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To: Chair Creagan, House Committee on Agriculture members
In Support Of: HR 136
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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 members and supporters in Hawaii in support of HR 136, a resolution urging facilities in Hawaii that hold captive cetaceans for entertainment purposes to discontinue breeding and to phase out captivity of these intelligent and social animals. This resolution also calls on the Hawaii Department of Agriculture to halt the issuance of permits for the interstate, intrastate, and inter-facility transfer of captive cetaceans for breeding or entertainment purposes and expresses opposition to the construction or development of any new captive cetacean facilities for breeding or entertainment purposes.

Wild cetaceans roam their home ranges unfettered. Odontocetes—the toothed whales such as dolphins—have strong social bonds, often spending much of their lives travelling in extended family groupings. The sights and sounds of their ocean homes and their need to navigate and forage stimulate and nurture their native intelligence. However, even in the best captive settings, they are confined to small, concrete tanks where their voices echo back to them, where their only stimulation is through artificial toys and performing “tricks” and where their family bonds are broken as they are traded among facilities.

Peer-reviewed publications amply document the stresses, foreshortened life expectancies and dysfunctional behaviors that are often seen in captive marine mammals.¹ Sub-optimal water depth, water quality and sheltering conditions cannot even approach natural conditions. This sub-optimal environment is bad for the animals’ health and well-being.² It also skews public perceptions of the true nature and beauty of the animals.

The HSUS has long worked to bring to an end the captivity of long-living intelligent animals. We have led recently successful efforts to persuade Ringling Brothers to bring an end to use of elephants in its circuses and Sea World to agree to end import/export and breeding of its captive orcas.³

Hawaii is a state uniquely surrounded by ocean and with a rich diversity of marine life, all within easy reach of both residents and visitors. Our state also has a thriving ecotourism economy. The HSUS has long promoted moving to a more humane economy. It is long past time to end the captivity of dolphins and other marine mammals in Hawaii and further encourage the public to see them roaming wild and free in their natural environment just off our shores. Dolphins, monk seals, humpback whales and unique species such as false killer whales are within easy reach of the state’s important ecotourism operators.

¹ As one example, see Couquiaud, L. 2005. A survey of the environments of cetaceans in human care. *Aquatic Mammals* 31: 279-285. Available at: http://www.aquaticmammalsjournal.org/attachments/article/448/Aquatic%20Mammals%2031_3.pdf

² See: Id. At P. 295 finding “Acoustical interference, which cetaceans cannot escape in captivity, can cause endocrine changes, increased aggression, decreased appetite, and irreversible hearing loss” and see Clubb, R. and G. Mason, 2003. Captivity effects on wide-ranging carnivores. *Nature* 425: 3. At: <http://www.nature.com/nature/journal/v425/n6957/full/425473a.html>

³ HSUS. 2016. The Free Market: How long-term corporate campaigns are paying off big for animals. *All Animals Magazine*. September/October 2016. At: http://www.humanesociety.org/news/magazines/2016/09-10/corporate-victories-trifecta.html?credit=web_id85539220

As noted in the findings of the resolution, over a dozen nations have already taken action to restrict or ban the exhibition of marine mammals. Hawaii has a chance to be on the vanguard of ending this deplorable practice and setting an example for other jurisdictions. A good first step is passing this resolution. You can be assured of our support as the state moves forward to celebrate Hawaii's marine life in a way that helps both the animals and our economy.

The Humane Society of the United States requests a favorable report on HR 136.

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March 8, 2017

To Whom it May Concern

My name is Andreas Fahlman and I am a comparative eco-physiologist, I guess that is just a fancy name for a scientist that is trying to understand the relationship between what animals can do and survive in different environments. I have worked on a wide variety of projects studying a number of different animals around the world, from the Arctic to the SubAntarctic for the last 20 years and what we currently are phasing will require the a collaborative effort to prevent mass extinction of entire species.

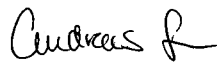
Increasing environmental change caused by humans pose a real and imminent threat to many marine animals. Still we know very little about most of the species in the ocean. Marine mammals, and especially cetaceans, are top predators and therefore important sentinel species. What that means is that when their health changes it may provide important clues to changes in the environment or eco system. Our current understanding about the welfare, physiology and veterinary medicine of cetaceans comes from animals under human care. However, we still have a lot to learn and animals under managed care provide an invaluable resource to understand what normal and healthy animals look like. It is true that cetaceans under managed care may not always behave like their wild cousins, but studies that look a behavior and cognition suggest that there are no noticeable differences. Physiologically there may be differences, but without studies on animals in a controlled setting and that participate voluntarily it will be very difficult to understand the physiological limitations that these animals face with an environment that is changing at an alarming pace.

For example, respiratory disease is a major cause of morbidity and mortality in cetaceans both in wild and managed populations. Still, our understanding of the respiratory system in marine mammals in general and in ceteaceans in particular is rudimentary at best. It was recently shown that dolphins that live in close proximity to the Deep water horizon oil spill have a high prevalence of lung disease. However, as we had not historical data on the health of these populations before the accident, we cannot prove that it was the oil spill that caused the lung issues. We therefore need to be better prepared before the next disaster will happen

In recent years, we have developed tools to study respiratory physiology in ceteaceans. The device consists of a flow-meter that measures the amount of air they inhale and exhale, and also measures the concentration of oxygen when they exhale. Together, the flow and gas concentration are used to determine the metabolic rate. In addition to metabolic rate, these measurements can be used to look at other things, like lung health. Human doctors use similar equipment and measurements, in a process called pulmonary function testing, to look at lung health in people. With this device we could study the normal values in different populations of ceteaceans to assess what is normal, and thereby assess if there is problem in the ecosystem. By comparing respiratory health in different populations of cetaceans, we can learn more about the health of those populations, and the marine environment they live in.

We are also using this equipment to study how cetaceans dive to extreme depths and hold their breath for such a long time. This information is crucial to understand how changes in the environment may impact the ability to survive or rear a young. In short, the studies that we are able to do on managed populations provide vital information that will help wild populations and it is with the support of well managed facilities that manage marine mammals, like Dolphin Quest, that prioritize animal welfare, research and education that these studies can be done. I have worked around the world in a number of facilities and in my opinion, Dolphin Quest stands out as the best. I sincerely hope that you take great pride in the conservation efforts that the amazing staff, animals at that Dolphin Quest provide at their Hawaii facilities as their passion and work will help make the wild a better place.

