



**TESTIMONY OF  
THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL  
TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE, 2017**

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**ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURE:**

H.B. NO. 1516, RELATING TO ANIMAL FORFEITURE.

**BEFORE THE:**

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

**DATE:** Thursday, February 23, 2017      **TIME:** 2 p.m.

**LOCATION:** State Capitol, Room 325

**TESTIFIER(S):** Douglas S. Chin, Attorney General, or  
Michelle M.L. Puu, Deputy Attorney General

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Chair Nishimoto and Members of the Committee:

The Department of the Attorney General appreciates the intent of this bill while noting the following concerns:

This bill seeks to permanently divest an animal owner of his or her animal[s] prior to the institution of criminal animal cruelty charges. This is intended to ease the burden lengthy investigations place on the entities tasked with the care of the alleged victim animals in the interim.

To that end, the petitioner must demonstrate probable cause that the animal at issue was subjected to a form of cruelty by the owner. As currently written, however, the bill is unclear whether this action will be undertaken with the assistance, approval, or endorsement of the prosecutor evaluating the case for potential criminal charges. As a result, the petitioner may not have the assistance of a prosecutor who is specially experienced with recognizing and demonstrating the facts necessary for probable cause. Moreover, should the petitioner fail to establish probable cause, this bill requires the return of the subject animal[s] to its owner. Therefore, the animal may be returned to the owner prior to any decision-making by the prosecutor on the viability of criminal charges.

Finally, where the facts necessary to support a forfeiture pursuant to this bill are present they are likewise sufficient to bring criminal charges. Both findings require a

showing of probable cause. Charging delays thereafter may bar subsequent prosecutions should the deferments be characterized as inexplicable or inexcusable.

The Department respectfully recommends that this Committee consider: (1) removal of the new subsection (4), which requires return of the subject animal[s] to the owner upon a failed showing of probable cause, being added to section 711-1109.2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, by section 2 of this bill on page 4, lines 4-16; and (2) insertion of wording requiring collaboration between the petitioner and the prosecutor.

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**THE HONORABLE SCOTT NISHIMOTO, CHAIR**  
**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY**  
**Twenty-Ninth State Legislature**  
**Regular Session of 2017**  
**State of Hawai`i**

February 23, 2017

**RE: H.B. 1516; RELATING TO ANIMAL FORFEITURE.**

Chair Nishimoto, Vice Chair San Buenaventura, and members of the House Committee on Judiciary, the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu (“Department”) submits the following testimony in support of H.B. 1516.

The purpose of this bill is to clarify the forfeiture laws governing rescued animals who have been impounded pursuant to §711-1109.1 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes. Specifically, it allows a court to forfeit an animal prior to a filing or disposition of criminal charges upon the finding of probable cause.

While we support the proposed amendments in H.B. 1516, the Department would suggest incorporating language that would align with our current civil asset forfeiture laws, specifically §712A-11(6), H.R.S. We ask that the Committee please consider the following addition:

**“(9) An acquittal or dismissal in a criminal proceeding shall not preclude civil proceedings under this chapter.”**

The proposed amendment would ensure that any dispositions held in a civil forfeiture hearing would be honored and not circumvented by any subsequent disposition in criminal proceedings.

For the foregoing reasons, the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu supports the passage of H.B. 1516. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.



Date: Feb. 22, 2017

To: Chair Rep. Scott Y. Nishimoto  
Vice Chair Rep. Joy A. San Buenaventura  
and Members of the Judiciary Committee

RE: Testimony in support of HB1516: Relating to Animal Forfeiture

Aloha Chair Nishimoto, Vice Chair Buenaventura and Committee Members,

The Hawaii Island Humane Society stands with other Animal Welfare Organizations in strong support for the passage of HB1516, 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. We have not yet been able to adopt them into permanent homes because the owner of the dogs has not yet been criminally charged. To date, it has cost them more than \$460,000 to provide the dogs with much needed care.

