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Subject: *Submitted testimony for HB55 on Feb 3, 2017 08:30AM*

HB55

Submitted on: 2/1/2017

Testimony for AGR on Feb 3, 2017 08:30AM in Conference Room 312

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Cathy Goeggel	Animal Rights Hawai'i	Support	No

Comments:

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HB55

Submitted on: 1/31/2017

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Marjorie Ziegler	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support HB 55.

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HB55

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Barbara Hussey	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am totally in favor of passing HB 55 which alleviates the tethering and restraining of dogs. I am personally a rescue coordinator and have two rescue dogs of my own that came from horrible conditions. I would respectfully ask that this bill passes as WE are the voices of those animals that suffer so and cannot speak for themselves. Mahalo nui loa.

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HB55

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mary Menacho	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please support this bill!!! This is a no-brainer. How can it be ok for anyone to leash/teather/restrain any dog unsupervised for long periods of time. This can lead to unsafe conditions, including being left in the hot sun, no food/water, and open to dangerous situations. This is not humane, why have a dog??? Mahalo for your time.

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Cc: GerritOsborne@gmail.com
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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Gerrit B Osborne	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Tethering unsupervised animals prevents them from caring for and defending themselves. Done in an inhumane way, this can lead to injury or death and is "no way" to treat a family member!

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House Committee on Agriculture

Testimony in support of HB55 Relating to Animals

Friday, Feb. 3, 2017
8:30 a.m., Capitol conference room 312

The Hawaiian Humane Society strongly supports the passage of House Bill 55, which would prohibit the use of specific tethering equipment and techniques that have been found to be injurious to dogs. It also clarifies penalties for violations.

We believe the provisions of HB55 are clearly enforceable and will improve quality of life for dogs as well as public safety. HB55 is an excellent piece of legislation with well-vetted language and we hope you will give it your full support.

We also support the intentions behind HB151 and HB1298, the other two tethering bills on this agenda. But the Society prefers the language in HB55 as it progressed the farthest in the 2016 legislative session. It had the backing of the Hawaiian Humane Society, the Honolulu Police Department and other animal welfare groups.

Please let me know if I can be of assistance.

Aloha,

Stephanie Kendrick
Public Policy Advocate
Hawaiian Humane Society
808-356-2217



Submitted by: Donna Whitaker, Executive Director
Hawaii Island Humane Society
Date: January 31, 2017
RE: Support HB 55
Relating to Animals

The Hawaii Island Humane Society joins with other Animal Welfare Agencies in the State of Hawaii in support of HB 55, which would prohibit the use of specific tethering equipment and techniques that have been found to be injurious to dogs. It also clarifies penalties for violations.

We believe the provisions of HB55 are clearly enforceable and will improve quality of life for dogs as well as public safety. HB55 is an excellent piece of legislation with well-vetted language and we hope you will give it your full support.

We also support the intentions behind HB151 and HB1298, the other two tethering bills on this agenda. But the Society prefers the language in HB55 as it progressed the farthest in the 2016 legislative session.

Thank you for the opportunity to present to the committee and we respectfully ask for your support of this measure.

Donna Whitaker
Executive Director
Hawaii Island Humane Society

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
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To: AGRtestimony
Cc: kamij9@gmail.com
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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
kami carter	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Please support bills like this that protect the voiceless.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Rosemary Karlsson	Individual	Support	No

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Rene Umberger	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
wendy zweigardt	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Cory Harden	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha legislators, Please support this bill. Far too many dogs spend their lives on short tethers, serving as doorbells and burglar alarms, with little social contact. mahalo, Cory Harden, Hilo

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HB55

Submitted on: 2/1/2017

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Tamara Todd	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support HB 151 and HP 55

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sylvia Dolena	Pele Lani Farm LLC	Comments Only	No

Comments: This bill should be incorporated or superceded by Bill HB1298 on tethering of dogs.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
sabina blessington	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support HB55. No more tethering. Please make it illegal. Thank you.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Stacy Lenze	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Alexis Thomas	Individual	Support	No

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AGRtestimony

From: chito <chito000@aol.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 2, 2017 10:32 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: Bills

I u support passing both HB 55 and HB 151.

Sent from my iPhone
Deb Daughtry
Po box 53
Papaalooa Hi 96780

AGRtestimony

From: Cavalry50@aol.com
Sent: Thursday, February 2, 2017 11:41 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: Aloha!