Sincerely,



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An international organization dedicated to conservation through public display, education, and research

**Testimony before the House Committee on Agriculture
State Capitol, Honolulu, Hawaii
By Kathleen Dezio, President & CEO
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March 22, 2017**

I am writing on behalf of the Alliance of Marine Mammal Parks and Aquariums (AMMPA) to urge you to vote no on H.R. 136 and H.C.R 208, “Urging Hawaii Facilities that Hold Captive Cetaceans for Entertainment Purposes to Discontinue Breeding and to Phase Out Captivity.”

The Alliance is the preeminent trade association and accrediting body for zoos, aquariums, and marine parks throughout the world that exhibit marine mammals. Our mission is to support the highest standards of care for marine mammals and to contribute to their conservation in the wild through public education, and scientific research. Our 63 accredited institutions throughout the world, which include three facilities in Hawaii, Dolphin Quest Hawaii, Dolphin Quest Oahu, and Sea Life Park, collectively possess the largest body of marine mammal experience and expertise in the world.

Dolphin Quest has been a leader in establishing best practices for husbandry, environmental enrichment and veterinary care and is widely recognized as a world leader in dolphin care, conservation and education. Dolphin Quest provides training opportunities for behaviorists, veterinarians, researchers, educators, and animal care staff who travel to Hawaii from around the world to learn from their expertise, which in turn raises the bar for the marine conservation education and the care of dolphins world wide. Dolphin Quest also continues to provide training workshops for volunteers and veterinarians participating in Hawaii’s training network to enable them to gain the skills necessary to handle wild cetaceans in distress. Without these workshops, generations of volunteers and veterinarians will have no opportunity to gain these critical skills. Ironically, decades before the National Aquarium in Baltimore, which is referenced in the resolution, proposed the concept of an ocean sanctuary for its dolphins, Dolphin Quest established, in your state, the very concept of natural ocean-fed habitats or "sanctuaries" for the public display of dolphins.

Another AMMPA-accredited facility in Hawaii, Sea Life Park, is well known and highly respected for its rescue and rehabilitation work and care for native Hawaiian marine animals. The facility has a permit from the National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration to display endangered Hawaiian monk seals and educate visitors about them and the risks they face in the

wild. It has taken in three marine mammals that needed a permanent home after residing at a University of Hawaii research facility. Sea Life Park also operates a sanctuary for 22 different species of sick or injured Hawaiian seabirds that will never be able to return to the wild. Open 24 hours a day, its Seabird Rehabilitation Center, which treats hundreds of seabirds each year for injury, exhaustion, dehydration or illness, has cared for more than 25,000 birds since its inception. This is especially important during shearwater fledgling season in November and December when young birds are learning to fly by using the stars and moon at night to help them navigate, often becoming disoriented by human-generated bright lights and flying until they are exhausted. The facility also has the only captive green sea turtle breeding program in the U.S. and has released 15,000 hatchlings into waters around the island and works to raise public awareness with turtle exhibits in several locations in the islands.

To become an accredited member of AMMPA, a facility must demonstrate in accreditation and subsequent re-accreditation inspections that it meets or exceeds our rigorous Standards & Guidelines covering a dozen different areas from animal husbandry, animal training, and water and environmental quality to education, scientific research, breeding, transportation and more. These standards, based on the expertise of thousands of veterinarians, animal care specialists, operations personnel, and scientists throughout the world, are meant to optimize the physical health of and environmental conditions for individual marine mammals in each facility's care and maximize their educational and scientific impact.

Contrary to many of the statements in H.R. 136 and H.C.R. 208, science shows that dolphins and other marine mammals in accredited marine parks, zoos and aquariums thrive and live as long as or, in many cases, much longer than their counterparts in the wild. They receive high quality, nutritious food, regular and preventative veterinary care by licensed professionals, and exercise and play in ways that are mentally and physically beneficial. The training they receive enriches their lives and enables them to participate in their own health care.

Many of our accredited facilities offer "swim with" and other interactive educational programs in which contact with the animals is involved. Interactive programs like these are at the heart of the work of modern zoos and aquariums because they facilitate a very special human-animal connection that leaves guests inspired, caring about the animals, and wanting to conserve them in the wild. These programs have operated safely and humanely for many years.

AMMPA-accredited facilities also must make available multiple levels of learning opportunities for the public on the marine mammals exhibited in their facilities, their ecosystem and wildlife conservation.

AMMPA member facilities are also required to conduct or support scientific research and/or conservation projects related to marine mammals. Marine mammals in the wild today are threatened at unprecedented levels from pollution, ship strikes, entanglement in fishing debris, novel diseases, and prey scarcity. The scientific research done by marine parks, aquariums and zoos on marine mammals in their care is needed now more than ever.

This resolution also advocates that facilities in Hawaii with cetaceans discontinue breeding them. Such an action would not be in the best interests of the cetaceans at these facilities, depriving

them of an important and natural part of their lives and denying them the enrichment of offspring. A halt to breeding would not be in keeping with the professional best practices of the accredited zoological community and would impede these facilities' ability to fulfill their obligations under Alliance Accreditation standards, which among other things require members to optimize genetic diversity and maintain a sufficient population to serve current and future conservation and education commitments. Successful breeding programs minimize the need to collect from the wild. As a result, no U.S. AMMPA-accredited facility has collected dolphins from the wild in decades.

H.R. 136 and H.C.R. 208 also call for a halt to the issuance of transport permits for cetaceans. However, the transport of animals is sometimes necessary for breeding loans and to ensure genetic diversity. When the transport of animals is needed, it is done in compliance with AMMPA standards and to ensure the animals and transport crew are transported in a safe and comfortable manner that meets the unique requirements of the aquatic or semi-aquatic species. Our members' transport safety record is exemplary. We have been the primary resource of scientific information to governments, regulatory agencies, CITES and IATA about the safe, humane transportation of marine mammals.

We respectfully urge you to vote no on H.R. 136 and H.C.R. 208, and to support the important public education efforts, scientific research, and rescue and rehabilitation work of marine parks, aquariums and zoos with cetaceans in Hawaii.

Thank you.