These dogs, who have already suffered enormously, deserve to be placed in permanent homes as soon as possible. Passage of HB1516 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 strongly feel that the wellbeing of the animals involved in cruelty cases should be the priority.

Thank you for the opportunity to present to the committee and we urge you to pass HB1516.

Please let me know if I can be of assistance.

Donna Whitaker  
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Date: Feb. 21, 2017

To: Chair Rep. Scott Y. Nishimoto  
Vice Chair Rep. Joy A. San Buenaventura  
and Members of the Judiciary Committee

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

RE: Testimony in support of HB1516: Relating to Animal Forfeiture  
Thursday, Feb. 23, 2017, 2 p.m., Capitol conference room 325

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Aloha Chair Nishimoto, Vice Chair Buenaventura and Committee Members,

The Hawaiian Humane Society strongly supports the passage of HB1516, 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.

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**Date:** Feb 22, 2017

**To:** Chair Rep. Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair Rep. Joy A. San Buenaventura,  
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**Submitted By:** Jerleen Bryant, Maui Humane Society CEO, 808-877-3680  
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**RE:** Testimony in support of HB1516: Relating to Animal Forfeiture  
Thursday, Feb. 23, 2017, 2 pm, Capitol conference room 325

Aloha Chair Nishimoto, Vice Chair Buenaventura and Committee Members,

The Maui Humane Society strongly supports the passage of HB1516, 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.

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# AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB

**Phil M. Guidry, J.D.**  
Sr. Policy Analyst  
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Thursday, February 22, 2017

The Honorable Scott Y. Nishimoto  
Chairman, Hawaii House Committee on Judiciary  
Hawaii State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

## **RE: American Kennel Club Opposes House Bill 1516, Concerned with House Bill 185**

Chairman Nishimoto and Members of the House Judiciary Committee:

The American Kennel Club (AKC) writes today with serious concerns on the following bills that you are scheduled to consider on Thursday, February 23. We respectfully request committee action in line with our recommendations.

The American Kennel Club is deeply concerned with the following:

- **House Bill 1516** seeks to vastly expand the cases in which a humane society may petition a court for forfeiture of an animal.

The American Kennel Club strongly supports the humane treatment of dogs and believes that no dog should be kept in circumstances where its needs cannot be adequately fulfilled. We strongly believe that those convicted of animal cruelty should be held accountable, including paying for the costs of caring for the animals they mistreated.

Current law provides that in criminal cases, a humane society or SPCA holding an impounded animal may file a petition to the court requesting the court issue an order of forfeiture of the pet. The court must conduct a hearing within 14 days, and if it determines that if probable cause exists that that the defendant cruelly treated the animal, the court shall order the forfeiture of ownership of the animal. Defendants may preserve their ownership rights through the duration of the criminal case against them by posting a security bond or if they demonstrate that a proper care alternative has been arranged for the pet. Further the court may waive the requirement that a defendant post security for good cause shown. These provisions help ensure that a defendant is not erroneously deprived of their ownership rights, especially indigent defendants incurring significant costs to defend themselves.

**In effect, current law provides procedural protections for defendants not yet convicted. HB 1516, however, would do away with those.** The bill would remove the requirement that cases be criminal in nature, and would remove procedural protections currently provided defendants. Furthermore, in cases where a person is found not guilty or where charges were dropped, a defendant would be permanently deprived of their property, with no recourse, regardless of never having been proven to have committed a crime or violation.

We are not alone in our concerns over the permanent erroneous deprivation of an innocent individual's property rights in their animals. A federal district court declared a similar lack of

procedural protections unconstitutional in 2009. (*Louisville Kennel Club, Inc. v. Louisville/Jefferson County Metro Government*, Civil Action No. 3:07-CV-230-S., October 2, 2009.)

Like current law, HB 1516 also fails to specifically protect the property interests of non-possessory co-owners of impounded animals.

For these reasons, the AKC opposes HB 1516 as introduced, and implores you to not approve HB 1516.