I strongly support HB55/HB151 !!!!
Please help make a positive change in these animals lives!
Deborah WILSON
Sent from my iPhone

AGRtestimony

From: Lianne Thompson <lili808@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 2, 2017 10:39 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: Testimony RE: HB151 & HB55

To whom it may concern:

I would like to testify in favor of these two House Bills, as I believe that they further clarify what we accept as a community to be humane and responsible pet ownership. I believe that creating a humane, welcoming and loving environment for our pets—in the case of these House Bills, dogs—should be an essential part of pet ownership. Training is the answer, not inhumane confinement.

Mahalo,
Lianne Thompson

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From: Siobhan Radway <siobhanradway@icloud.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 2, 2017 9:59 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: Support hb55 & hb151

I support these 2 bills hb 55 & hb 151 to free tethered dogs from this hell.

Sincerely,

Siobhan Radway

Sent from my iPhone

AGRtestimony

From: Veronique Leferink <vleferink@live.nl>
Sent: Thursday, February 2, 2017 10:44 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: Aloha

I Veronique Leferink support both HB 55 and HB 151.

Aloha,
Veronique

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From: A J MINOR <CANUGIRL@msn.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 2, 2017 12:30 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: Support for HB 55 and HB 151

Aloha,

Please support HB 55 and HB 151, regarding tethering of dogs. This is a heartbreaking, cruel way to treat dogs. I've watched my neighbors' dogs staked out on a short chain, barely enough protection against the Hilo rain, barking, lonely, outside a condemned house! They sent down a kid to feed and water them once a day, occasionally the owners show up to trim property trees and poke the dogs. And absolutely legal!! This is not right. Please let's stop this.

Sincerely,

Andrea J. Minor
Papaikou, HI

AGRtestimony

From: Angela B <angdibe@msn.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 2, 2017 12:16 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: support for hb55/hb151

I support these bills. It is abuse to chain a dog in the yard. It is contrary to the love and respect all living creatures deserve and is not indicative of the Aloha spirit of Hawaii.

Respectfully,

Angela Berry
Holualoa Resident, Hawaii Island

AGRtestimony

From: Billie Martines <bmartines808@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 2, 2017 8:54 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: I support

I support both bills...HB 55 and HB151

AGRtestimony

From: Bob <danhieaux@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 2, 2017 8:20 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: Support for HB55/HB151

Aloha,

I fully support HB55/HB151. Not only is it cruel but it changes many dogs psyche, they become extremely aggressive. Dogs become victims of their treatment.

My dog and I were viciously attacked by a chained dog that had gotten loose. She had to be taken in for emergency surgery and thankfully survived.

Aloha,

Bob Douglas
danhieaux@yahoo.com
808 333-0402 text only please, hearing impaired.

AGRtestimony

From: Deb Nava <aquahine@aol.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 2, 2017 9:56 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: HB 55 and HB 151, Anti-Tethering of Dogs

Aloha, Hawaii Lawmakers,

We wish to plead for the successful passing of Bills 55 & 151, regarding improving the treatment of tethered dogs in Hawaii.

We reside on Hawaii Island and observe MANY dogs in our community tied or chained to stakes, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. These dogs rarely get off their tethers, are unable to exercise and are frequently ignored by their owners. Most are restricted by very short tethers, making it impossible to reach food or fresh water on a daily basis.

Sadly, it is not uncommon for Hawaii Island dogs tied on short chains to be attacked and eaten alive by wild pigs, right on the owner's properties.

Please consider my request to help local dogs, AND to help educate our children regarding the ethical treatment of animals.

Please pass HB 55 and HB 151 on February 3, 2017.

Mahalo nui loa for your service to the State of Hawaii.

Respectfully,

Deborah & Edward Nava
P.O. Box 72
Kealahou, HI. 96750
(808) 345-3673
aquahine@aol.com

AGRtestimony

From: Keoki Cortez <keok1h151@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 2, 2017 12:34 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: Re: HB 55 & HB 151

Greetings.

I would like to take this time to show my support for both bill HB55 and HB151 regarding inhumane tethering of animals. I have b3n witness to seeing pets, dogs in particular, who have been tethered to trees, posts, etc their whole lives without feeling the freedom of exercise and play. This, to me, is another form of animal abuse. I would hope that both bill HB55 and HB151 will help to alleviate this problem.