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March 21, 2017

Representative Richard P. Creagan, Chair
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Re: Dolphin Quest Opposition to HR 136/HCR 208 – URGING HAWAII FACILITIES THAT HOLD CAPTIVE CETACEANS FOR ENTERTAINMENT PURPOSES TO DISCONTINUE BREEDING AND TO PHASE OUT CAPTIVITY

(Date of Hearing – March 22, 2017 at 9:30am)

Dear Chairman Creagan and Members of the House Committee on Agriculture:

While we appreciate the Committee's interest in the welfare of dolphins in Hawaii, we must strongly oppose HR136/HCR208. Dolphin Quest is an accredited member of the Alliance of Marine Mammal Parks and Aquariums and has been rigorously inspected by the independent American Humane Association in order to become a Certified Humane facility. Dolphin Quest was founded by two marine mammal veterinarians in order to provide dolphins with large naturally enriching ocean habitats and to provide the public with meaningful and natural ways to connect with these remarkable animals. Dolphin Quest has been a responsible community-based organization in Hawaii for over 29 years and now operates two interactive marine life parks on Oahu and Hawaii's Big Island. Dolphin Quest has provided training and meaningful jobs for hundreds of Hawaiian residents. Our employees are active stewards of the Hawaiian culture and environment and have contributed thousands of hours annually to projects such as beach and reef clean-ups, marine mammal stranding response efforts, highway clean-ups, Make-A-Wish Foundation, and many other local stewardship efforts.

HR136/HCR208 urges Hawaii aquariums and other facilities to discontinue breeding and to phase out displaying cetaceans that are under human care, as well as urging the Department of Agriculture to cease issuing permits for the transfer of animals under human care. This resolution, however, appears to be based on unsubstantiated and false claims by animal rights extremists who seek to mislead this Committee and the Hawaii House of Representatives about marine mammals and the professional facilities that care for them within the State of Hawaii. In fact, Accredited members of the Alliance for Marine Mammal Parks and Aquariums provide a valuable educational service and benefit to Hawaii and support long term scientific studies that provide critical information that has helped increase the knowledge and appreciation of these beloved marine animals.

With a long-standing commitment to dolphins under our care and to those in the wild, Dolphin Quest respectfully submits the following information to rebut the misleading and inaccurate statements in HR 136/HCR 208.

First, it is not true that public opposition to public display of cetaceans has increased. What has happened is a small minority of vocal extremists who want to close all zoos and aquariums have taken advantage of social media to advance their agenda. In fact, over the past ten years in our own facilities we are seeing a steady increase in visitors eager to learn more about our animals and experience them up close in our educational programs. Our programs are designed to inspire humans to care more deeply about dolphins and to protect them in the wild. Hawaiians and visitors to Hawaii are very interested in learning in experiential and interactive ways how important these beautiful animals are to our planet. Our guests and visiting school groups tell us that they very much value the educational impact and content of our interactive programs with dolphins and that their experience with us motivates them to take action to protect our oceans. In fact, for the past five years in a row Dolphin Quest Hawaii has been awarded TripAdvisor's Certificate of Excellence Award for consistent outstanding guest reviews.

It is not true that dolphins have higher mortality rates under professional human care than in the wild. The most recent published data on average life span and survivorship suggests that dolphins in U.S. facilities on average live longer than their wild counterparts. This success is attributed to the fact that dolphins under modern professional human care receive the highest quality nutrition, preventative health care, mental and physical stimulation and an environment free from the many threats dolphins face in the wild. We have two dolphins at Dolphin Quest over 45 years of age.

Another obvious indicator that our dolphins are thriving is the success of their reproduction. Dolphin Quest has the highest survivorship of cetacean neonates in the world, and significantly higher than those in the wild. (See Wells, et. al, (2016) and Sweeney, et. al. (2010)) The dolphins are absolutely well loved and well cared for at Dolphin Quest. The Dolphin Quest facilities exceed all U.S. Department of Agriculture requirements for having cetaceans in public display.

Due to advances in animal husbandry and the success of cooperative breeding programs with other accredited zoological institutions, neither Dolphin Quest nor any other U.S. public display facility has collected dolphins from the wild in decades. The vast majority of the dolphins in our family have grown up in professional human care. To discontinue breeding would rob future generations of the opportunity to see, experience and be inspired by these animals up close which would be environmentally unjust and unethical.

It is absolutely unsupported speculation that animals under professional human care experience unnatural aggression and stress due to a dysfunctional social structure. This claim is not based on any credible peer reviewed science nor does our experience support this. This is one of the many problems with animal extremist's positions, they fail to gather real scientific data and they are not the experts when it comes to animal care. Marine mammal scientists that actually study dolphins in both wild and public display environments report observing natural behavior and healthy social interactions in modern accredited marine mammal facilities. (See generally Dudzinski, et. al. 2012)

With regard to the claims of animal depression due to the stress of inadequate living conditions, where is the data on this? We are not aware of any peer reviewed science that supports this allegation with regard to dolphins. That being said, stress can be, and is, monitored in cetaceans both in facilities and, where possible, in the wild such as in the Sarasota Wild Dolphin Project. In both population contexts, measurements have been obtained and results

published, of hematologic stress hormones, and as well, ethological studies of social/behavioral manners. (See generally Dudzinski, et. al. 2012). Such studies show unequivocally that dolphins living under human care, and especially at Dolphin Quest two facilities in Hawaii, are no different from their wild counterparts. Contrary to common claims by activists, stress is NOT an unnatural or excessive feature of their living condition.

The idea that facilities like Dolphin Quest present conflicting messages of stewardship because we feed dolphins during our public experience, is utter nonsense. It is not at all conflicting to say that it is safe and okay to feed dolphins at Dolphin Quest where they have grown up under human care, but it is a completely different situation with wild animals who can be harmed from coming close to boats or humans and disturbing the natural foraging and resting patterns which is necessary to sustain coastal species such as the Hawaiian spinner dolphin population. We help the public understand the importance of responsible viewing of wildlife and we include information about NOAA's Dolphin SMART standards in every program. In fact, without the opportunity to see and experience dolphins in accredited public display environments, the pressure on wild dolphin populations would likely increase to the detriment of our local spinner dolphins.