- **House Bill 185** seeks to create licensing and oversight of “dog breeders”, which are defined as those who (1) for compensation or provide, sells or offers for sale, via any means including the internet, 25 or more of the offspring of breeding female dogs in any one-year period and is engaged in the business of breeding intact female dogs; (2) owns/harbors 20 or more intact female dogs over six months of age intended for breeding; or (3) owns/harbors 30 intact dogs over six months of age intended for breeding on the premises.

AKC’s first concern with HB 185 is that the term “dog breeders” sounds all-encompassing, but actually applies only to a subset of Hawaii’s dog breeders. We encourage changing the term to “large-scale dog breeders” or something similar, which would more accurately reflect the intentions and provisions of the legislation.

Further, we argue that Hawaii has no need for this legislation due to a lack of breeders who would qualify as “dog breeders” based on either the commerce or possession requirements of that definition.

For these reasons, we request that you not approve HB 185 as currently written.

We appreciate your consideration of these concerns. We along with our Hawaii federation of dog clubs, the Pacific Pet Alliance, are happy to further assist you in crafting reasonable and effective laws that respect Hawaii’s responsible dog owners and breeders.

Sincerely,



Phil M. Guidry, JD  
Sr. Policy Analyst, AKC Government Relations

*The American Kennel Club was established in 1884 and promotes the study, breeding, exhibiting, and advancement of purebred dogs. We represent over 5,100 dog clubs nationally, including 42 clubs in Hawaii. We advocate for the purebred dog as a family companion, advance canine health and well-being, protect the rights of dog owners, and promote the ideals of responsible dog ownership. As the world’s largest purebred dog registry, the nation’s largest purebred rescue network, and the only not-for-profit purebred dog registry devoted to the health and wellbeing of all dogs, the American Kennel Club actively advocates for humane treatment of all dogs.*





# Neighborhood Cats

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February 22, 2017

House Committee on Judiciary

Re: HB1516

Dear Chair Nishimoto, Vice Chair San Buenaventura and Committee Members,

Neighborhood Cats wishes to express our strong support for HB1516.

As an organization that, among other programs, works hands-on in New York City, Jersey City and the Island of Maui, we often encounter hoarding and other large-scale cruelty situations. The current state of Hawaii law requires shelters to hold the animals indefinitely while legal proceedings grind on and as such is highly problematic. Animals who could be placed in loving homes are kept confined and in limbo for months or even years, and animal shelters are forced to expend large amounts of scarce resources housing and caring for them, resources which could have gone to helping more animals in need.

Thank you for considering our views,

Bryan Kortis, Esq.  
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**HB1516**

Submitted on: 2/22/2017

Testimony for JUD on Feb 23, 2017 14:00PM in Conference Room 325

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Cathy Goeggel	Animal Rights Hawai'i	Support	Yes

Comments:

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Testimony in **Opposition** of HB 1516

Rep. Scott Nishimoto, Rep. Joy San Buenaventura and members of the House Judiciary 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) would like to submit testimony for your consideration regarding the forfeiture of animals.

PPA strongly **opposes HB 1516** in its current form as it seeks to remove some of the protections for citizens under **Due Process**. This bill is before you today because our judicial system is a series of checks and balances. If passed in its current form, this bill will make it easier for the humane societies/law enforcement to remove and adopt out animals but what happens if the person charged is innocent? The animals that they loved and were part of their families would be gone forever before the owners had their day in court. We ask you and the State Attorney General's Office to be judicious and consider these matters before making changes to existing Hawaii State law.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify before you.

Lynn Muramaru  
Board Member  
Pacific Pet Alliance

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Joy Marshall	Individual	Support	No

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

Comments: Please help these animals who have already been through so much find comfort and love more quickly. They don't deserve to be held until their criminal owners are dealt with. They should be given kindness and compassion as soon as possible. Mahalo!

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Javier Mendez-Alvarez	Individual	Support	No

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HB1516: 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.