Thank you,

Keoki Cortez
Capt. Cook, HI 96704

AGRtestimony

From: linda willaby <lwparisfrance@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 2, 2017 7:44 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: animal welfare

I support passing both HB 55 and HB 151.

Linda Willaby
12-280 Mapuana Ave
Pahoa, HI 96778

AGRtestimony

From: Margarete Kanealii <makaneal@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 2, 2017 6:49 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: Fwd: "Support for HB55/HB151"

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Date: February 2, 2017 at 6:34:32 AM HST
To: GRTestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov
Subject: "Support for HB55/HB151"

"I Support bill HB55/HB151" . Dogs should be a part of a family and not just tethered and ignored. They are intelligent and innocent animals that just want to please their owners. They should be treated humanely.

AGRtestimony

From: Pamela Small <pamelabigisland@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 2, 2017 8:11 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: HB 55 and HB 151

Dear Sir or Madam,

Writing to express my support for two bills that are up for consideration this legislative session. They are HB 55 and HB 151.

Please ensure that HB 55 and HB 151 make it out of committee and into the legislative session for a full vote. The dogs of Hawaii deserve better treatment by our citizens than they are currently receiving. Tethering laws and enforcement of those same laws is a good step in improving their well-being.

Mahalo,
Pamela Small
Kamuela, Hawaii

AGRtestimony

From: Rob Guzman <robguz4@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 2, 2017 8:01 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: Support HB 55 and HB 151

Aloha Legislators,

I am writing in support of HB 55 and HB 151. I have never lived anywhere that I've seen dogs so openly mistreated. Please help bring Hawaii into the 20th century by passing these bills.

Mahalo,

Rob Guzman

Pahoa, Hawaii Island.

AGRtestimony

From: Jennifer Chiwa <bjcmd808@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 1, 2017 4:15 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: Support HB 55 - House Agriculture Committee - 2/3/17 - 8:30 am

Aloha, Members of the House Committee on Agriculture -

Please support HB 55 which would prohibit restraints and tethering that may endanger or prevent sustenance to dogs. Mahalo.

Jennifer Chiwa

AGRtestimony

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

AGRtestimony

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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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Margaret Wille	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support HB55, however I think the Committee should consider reducing the number of feet a dog may be tethered to trigger a criminal charge from ten feet to five feet (ten foot tether allows for a 20 foot radius; five feet tether allows for a ten foot radius. Section 1(g)(iii).

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From: LaDonna Shively <lshively8@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 2, 2017 1:13 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: Hearing for February 3, 2017

Aloha Committee,

I am in support of improving the conditions for tethering dogs. Please pass these two bills HB 55 and HB 51. We must protect and take better care of our animals.

mahalo, LaDonna Shively

AGRtestimony

From: Contact HawaiiAirConditioning <contact@hawaiiairconditioning.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 2, 2017 2:46 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: Bill HB 151 and HB 55

Aloha,

Where is our Aloha for our pet dogs? It is shameful and horrendous to live in the Aloha State where we talk about our Aloha Spirit when all around us dogs are chained in the cruelest, most inhumane fashion. Dogs should not be chained and I am asking you to PASS these Bills HB 55 and HB 151.

Mahalo,

Dale Harrington

78-7024 Mololani St.

Kailua Kona 96740

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AGRtestimony

From: Ilene Harrington <ilenech@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 2, 2017 2:43 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: Bill HB 151 and Bill HB 55

Aloha,

It is beyond horrendous to live in the Aloha State where we talk about our Aloha Spirit when all around us dogs are chained in the cruelest, most inhumane fashion. Dogs should not be chained and I am asking you to PASS these Bills HB 55 and HB 151.

Mahalo,

Ilene Harrington
78-7024 Mololani St.
Kailua Kona 96740

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To: AGRtestimony
Subject: Hearing for February 3, 2017

Aloha Committee,

I am in support of improving the conditions for tethering dogs. Please pass these two bills HB 55 and HB 51. We must protect and take better care of our animals.

mahalo, LaDonna Shively

AGRtestimony

From: Malia Ann Bohol <alohababooze@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 2, 2017 2:40 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: Support

I support the passing of both HB 55 and HB 151.

Mahalo.

AGRtestimony

From: oneislandslc@gmail.com on behalf of One Island <hawaii@oneisland.org>
Sent: Thursday, February 2, 2017 2:44 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: Bills HB 55 and HB 151 - Yes, please pass

Aloha, I am writing in support of the two bills that encourage better treatment of dogs and less stressful confinement.