Dolphin Quest's educational content is current and accurate. Our programs integrate information from the latest peer reviewed science about marine mammals. Our school programs are aligned with State and National Science Standards as well as the Ocean Literacy Principles. We focus on Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics in our school programs and teachers tell us they frequently rely on the Dolphin Quest School Program as a STEM resource.

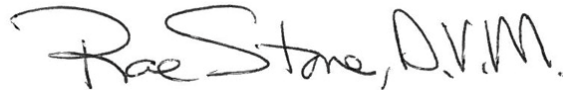
Dolphin Quest has inspired and educated tens of thousands of tourists, school groups and Hawaii residents annually at its locations and we have contributed over \$4 million dollars in financial and in-kind support of conservation efforts and university level research generating hundreds of published scientific works that are helping researchers find solutions to the threats dolphins and whales face in the wild.

Our programs absolutely reflect the Hawaiian culture, values and commitment to environmental stewardship. Many of Dolphin Quest's guests are Hawaiian residents and school children who tell us that they now have a better appreciation and understanding of dolphins and the surrounding ocean. They say their experience at Dolphin Quest was life-changing and that they are committed to making changes in their own lives that will positively effect dolphins in the wild and their ocean environment.

Additionally, Dolphin Quest has long been a supporter of the Marine Mammal Stranding Network providing on-site training workshops with our animals for volunteers and veterinarians who would otherwise be asked to respond to a distressed stranded dolphin or whale without ever having the opportunity to handle a live healthy cetacean. Dolphin Quest also partners with NOAA and Sea Life Park to provide food, shelter and health care for endangered sea turtles as part of Hawaii's Headstart Program. As part of this commitment, we educate thousands of residents and visitors annually about sea turtles and how to protect them in the wild and we have successfully returned these animals to the ocean when they are large enough to survive there.

We appreciate your consideration of the points made here in opposition to the proposed resolution and encourage you and other Committee Members to vote “No” on HR-136/HCR-208 as it does not represent the wishes of Hawaiians and over time it would hamper crucially important marine conservation and scientific studies. Facilities such as Dolphin Quest and other AMMPA accredited marine mammal parks and aquariums play a vital role in education, conservation, scientific research and cetacean stranding work.

Respectfully,



Rae Stone, DVM
Co-Founder
Dolphin Quest Hawaii, Dolphin Quest Oahu

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jill Mulato	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please cease the breeding and transport of Hawaii's cetaceans in captivity for entertainment purposes!! It is unethical to isolate a highly intelligent and social animal from its natural environment. The dysfunctional social structure of captive cetaceans is known to cause unnatural aggression and stress, resulting in injury, illness, or death to the animals and to humans. Please do the right thing and lets respect wild animals and let them live free. Thank you!!!

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Diana Fiorentino	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Please stop taking cetaceans in dolphinarium or swim with programs. A dolphin watch tour is what a real dolphin lover wants and what is the only correct way how these animals should live, free and happy. They deserve to be respected. Earning money by disrespecting the nature is the key for a better world.

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Keeley Wright	Individual	Support	No

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Shawn Dogimont	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support House Resolution #136 and wholeheartedly agree holding captive cetaceans for entertainment should be discontinued asap and henceforth banned. As should their importation and exportation.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kathy Khoshfahm	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Please pass this Bill with the hope of convincing the World that the Animal Kingdom are citizens of this Earth too and that they have just as much a right as we do to live their lives on this planet free from torture, murder and imprisonment at the hands of humans. The passing of this Bill could also serve as an example to the fact that ALL Life Forms on this planet should be treated with respect, not just human life...

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Hanife Kocacinar	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I believe that dolphins need to be freed into their own environment and not be kept for human entertainment purposes.

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jagjeet sanghera	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Having become recently aware of the immense intelligence of these sentient beings, I am absolutely opposed to any facility that keeps these highly sensitive and complex cetaceans captive for the purposes of education or for human entertainment. Change is happening albeit too slowly but I would like to think that your country is a leader in opposing any cetacean captivity and that you will put legislation in place to implement this effectively. Dolphins and other cetaceans are members of very complex pods and are known to simulate behaviour that humans are accustomed with. In the wild, they roam the seas for many miles but remain a unified pod, including sharing the care of the young and the elderly. In captivity, this behaviour is destroyed and replaced by anyone who is confined to a prison cell, with boredom and sometimes even aggression setting in. Please recognise the research that has gone before which states that cetaceans belong in the open oceans, free to roam the seas, from where we as humans can appreciate and understand their behaviour in the wild.

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RE: HR 136

Testimony submitted by:

Paulette Wright Smith
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Hilo, HI 96720

Testimony:

I respectfully request you oppose this bill. People who believe they are submitting a bill with the best of intentions can often lead to worse consequences. This bill illustrates the wrongful good intentions of banning organizations like DolphinQuest. The bill would be harmful if passed.

DolphinQuest breeds dolphins in captivity, unknown according to experts whether they could even survive in the wild if released.

DolphinQuest engages in significant scientific research re: cetaceans.

DolphinQuest has educated tens of thousands of adults and keiki, even more.

Personal experience. I spearheaded the development of a 4th grade educational program regarding the critically endangered Hawaiian monk seal on the Big Island. Teachers and students (evidence on file) have overwhelmingly embraced our program. Over and over I've had 4th graders share with me how their visit to DolphinQuest made a difference for them in wanting to help dolphins in the wild. Wanting to learn more about the ocean. Appreciating cetaceans. How it inspired them. All from their visit to DolphinQuest. How can we develop understanding and compassion without institutions that take seriously their role in humane scientific research, treatment of animals, and whose focus is clearly educational vs. entertainment.

DolphinQuest is a proven, reputable, prestigious educational and research organization in which some well-intentioned, but ill-informed folks don't understand the critical role this organization plays.

Please do not allow the passage of this bill. Investigate further and you will understand this organization is a solid, scientific-based, educationally-focused, serving to connect people with understanding cetaceans, just as well-designed zoos and other institutions do to connect people to their environment. And not least, expanding the scientific knowledge about cetaceans.

Mahalo for considering my testimony.