Testimony of Jennifer Ho  
[Ho.jennifer.c@gmail.com](mailto:Ho.jennifer.c@gmail.com)

I am a volunteer at the Hawaiian Humane Society and witnessed the horrible condition of the animals that came from Waianae. They were filthy, ridden with ticks and fleas, their fur was matted, and many were fearful of human interaction.

It's important to have a group that can have full custody of the animals in these situations, so they can take the actions to do what's best for the animals. The only way they can take these actions is if they have custody. Many of these dogs have been cleaned and treated by vets and worked with by animal care specialist. Some are fully adoptable, and could go to good homes. Having a society to protect the animals and do what is best for them, is vital to the lives and futures of these animals.

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Suyin Phillips	Individual	Support	No

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lynne matusow	Individual	Support	No

Comments: The needs and welfare of the animal should govern. This will reduce the time animals are in limbo. lynne matusow

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Jessica Dunn	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Animals that come from stressful abuse situations should be provided an expedited assessment of their case as it relates to ownership rights. It is in the best interest of the animal that ownership forfeiture be evaluated in a timely manner so the animal can find stability and heal in a stable environment rather than multiple foster homes while the criminal prosecution case is developing.

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I strongly support HB1516, 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.

Often times, cases of cruelty involve numerous animals that need protection prior to the final disposition of criminal charges. An example is of a current situation where more than 300 dogs remain in the care of the Hawaiian Humane Society four months after they were rescued from stomach-turning conditions and they deserve to be placed in homes.

This measure would allow for the animals to be placed in new homes at the beginning of the case, reducing the time the animals spend in limbo. These animals would receive needed medical care much more efficiently. This would make the wellbeing of the animals should be the priority when charges are pending in an animal cruelty case.

Most importantly, this measure does not jeopardize the integrity of the criminal prosecution as evidence is collected during the rescue itself.

Sincerely,

Susan Collins

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

Comments: Please pass this as these poor dogs have been to hell and back. Have been volunteering since last October and to see the state of the animals was horrific. Because of their care now they are so happy and healthy. PLease pass this so they can be in loving forever homes.

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Laura Myers	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please vote for this measure. The abuse and neglect of animals in our state must be curtailed.

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Rex Jakobovits	Individual	Support	No

Comments: As a longtime Hawaii resident, I strongly support HB1516. Mistreatment of animals (including by horders) is an unfortunate reality in our state. The criminal process can take many months. In the meantime, those animals are caught in limbo. The Human Society has a limited amount of resources; holding rescued animals for many months puts a severe drain on their resources. The animals should be placed in new homes right away.

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Pei Yu	Individual	Support	No

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William Cayetano	Individual	Support	No

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Pamela Higgins	Individual	Oppose	No

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From: Ginny Tiu <g2@hokua.org>  
Sent: Thursday, February 23, 2017 2:05 AM  
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Subject: In support of HB 1516

Dear Chair Nishimoto, Vice Chair San Buenaventura, and Committee members,

I am in strong support of HB 1516. It is not right for animals who have been rescued from deplorable living conditions, to not be able to be placed into permanent, loving homes asap. They have suffered long enough. If it is obvious that the animals did not receive adequate care (as in the case of the Waianae rescue), the intent does not lessen the suffering they endured, and they should be allowed to be placed into loving homes that can give them the care they deserve, rather than remain in limbo.

For the sake of the welfare of the animals, which should be the priority, please support HB 1516. Thank you so much for your kind consideration.

Aloha,  
Ginny Tiu

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Rene Umberger	Individual	Support	No

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Keoni Vaughn	Individual	Support	Yes

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Raquel Craven	Individual	Support	No

Comments: As someone who has personally cared for and witnessed the unbearable suffering of dogs recently rescued by the Hawaiian Humane Society, I urge you to pass HB1516. The wellbeing of the animals must be the first priority in a pending animal cruelty case, and this bill would help provide the innocent victims of cruelty in safe and loving homes while legal matters are resolved. thank you.

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