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HB1516

Submitted on: 2/1/2017

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| Mary Menacho | Individual | Support | No |

Comments: Please support this bill!!! When an animal owner has mistreated an animal in his care, the animal should not suffer more while waiting for final disposition of the case. This can take months and is not fair or humane to the animal that has already been mistreated. Mahalo for your time!

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| Jill Yoshicedo | Individual | Support | No |

Comments: Dear Committee on Agriculture: I am in support of allowing the Hawaiian Humane Society and like organizations to petition for full custody of subject animals prior to final disposition of criminal charges against the previous owner of the animals. In its large-scale rescue operations over the past few years, the Hawaiian Humane Society has had to support animals in foster care for months because they were not allowed to adopt out animals prior to criminal charge convictions against the previous owners. This technicality wastes the limited resources such rescue organizations operate with. I believe it is appropriate for the humane society to petition for full custody of the subject animals and allow for their full medical care, recovery, and adoption. Thank you for hearing this bill.

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| Cory Harden | Individual | Support | No |

Comments: Aloha legislators, Please support this bill to prevent animals from suffering because of their owners' criminal activity. mahalo, Cory Harden, Hilo

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| Inga Gibson | West Hawaii Humane Society | Support | No |

Comments: Dear Chair Creagan and Agriculture Committee Members, The West Hawaii Humane Society supports HB1516. Animals held in cruelty cases, as evidence in a criminal proceeding, can sometimes spend months in limbo, unable to be adopted, while the criminal case makes its way through our court system. This measure would allow for the forfeiture of animals to the agency caring for the animals if the owner cannot demonstrate their ability to care for the animals (via the bonding process). We fully support expediting this process in the interest of the animals and taxpayers. Thank you, Inga Gibson West Hawaii Humane Society 808.922.9910

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| Rene Umberger | Individual | Support | No |

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| Rosemary Karlsson | Individual | Support | No |

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From: Jennifer Chiwa <bjcmd808@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 1, 2017 5:07 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: Support HB 1516 - House Agriculture Committee - 2/3/17 - 8:30 am

Aloha, Members of the House Committee on Agriculture -

Please support HB 1516 which would allow incorporated societies for the protection of animals to petition for full custody of pertinent animals prior to filing or final disposition of criminal charges against the owners of these animals. Sometimes filing or final disposition takes several months, and this bill would provide for protection of the pertinent animals during this period. Mahalo.

Jennifer Chiwa

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From: Victoria Anderson <vanderso@hawaii.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, February 1, 2017 11:47 AM
To: agrcommittee@capitol.hawaii.gov; AGRtestimony
Subject: Fwd: Undeliverable: Please support 6 bills that relate to animal welfare in HI!

Dear Chair Creagan and House Agriculture Committee,

I write in strong support of the following bills that relate to animal welfare in our state:

HB 3, 55, 155, 185, 390, and 1516.

Please support these bills!

Mahalo,

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Victoria B. Anderson
Lai Road, Palolo Valley

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From: Marlene Kufrovich <marlene80803@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 2, 2017 12:56 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: HB 55, HB 151

I am writing to pledge my support of HB 55 and HB 151. It is very important that we not only rescue, but provide aid to dogs and dog owners in the way of education and encouragement. A dog on a chain is a heartbreaking sight! To think that such a dog will know no other life is cruel, inhumane, and depressing. Please pass these bills on so that we, as a society, can be progressive in humane treatment of animals and be a leader in the field of animal care and rescue.

Crimes against animals are increasing and the emotional detachment of those that commit these crimes needs to be checked. As we all know, animal abuse is a sedge way to crimes against humans...against society. I am respectfully asking you to please do your part to ensure that these bills pass, so that we can be proud of our community and our state's treatment of animals.

Mahalo for your time on this matter and for your service to our community.

Sincerely,
Marlene Kufrovich

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| Donna Whitaker | Hawaii Island Humane Society | Support | No |

Comments: Rep. Richard P. Creagan, Chair Rep. Lynn DeCoite, Vice Chair and Members House Committee on Agriculture Testimony in support of HB1516 Relating to Animal Forfeiture Hawaii Island Humane Society stands with other Animal Welfare organizations around the State in strong support of the passage of HB 1516, 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 or final disposition of criminal charges against the owner of the animals. The following is a current example of why we are in strong support of this measure. The Hawaiian Humane Society rescued more than 300 dogs from a Waianae property as part of an animal cruelty case. To date it has cost them more than \$460,000 to provide the needed care to the dogs AND they are not yet able to adopt them into a permanent home because the owner of the dogs has not yet be criminally charged. These dogs, which have already suffered greatly deserve to be placed in permanent homes as soon as possible. Passage of HB 1516 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. This measure would allow for the animals to be placed in new homes at the beginning of the case, thereby eliminating exorbitant costs of maintaining the animals in limbo while keeping the integrity of the criminal prosecution intact. We strongly feel that the wellbeing of the animals should be the priority when pending criminal charges. Thank you for the opportunity to present to the committee and we respectfully ask for you to pass HB 1516. Respectfully submitted, Donna Whitaker Executive Director Hawaii Island Humane Society

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Testimony in Opposition of HB 1516

Rep. Richard Creagan, Rep. Lynn De Coite, 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.

The Pacific Pet Alliance (PPA) respectfully requests that you **vote no on HB 1516**. The law as written offers safeguards to the owners of the animals in the event the owner is found not guilty or charges are dropped. The rights of our citizens should not be taken away. The law as written states that the accused can post a bond to cover the cost of caring for the animals and that additional funds can be requested if the proceeding go beyond the expected time period.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify before you.

Lynn Muramaru
Board Member
Pacific Pet Alliance