Sincerely,

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ashley Dorton	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I have worked in the animal care and training field for the past six years. I personally believe that breeding of cetaceans in human care is incredibly beneficial for the health and well-being of the animals that live in marine mammal facilities. It is reinforcing for marine mammals to have their own calves and is critical for their social groups and mental health. If people take away an animal's ability to breed, that would be similar to taking away a human's right to give birth and having that incredible maternal connection. It is so incredibly unfortunate that individuals want to take the rights away of these animals and they are unable to speak for themselves.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mark Biewers	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Hello and thank you for accepting my testimony, Cetaceans are extremely intelligent beings that do not do well psychologically and physically in captivity as they need 100's of miles to roam! So many are dying way to young in aquariums! Even the Vancouver aquarium cannot seem to keep their cetaceans alive very long and thank goodness the City council has just recently requested them to shut down their live cetacean program! I pray that you too will do the same and the right thing! Thank you again for allowing me to speak out! Best regards, Mark Biewers

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Yelitza Sanchez	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Cetaceans should not be held in captivity to satisfy the human race. They play their proper role in the environment, humanity should as well. Observation in their natural habitat is the best & only way to learn everything they can achieve. Humanity should not be their breeders & should not hold them captive for entertainment. Every program that holds any captive animal should be discontinued. The process it takes for these dolphins to end up in captivity is traumatizing. First, they are captured. They watch their family picked apart & murdered. Then, they are starved in order to eat the frozen fish they once captured in the wild. Some fall ill & the remaining dolphins are placed into concrete tanks full of chlorine. This is only the beginning of their misery. For the rest of their lives they will live in a tank with dolphins of different subspecies, listening to children bang on their glass. Once everyone is gone for the day, they remain. People go home, watch TV, go out with friends, pick up their kids in school, go on an adventure, yet the dolphins remain in the same tank. Please help us put an end to captivity. They don't deserve to pay for our greed.

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Testimony comment to House Resolution HR 136

Dear ladies and gentlemen,

I recently heard about HR 136 “Urging Hawaii facilities that hold captive cetaceans for entertainment purposes to discontinue breeding and to phase out captivity”. As an experienced marine mammal biologist I do have a critical view on cetacean captivity, however I have to oppose to this resolution. While the resolution might stand on solid ground as to the critical reception of cetacean captivity in the public and similar decisions in other states and countries it still bases largely on wrong facts and the measures it proposes are not solving any of the issues discussed in the resolution, but in fact making them worse.

First of all the resolution lists several countries (not all of them specifically named) that have banned cetacean captivity but without ever having cetaceans being kept in these countries so they encountered no issues of phasing them out. Others that have phased out captivity (for example Switzerland) did not issue a ban on breeding but just transferred the animals to another country.

Then there is simply no such thing as a “dysfunctional social structure of captive cetaceans”. It shocked me indeed that these typical animal rights claims are just incorporated into a resolution without the need of giving any references. Cetacean facilities also do not have multiple animals that exhibit stereotypical behaviors nor is “logging” a stereotypical behavior, it is resting behavior. There are no scientific examinations that describe swimming in repetitive circles as an indication of depression either. And cortisol-level measurements undertaken regularly in many facilities these days show that animals are not stressed.

Survivorship of captive cetaceans is not reduced at all. Both the average and maximum lifespan are similar or even higher than in the wild. Survival rates of newborns are higher than in studied wild populations.

Animals are not deformed or injured due to the physical activity as part of entertainment shows. All behaviors shown are developed by marine mammal care experts over decades and do respect the natural abilities of these animals. There are no unnatural demands towards captive cetaceans.

The conflicting message of feeding animals in captivity is well-balanced by all facilities in the USA educating their visitors how dangerous feeding wild dolphins is for them. The facilities are sure taking their responsibilities seriously here.

Educational content of captive facilities is up to standards and delivers powerful messages on conservation topics that so far no NGOs are able to deliver to as many people and with the connection of direct animal observation and encounters. Cetaceans in captivity are not

performing theatrical tricks, all behaviors are based on natural behaviors that they do show in the wild as well.

The argument that captivity prevents species from playing their critical role in an ecosystem is ridiculous. No wild populations around the USA are endangered because of a few individuals being taken from them many decades ago. Most captive animals today are born in captivity and do not and cannot play a role anymore in their wild ecosystems. They are unable to survive without human contact. However, wild populations are endangered to play their roles in ecosystems by pollution, overfishing, noise and illegal poaching. The example of the Vaquita shows that captive breeding will soon be necessary for many cetaceans.

I am not familiar with the Hawaiian values but I am very sure that all captive facilities do care according to national laws as well as to the ecological, cultural and spiritual significance of cetaceans.

Although cetacean captivity in general can be argued about and seen as unethical these days, the existing animals in captivity cannot just be “phased out” as this resolution demands. Especially the demands to discontinue breeding and cease the issuance of permits for transfers of animals seriously threaten their welfare.

It is both unethical and cruel to deprive these social animals of their most natural desire to mate and raise young. Reproduction is the most important part of each animal’s life and more even for cetaceans which not only mate for purely pleasurable reasons but also base their whole social hierarchy on the success of reproduction. It is every animal manager’s highest responsibility to make this behavior possible and control it in a way that keeps a self-sustainable population and natural expression of behavior. To effectively stop reproduction, a working contraception plan is needed. For cetaceans, a reliable contraception does not exist! The available substances have harsh side effects and cannot be administered for more than a year. Intra-abdominal surgery is not possible in cetaceans either. The only way to prevent breeding is a permanent separation of the genders, which means to those highly social animals to live in unsuitable conditions with social conflicts, aggression, frustration and all their consequences to health for the rest of their lives.

If we assume that the claims of the resolution that “cetaceans are highly intelligent and social animals”, “the dysfunctional social structure of captive cetaceans is known to cause unnatural aggression and stress” and that they suffer “depression due to the stress of inadequate living conditions” are true, then the proposal to stop breeding will not improve these conditions but make all of them worse.

A responsible social management of cetaceans also includes transfer of animals both for genetic reasons to prevent inbreeding and for social reasons because at least male animals do leave the groups where they are born when they become mature. To avoid social conflicts and stress, animals are exchanged among facilities to find the perfect fit. It does not

matter if this might seem artificial to people but it is necessary and if both breeding and transfers are prohibited at the same time, this leaves the animals in very difficult situations.

If one starts from the premise that these animals are highly intelligent and social then it is right to guarantee them freedom and protection. But freedom is not only the freedom to move, but also the freedom of choice. And much more important for these animals than travelling long distances or diving deeper - which are all behaviors that cetaceans only do because it is necessary to find food - is the complex society in which they live, communicate and reproduce.

