for money but one to help animals that can't help themselves.

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siena schaar	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha, I am writing in strong support of this measure HB1516 Which would keep hundreds of animals out of limbo and one step closer to finding their forever homes - free of abuse and neglect. I hope that you recognize how impactful this bill would be on the lives of innocent animals. Thank you.

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Sunshine Eckstrom	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please support this measure so that animals don't have to be held indefinitely. They deserve better than essentially being imprisoned when they, of course, did nothing wrong.

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Victoria Anderson	Individual	Support	No

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To: Chair Sen. Gilbert Keith-Agaran
Vice Chair Sen. Karl Rhoads
and Members of the Committee on Judiciary and Labor

Submitted By: Stephanie Kendrick, Public Policy Advocate
Hawaiian Humane Society, 808-356-2217

RE: Testimony in support of HB1516 HD1: Relating to Animal Forfeiture
Friday, March 31, 2017, 9:30 a.m., Capitol conference room 016

The Hawaiian Humane Society strongly supports the passage of HB1516 HD1, which would allow for a society for the protection of animals to petition for full custody of animals that have been rescued prior to the filing of criminal charges against the owner of the animals. This is a critical improvement to the existing statute and we urge the committee to pass this measure.

Our strong support of HB1516 HD1 is based on firsthand experience with animal suffering. The Hawaiian Humane Society rescued more than 300 dogs from a Waianae property as part of an animal cruelty case in October. Under existing law, which prohibits pursuing forfeiture of animals in a cruelty case before criminal charges have been filed, we were not able to file for forfeiture until March 2, five months after the rescue. That case is being heard in Kapolei as I speak with you this morning.

While we are hopeful that today's proceedings will allow us to finally place these animals in permanent homes, the delay has been an injustice to them. The Hawaiian Humane Society has spent more than \$690,000 to provide the dogs with much needed care and hundreds of foster care volunteers have helped to provide temporary homes.

Passage of HB1516 HD1 will allow for the potential of forfeiture to occur **prior** to criminal charges being filed so that situations like the one happening right now can be avoided in the future.

We are asking for clarification of Section 2 (5) of the law to make the language more specific. That proposed SD1 was submitted to the Chair's office yesterday.

Please pass HB1516 HD1 SD1 proposed and help to minimize the suffering of animals. I would be happy to provide any assistance the committee requests regarding this measure.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
One Ocean Diving	One Ocean Diving	Support	No

Comments: Aloha, this comment is in firm support of HB 1516 on behalf of One Ocean Diving. Allowing the Humane Society to petition for full custody of impounded animals will prevent them from having to wait while their owners await criminal charges for abuse and neglect. In many cases, especially involving large number of animals, animals are forced to wait long periods of time before a decision is made. Allowing the Humane Society to take custody offers these animals an opportunity to find loving forever homes versus waiting in limbo for months to years. These animals have already been subjected to cruel treatment and have suffered as a result. It is our responsibility to give them the opportunity of being permanently adopted. Thank you for taking the time to consider this request. One Ocean Diving

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Alexis Araw	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am writing in support of this testimony! It will help these dogs get the care and attention they need and the chance to find a loving and safe home!

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Blaine Mateo	Individual	Oppose	No

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Blaise	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I don't feel the humane society should be able to kill animals just cause they don't have money. We don't kill humans cause our jails are full. Also if they kill animals before any courth case any if the defendant is found innocent then the humane society should be charged with cruelty to animals. Americans are loosening to many rights it's not the land of the free anymore.

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Chester	Individual	Oppose	No

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christian staszko	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Aloha. I am an 18 military service member and I oppose the bill. I believe that speculation may lead supporters of the bill to have the power to remove property without valid reason. I understand that in some cases this is warranted but this bill is easily ABUSABLE. For example; in a case where neighbors are feuding over the sounds of livestock in an area where it is legal to have them, one may attempt to have them removed with little or no evidence. As a service member I do have many friends that have pets and livestock for therapeutic reasons for PTSD. Remove of pets that control their emotional state would be dangerous. Please think twice about this bill.

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Clifford	Individual	Oppose	No

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jaimé	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I'm a farmer that raises animals and I don't think it's fair for anyone or any organization to come into my property and take my animals if I'm taking good care of them that is not right

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Jasserie Kamalani Esteron	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Its not right to kill all animals! Worse animal cruelty ever.

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Jessie Sharpe	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: It is NOT right for the authorities to be able to seize ALL animals for killing because of chicken fighting. Yes, take the chickens. But dogs, pigs, etc is just wrong! They should be left alone. Especially the pets! They ARE family. It would be cruel to kill them for no reason. I oppose this!

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Joanne Tumanuvao	Individual	Oppose	No

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joey aruda	Individual	Oppose	No

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Joshua	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Hello my name is Josh and I am a animal lover and a Hunter and I oppose this bill because I don't think that animal owners should have to forfeit there animals under suspicion of animal abuse. I feel that they need to have proof beyond a reasonable doubt before they can take away your animals. It seems like even if a neighbor was mad at you for something as small as your dog barking or if someone sees your hunting dog has a cut from a hunting trip all they would have to do is call and make a report and the humane society would be able to come confiscate all your animals which I feel isn't right. I can see if the person is really abusing there animals and they have proof beyond a reasonable doubt that the animal(s) are being abused then they could take them. As I stated above about a hunting dog(s) having a cut, I can see this situation happening: You take your dogs hunting and they catch a boar with tusk and he happens to cut one or two of your dogs. You come home and a neighbor sees your dog(s) with blood from his cut and suspects you been abusing your dog(s) so he/she calls the Humane Society to make a report. The humane society takes your animals away before investigating. Let's just say the investigation took a month or two and they find you not guilty of abuse. You then are able to get your animals back. From what I understand it says that you may need to pay for cost while animal(s) are impounded. So you end up needing to pay for cost that is unnecessary because you did nothing wrong. Say you had 6 dogs taken away that cost wouldn't be cheap. So you see this is one reason I do not support this bill because I don't believe that you should need to forfeit your animals. I also know that the Humane Society does not hold animals to long. They kill a lot of animals and if the investigation took to long who knows if your animals will still be alive. VOTE NO!!!

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Kala Jenkins	Individual	Oppose	No

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kalani	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose! I do not think it is right for anyone or any organization touch or take any of my animals! Especially because I take great care of them.

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kekai contrades	Individual	Oppose	No

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Peter	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Not right for an organization to have say over our pets and animals. We as animal caretakers or lover care for them. We put time, money, and affection into taking care of them. HUMANE SOCIETY ARE THE REAL ANIMAL KILLERS.

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Robert Layugan Jr.	Individual	Oppose	No

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Rocky ferido	Individual	Oppose	No

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sabryna corpuz	Individual	Oppose	No

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Water Inspried Conservation Group	Water Inspried Conservation Group	Support	No

Comments: To whom it may concern, On behalf of Water Inspired conservation group we kindly request that you pass HB 1516. Allowing the Humane Society to petition for full custody of impounded animals will prevent them from having to wait while their owners await criminal charges for abuse and neglect. In many cases, especially involving large number of animals, animals are forced to wait long periods of time before a decision is made. Allowing the Humane Society to take custody offers these animals an opportunity to find loving forever homes versus waiting in limbo for months to years. These animals have already been subjected to cruel treatment and have suffered as a result. It is our responsibility to give them the opportunity of being permanently adopted. Thank you for taking the time to consider this request. Water Inspired Conservation Group

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