I live in a rural neighborhood and dogs are tethered on nearly every lot. They are often neglected, poorly fed, with out water, and lack adequate exercise. As a dog owner who walks my dog, on leash, it is heart breaking to see how poorly these tethered dogs are treated and the suffering is inhumane.

I would like to see a requirement that dog owners must provide a fenced yard for their dogs with adequate cover, water and food. Some minimum square feet per dog.

I would also like to see mandatory dog training, ideally at puppy age, as the dogs in Hawaii act in vicious and threatening ways around other dogs as they have not been properly socialized. There are 'puppy kindergartens' that would prevent these hostile behaviors.

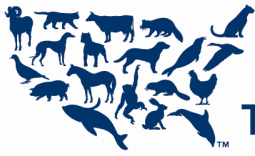
Many communities on the mainland have dog parks. But these would not be safe here due to the lack of training, dog-to-dog socialization, and lack of owner's voice command control. Perhaps an incentive could be offered, free dog license for 10 years if a dog goes to training? Or subsidized training options?

I feel unsafe myself walking my lane with dogs lunging to the end of their chains, viciously growling and barking.

There is a clear difference between a guard dog and an attack dog.

Violent or threatening dogs need to be kept a minimum of 30 feet from the roadside of any property, same as the building set back, to allow for peaceable dog walking along our streets.

Marcy Montgomery
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**THE HUMANE SOCIETY
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To: Chair Creagan
House Agriculture Committee members

In Support Of: HB55
Date: February 3, 2017 8:30 a.m.
Testimony By: Keith Dane, Hawaii Policy Advisor, The Humane Society of the United States

My name is Keith Dane. I am the Hawaii Policy Advisor for The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS), and I appreciate the opportunity to submit this written testimony on behalf of our Hawaii members and supporters in support of HB55, to limit the tethering of dogs.

This bill contains the same language as passed by the full House last session (HB1592 HD1) and will aid in enforcement and address the greatest public safety threats related to tethered/chained dogs such as aggressive behavior and potential attacks/bites, by prohibiting certain types of tethers (weight, length, materials, for puppies) that are most likely to increase animal suffering and aggression.

Dogs are naturally social beings who need interaction with humans and/or other animals. Intensive confinement or long-term restraint can severely damage their physical and psychological well-being. An otherwise friendly and docile dog, when kept continuously chained or intensively confined in any way, becomes neurotic, unhappy, anxious and often aggressive. Chained dogs are more likely to bark and be seen as a nuisance to the community.

It is common for continuously tethered dogs to endure physical ailments as a result of being continuously tethered. Their necks can become raw and sore, and their collars can painfully grow into their skin. They are vulnerable to insect bites and parasites, and are at high risk of entanglement, strangulation, and harassment or attacks by other dogs or people.

Tethered dogs may also suffer from irregular feedings, overturned water bowls, inadequate veterinary care and extreme temperatures. During periods of extreme heat, they may not receive adequate water or protection from the sun. Owners who chain their dogs are less likely to clean the area of confinement, causing the dogs to eat and sleep in an area contaminated with urine and feces. What's more, because their often neurotic behavior makes them difficult to approach, chained dogs are rarely given even minimal affection. Tethered dogs may become "part of the scenery" and can be easily ignored by their owners.

Unmonitored tethering is not only bad for dogs—it is a high risk factor in serious dog bites and attacks. Dogs unable to retreat from perceived or real threats can act out aggressively when approached. Dogs tethered for long periods can become highly aggressive. Dogs feel naturally protective of their territory; when confronted with a perceived threat, they respond according to their fight-or-flight instinct. A tied dog, unable to take flight, resorts to fight, attacking any unfamiliar animal or person who unwittingly wanders into his or her territory.

Tragically, the victims of such attacks are often children who approach the dog unaware of the risks. Furthermore, a tethered dog who finally does get loose from his chains may remain aggressive, and is likely to chase and attack unsuspecting passersby and pets because s/he has developed severe behavior problems from long-term, intensive confinement.

The Humane Society of the United States requests a favorable report on HB55.

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I support HB 55 and HB 151

I live on the Big Island and see too many dogs tied up with most times no water or shade. It is deplorable.