It might be true that most captive facilities are not a natural environment and have serious limitations to cetaceans but still they offer good enough conditions for these animals to reproduce successfully. If we do assume in the ongoing discussion that cetaceans should be allowed freedom because of their intelligence, then we have to assume that they also have the ability to decide if they want to reproduce in captive conditions or not. The fact that they regularly do is proof enough that these animals have carefully evaluated their own situation and have indeed chosen to mate and raise young. We have no right to restrict their freedom of choice here only because we think that their captivity is not appropriate anymore and have to change it. We must find a way to improve cetacean care and phase out unnatural captive conditions without stopping their reproduction and destroying their social lives. If we do, we sacrifice one freedom for another based on our emotions and perceptions who do not reflect their actual welfare needs. This will make the situation for captive whales and dolphins worse, not better.

As a conclusion, I strongly oppose HR136 as it is based on great parts on wrong assumptions and the measures it proposes do not solve the issues mentioned in its current version, but amplifies or even creates them in the first place. HR136 would only punish the existing animals with these drastic measures and give them no benefit at all. Breeding is not a commercial pattern in captive cetaceans, it is a controlled welfare program. It is essential for the animals' wellbeing and furthermore gives us the chance to study and learn to save endangered species in the near future.

Please do not base your decisions on emotion, but use measurable science and make no decision if you cannot be sure that the animals do not suffer from it. Animal welfare can be measured and there are many scientists out there that are willing to help with that.

Thank you for attention.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Michele Vinz	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am a US citizen and have visited Hawaii regularly for the last 30 years. I am asking you to vote for HR136 and HCR 208. Only cetaceans in need of medical attention should be kept in captivity and only until they are capable of surviving release. These are the reasons I believe this to be true: • Cetaceans, which include dolphins, whales, and porpoises, are highly intelligent and social animals. • The County of Maui has prohibited the exhibition of captive cetaceans since 2002. • Public opposition to the keeping and display of captive cetaceans has increased in the United States and worldwide. • The dysfunctional social structure of captive cetaceans is known to cause unnatural aggression and stress, resulting in injury, illness, or death to the animals and to humans. • Educational content delivered by a captivity facility is often inaccurate and misleading, as animals are performing theatrical "tricks" rather than displaying natural behaviors. • It is unethical to isolate a highly intelligent and social animal from its natural environment.

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Keeping dolphins in captivity is a horrible, inhumane punishment that these beings don't deserve. If they are not born in captivity they are captured in "dolphin hunts" and separated from their family possibly seeing their family killed. If they are born in captivity it's a sedentary lifestyle which can often lead to depression and suicide. Dolphins dive up to 80 feet in the wild, putting them in a pool often times only 10 feet or less deep is like a prison cell. Mother dolphins have been known to kill their own children immediately after being born in captivity (a trait not seen in the wild). Furthermore the lack of stimulus in dolphin pools is disgusting compared to what we see in aquariums, very few captive dolphins facility have anything near the lush plant/animal life/ space provided for fish as it just isn't cost effective for these companies. Dolphins are self aware and extremely intelligent, forcing them into a prison sentence they did nothing to deserve is cruel and should be outlawed.

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Shana Kelly	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please consider phasing out cetaceans from captivity. HI is such an amazingly beautiful and rich ecosystem, both on land and in the water. Whales and dolphins can be observed in their natural environment, which is the best learning for ecological and conservation efforts. Sadly, the industry of captivity is based on financial profits at the expense of the animals mental and physical well being. As research and history continues to show, these animals do not thrive in captivity mentally or physically. They present with mental symptoms of depression and aggression. Physically they suffer from ailments such as rake marks, bacterial infections, and drilled and worn down teeth. They are medicated, sedated, and made to perform for their dead lifeless food. It is critical to remember that these animals have a portion of their brains for empathy and emotional controls we don't even yet understand. They are extremely intelligent, family oriented, caring beings. They will sacrifice themselves to stay with and help a family member. There is one wild Orca that is unable to hunt, so this Orca babysits the young, while the rest of the pod hunts and feeds him. This is above and beyond many humans. Other points to consider, aside from ethics, are: Cetaceans, which include dolphins, whales, and porpoises, are highly intelligent and social animals. The County of Maui has prohibited the exhibition of captive cetaceans since 2002. Public opposition to the keeping and display of captive cetaceans has increased in the United States and worldwide. The dysfunctional social structure of captive cetaceans is known to cause unnatural aggression and stress, resulting in injury, illness, or death to the animals and to humans. Educational content delivered by a captivity facility is often inaccurate and misleading, as animals are performing theatrical "tricks" rather than displaying natural behaviors. It is unethical to isolate a highly intelligent and social animal from its natural environment. Thank you so much for your consideration!

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gina mickelsen	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Captivating cetaceans has caused aggression that has caused illness and death to the animals and to humans as well. It is totally unethical to capture and isolate such a highly intelligent animals.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Brooke Kahalioumi	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: It saddens me to see that people highly misunderstand what it is to have animals under human care. Zoos, aquariums, and other companies that house cetaceans and other animals offer the general public so much more than entertainment. They act as ambassadors to their counterparts in the wild. Bringing to the forefront, issues that wild animals face on a daily basis. For example, you can know and understand that plastic use negatively effects marine life, but do nothing about it because you have nothing to connect it with. Bring in a live animal and create a connection; then people really "see" how they effect the lives of these animals in the wild. You can read things in books and watch things on TV; but seeing, touching, and interacting makes things real. Without having these animals under human care to provide that connection and education will really hurt us all in the long run. Furthermore, many of the claims made in the bill are not based in science and are not factual. I highly oppose this bill and hope you will look at both the positive impacts these animals have, as well as, scientific findings to make your decision.

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Cynthia Punihaole Kennedy	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: These programs provide an educational experience that is safe and mutually beneficial for the dolphins and humans. Education is critical to the survival of our natural resources and the dolphins.

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Jessie Anstead	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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Elizabeth McDermott	Individual	Support	No

Comments: In the same way we have recognized that circuses are not the place for elephants we now understand that holding our magnificent marine mammals in captivity, for the sole performance of entertaining the public, is an anachronism. These intelligent animals evolved to swim for miles in the open ocean in community and communication with others of their kind. What's more our oceans need them as a vital part of our oceans ecosystem. They seed the ocean with nutrients that are key to sustaining the ocean food chain, feeding the organisms that sequester carbon, combating climate change. A life isolated in a tank is a cruel death sentence for these animals, who were meant to live wild and free. It is time to say no to keeping these animals captive for our pleasure.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Savanna Sahara	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Dolphins are one of the most intelligent animals on this planet. Kidnapping them from their families and homes is not only cruel but stands against what the state of Hawaii stands for. They are not meant to be captives for the entertainment of tourists who take their beauty for granted, they are meant to be rare and exquisite sites that people can see when gazing upon the coasts of these magical islands.

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Paula Dyer	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE, 2017
 H R N c~ STATE OF HAWAII HOUSE RESOLUTION URGING HAWAII FACILITIES
 THAT HOLD CAPTIVE CETACEANS FOR ENTERTAINMENT PURPOSES TO
 DISCONTINUE BREEDING AND TO PHASE OUT CAPTIVITY. 1 WHEREAS,
 cetaceans, which include dolphins, whales, and 2 porpoises, are highly intelligent and
 social animals; and 3 4 WHEREAS, the County of Maui has prohibited the exhibition 5
 of captive cetaceans since 2002; and 6 7 WHEREAS, public opposition to the keeping
 and display of 8 captive cetaceans has increased in the United States and 9 worldwide;
 and 10 11 WHEREAS, at least 14 other countries have banned or 12 restricted the
 exhibition and importation of cetaceans; and 13 14 WHEREAS, California, New York,
 and South Carolina have each 15 passed legislation prohibiting the display of some or
 all 16 species of cetaceans; and 17 18 WHEREAS, the National Aquarium in Maryland
 has decided to 19 retire their remaining dolphins to a seaside sanctuary by 2020, 20
 which they will establish and operate; and 21 22 WHEREAS, the dysfunctional social
 structure of captive 23 cetaceans is known to cause unnatural aggression and stress,
 24 resulting in injury, illness, or death to the animals and to 25 humans; and 26 27
 WHEREAS, cetacean facilities have multiple animals 28 exhibiting unaddressed yet
 documented stereotypical behaviors, 29 such as floating motionless at the surface for
 prolonged periods 30 (known as ~logging”) and swimming in repetitive circles, an HR ~
 HMS 2017-2913 2. Page 2 H. R. ìjc~. /2G= 1 indication of depression due to the stress
 of inadequate living 2 conditions; and 3 4 WHEREAS, survivorship of cetaceans is
 reduced, sometimes 5 drastically, in a captive environment; and 6 7 WHEREAS, the
 United States Marine Mammal Inventory Report 8 in November 2013 indicates that the
 causes of death for Hawaii’s 9 captive cetaceans include food poisoning, capture-
 related 10 incidents, malnutrition, debilitation, drowning, jumping out of 11 enclosures,
 trauma, and failure to thrive; and 12 13 WHEREAS, animals are injured or deformed
 due to the ongoing 14 unnatural and physical demands of a job in the entertainment 15
 industry; and 16 17 WHEREAS, conflicting messages of stewardship are 18
 communicated because the Marine Mammal Protection Act forbids 19 feeding or
 attempting to feed marine mammal species in the wild, 20 but captive facilities
 incorporate feeding the animals as a part 21 of the “encounter” experience; and 22 23

WHEREAS, educational content delivered by a captivity 24 facility is often inaccurate and misleading, as animals are 25 performing theatrical “tricks” rather than displaying natural 26 behaviors; and 27 28 WHEREAS, it is environmentally unjust to prevent species 29 from playing their critical role in an ecosystem; and 30 31 WHEREAS, it is unethical to isolate a highly intelligent 32 and social animal from its natural environment; and 33 34 WHEREAS, Hawaiian values are neglected by disregarding the 35 ecological, cultural, and spiritual significance of cetaceans; 36 now, therefore, 37 38 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the 39 Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session 40 of 2017, that the Hawaii facilities that hold captive cetaceans HR ~ HMS 2017-2913 2 Page3 H.R. NO. ~ 1 for entertainment purposes are urged to discontinue breeding and 2 to phase out captivity; and 3 4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Agriculture 5 is urged to cease the issuance of permits for the interstate, 6 intrastate, and inter-facility transfer of captive cetaceans for 7 breeding or entertainment purposes; and 8 9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State opposes the 10 construction or development of any new captive cetacean 11 facilities for breeding or entertainment purposes; and 12 13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this 14 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of 15 Agriculture, to be distributed to permitted facilities holding 16 cetaceans captive. 17 OFFERED BY: MAR 102017 HR ~ HMS 2017-2913 3

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March 21, 2017

To the Honorable Rep. Richard P. Creagan, Chair
Committee on Agriculture
State Capitol, 415 South Beretania Street,
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: Opposition to HR 136 (hearing date March 22nd 2017, 9:30 am)

Dear Rep. Creagan,

I am an internationally recognized marine mammal scientist and cognitive psychologist with a PhD from MIT, who has been researching dolphin behavior, cognition, and welfare for over 15 years. I give you this background so you will understand that I am a well-trained, highly educated scientist with many years of directly relevant experience, who takes education, welfare, and the importance of factual data very seriously. As such, I am writing to **oppose** HR 136. Although I applaud the desire for high standards of animal welfare, and welcome honest and factual discussions about such standards, I am vehemently opposed to any such resolutions that are based on biased speculation and demonstrable inaccuracies, as is HR 136. For example:

It is untrue that survivorship of dolphins in marine mammal facilities is reduced compared to dolphins in the wild. While this may have been true decades ago (as noted in the old references that are sometimes used to support this claim), survival rates have consistently increased over the years in marine mammal parks and aquariums (1, 2), with the most recent study showing an annual survival rate of 0.97 for dolphins in U.S. facilities (2). This is demonstrably higher survival than found for populations of wild dolphins, with survival rates ranging from .902 - .961. (3-6)

There are no scientific studies suggesting that dolphins in marine mammal facilities are more stressed or aggressive than dolphins in the wild. On the contrary, studies have shown that cortisol levels (i.e., the "stress hormone") of dolphins in marine mammal facilities are either very similar to, or lower than, cortisol levels of wild dolphins, depending on the technique used to obtain the samples (See review in 7). And the notion that dolphins are not aggressive in the wild is simply untrue (8, 9).