Colin Luck colin.luck@att.net

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"I support HB 55 and HB 151" Living on the Big Island of Hawaii, I find that there are too many dogs tied up, with little comfort. It is awful and needs to change.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lois Crozer	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I agree with these changes for the tethering but Section I "g" specifies "recklessly...tethers, fastens, restrains a dog to a doghouse, tree, fence...to two stationary objects". The operative here is the word "recklessly". Maybe a time limit or something should be included. I've seen a dog for years attached to his outdoor cage by a short chain, and he dug a hole about 2 feet deep in his frustration over the years. He's now gone and another dog in his place. I don't think this law is specific enough to fine the owner. Who is to say something is "reckless"?

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Aloha Committee Members,

I strongly support the passage of HB55 and HB151.

With passage of these bills, Hawaii will be taking one more step towards helping dogs who are kept prisoner at the end of a chain every day.

Thank you,

Rick

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RICKY BAKER	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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I support HB 55 and HB 151.

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Comments for HB 1298, HB 151, & HB 55

Rep. Richard Creagan, Rep. Lynn De Coite, and members of the House Agriculture committee:

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The Pacific Pet Alliance (PPA) would like to submit comments for your consideration regarding tethering and sheltering of dogs.

PPA finds that there are 6 different bills introduced this session that cover this issue. Besides the 3 House bills, there are also 2 Senate bills SB 754 and SB 265. All bills call for different requirements for tethering a dog. None are requesting that tethering be banned. None of these bills cite their references where the tethering guidelines were obtained. Neither the American Kennel Club nor the American Veterinary Medical Association have specific recommendations regarding tethering. We have attached the American Kennel Club article discussing appropriate and humane ways tethering is used to keep dogs safe. (http://images.akc.org/pdf/governmentrelations/The-Question-of-Tethering.pdf?_ga=1.242178946.1458969686.1418719223)

The primary intent and common theme amongst these bills is to improve the overall welfare of dogs that are tethered. PPA agrees with the intent of these bills. We strongly oppose HB 55 which makes no provisions for supervised tethering such as a grooming tether commonly used in pet grooming shops or at dog shows.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify before you.

Lynn Muramaru
Board Member
Pacific Pet Alliance

AGRtestimony

From: Leslie Heard <laheard1003@aol.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 2, 2017 9:25 PM
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Subject: Tethering



I completely support passing both HB 55 and HB 151.
Please do what's right for our animals.
Please.....

Also, Hawaii should follow Ohio. It's the right thing to do.

Ohio passes law that makes any form of animal abuse a felony charge.

Sent from my iPhone

Aloha and Have a Great Day!
Leslie Heard

AGRtestimony

From: Michelle Escobar <mothersunshine8@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 2, 2017 11:33 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: HB 55 and HB 151

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I support improving living conditions for our island's dogs. Ideally, dogs should be included in the lives of their families. However this is often not the case. Longer tethers are a healthier alternative to short, especially considering many dogs spend their entire lives on a tether. A longer tether at least allows them to sleep further away from their feces and allows them to live in more sanitary conditions.

Aloha,
Michelle Escobar
Hilo, HI

AGRtestimony

From: Kainani3 <kainani3@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 2, 2017 10:26 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: HB151 & HB55



Please please please give these poor animals a second chance at a better, more free life OFF the chains.

•Nani Dart & Ohana•



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Pacific Pet Alliance

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Avi Okin	Individual	Support	No

Comments: HB 55 and 151 may not be perfect, but are a first start to ending cruelty to dogs.

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Caroline Johnson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support HB55. Let's stop the abuse. Let's make a difference. Give respect to man's best friend.

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Yvonne	Individual	Support	No

Comments: As a former dog rescuer, I have seen far too many dogs that have been relegated to the back yard on a chain to live out their days. Anyone who has a dog should be willing and able to provide the companionship that all dogs crave and need. I 100% support this bill. Please consider passing it. Mahalo

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Kathleen O'Reilly	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Support for HB55/HB151

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From: Leslie <lesliekaycrawford@gmail.com>
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To: AGRtestimony
Subject: Support of HB 55 and HB151



Dear committee members,

Please pass both bills, HB 55 and 151, in order to improve the lives of so many poor dogs subjected to a pitiful existence. After almost 60 years of witnessing the cruel practice of tying up a dog it's whole life, we can finally give voice to ending this heartless treatment of dogs.

Mahalo,
Leslie Crawford
Sent from my iPhone

AGRtestimony

From: Ruth Callahan <rucallahan99@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 2, 2017 8:18 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: I support passing both HB 55 and HB 151



Dogs should not be kept on a chain or tether all day long...it's cruel.