Although dolphin intelligence is relatively sophisticated among nonhuman animals (although not in all areas, & the specifics are still the subject of debate among scientists e.g., 10, 11), there is no scientific evidence suggesting that having complex cognitive abilities leads an animal to fare any worse in a zoo or aquarium-like setting (12).

The suggestion that dolphins in marine mammal facilities are prevented from playing their role in an ecosystem is puzzling and misleading. Marine mammal facilities in the United States have not collected dolphins from the wild in decades. Therefore, none of the animals in question could ever be released back into the wild. It is also worth noting that marine mammal facilities contribute to the conservation of wild dolphins and their

ecosystems by the research and education they perform. Specifically, research in marine mammal facilities impacts conservation efforts for wild marine mammals in at least three ways, by: (a) providing the baseline information necessary to inform conservation plans and practices (e.g., typical respiration rates, metabolic rates, gestation length, hearing range and thresholds, etc.), (b) documenting the animals' physiological and behavioral responses to environmental stressors such as sound and contaminants to inform population managers, and (c) developing and testing techniques and tools for assessing animals in the field (Please see the attached Scientist Statement supporting the importance of research in marine mammal facilities, signed by 82 scientists worldwide [Attachment A]). Second, scientific studies have demonstrated that zoos and aquariums positively impact visitors' conservation-related attitudes, knowledge, and behavior (e.g. 13-15).

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Appendix A.

Scientist Statement Supporting Research in Marine Mammal Facilities

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We, the undersigned members of the scientific community, wish to acknowledge the importance of marine mammals in zoos, aquariums, and marine mammal facilities, and express our support for research conducted at these facilities. We know that critical research findings have come from studies of dolphins and related species in managed care environments, which have provided the vast majority of what is known about their perception, physiology, and cognition. This includes both basic facts about these animals (e.g., echolocation and how it works¹, diving physiology², energetics³, gestation period⁴, hearing range⁵, signature whistles⁶, and so forth) and applied information such as how they react to environmental stressors⁷ and how to diagnose and treat their diseases.⁸

The benefits of such research extend well beyond the animals in zoological facilities. The interpretation of data from field studies is directly informed by what we have learned about the cognition and physiology of these animals in managed care settings. Moreover, because science is inherently a collaborative endeavor, research findings from these animals contribute to our collective understanding across the animal kingdom. Finally, research in managed care settings impacts conservation efforts by: (a) providing the baseline information necessary to inform conservation plans and practices (e.g., typical respiration rates, metabolic rates, gestation length, hearing range and thresholds, etc.), (b) documenting physiological and behavioral responses to environmental stressors such as sound and contaminants⁷ to inform population managers, and (c) developing and testing techniques and tools for assessing animals in the field.⁹

The advances that have come from research in marine mammal facilities could not have come from studies of animals in the wild. Field studies are crucial, however, many research questions are unsuited to discovery at a distance. Studies of pregnancy, birth, and fine-scale calf development require the type of close and consistent observation that is only possible in zoological settings. The hypothesis testing required for questions about cognition, perception, and physiology requires the ability to present animals with specific situations and challenges utilizing the necessary controls, consistency, and repetition that are impossible to achieve in the wild. Indeed, as with research in any discipline, a comprehensive understanding of these animals requires a combination of both in-situ and ex-situ studies; studies based in the wild and in zoological settings. This idea is neither new nor specific to marine mammals, but is critical to the way scientific discovery works.

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Comments: My name is Gregg Levine. I am the contract veterinarian for the Pacific Island Regional Office of NOAA Fisheries. My work with NOAA is responding to stranded and/or injured marine mammals and sea turtles here in the Hawaiian Islands. I am also the veterinarian of record for Dolphin Quest on Oahu and on the Big Island of Hawaii. I have been working with NOAA and Dolphin Quest here in Hawaii for the last 18 years. Over this long period, I have been honored to be part of an amazing and critical working partnership with those that care for the animals at the Dolphin Quest facilities and the emergency stranding responders and scientists from NOAA Fisheries. Dolphin and whale strandings are infrequent but very stressful occurrences here in the islands. Preparing teams of local volunteer responders and veterinarians has been a regular practice at Dolphin Quest. These trainings allow Dolphin Quest to share their expertise in dolphin behavior and gentle handling in the event of an emergency with those working with wild and stranded animals. In addition, when called upon Dolphin Quest has sent staff to attend to stranded animals and provide onsite expertise. Dolphin Quest is also a partner with The Marine Mammals Center and the Ke Kai Ola hospital for wild Hawaiian Monk Seal rehabilitation on the Big Island of Hawaii. Staff regular volunteer assisting the facility and caring for the animals in hospital, In addition Dolphin Quest provides weekly expert diagnostic checks on the facilities water quality. The knowledge, expertise and in kind assistance that Dolphin Quest provides to emergency responders and marine animal scientists is critical to our local marine mammal community in the islands. As the veterinarian of record for Dolphin Quest, I am extremely honored to work with such a dedicated team of professionals that keeps animal care and welfare as the top priority. These animals are so well cared for and thrive in their natural habitats. If facilities like Dolphin Quest were to fade away into obscurity, it would be a true loss for our community of responders, educators and scientists. Most sincerely Gregg Levine DVM

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Comments: As a private citizen, my strong opposition to HR 136 has nothing to do with the socioeconomic implications of eliminating zoological facilities such as Dolphin Quest. My areas of concern are the wellness of the animals in human care, the future of our ability to study them, and the blatant disregard for scientific evidence that's apparent when this type of legislation is drafted. It is a sad, horrifying irony to me that at an age where we are doing maximum damage to our oceans, some well-being but stubborn and ill-informed people are attempting to ensure the demise of one of our greatest resources of learning about and understanding marine mammals. We know that critical research findings have come from studies of dolphins and related species in managed care environments, which have provided the vast majority of what is known about their perception, physiology, and cognition. This includes both basic facts about these animals (e.g., echolocation and how it works[i], diving physiology[ii], energetics[iii], gestation period[iv], hearing range[v], signature whistles[vi], and so forth) and applied information such as how they react to environmental stressors[vii] and how to diagnose and treat their diseases.[viii] The benefits of such research extend well beyond the animals in zoological facilities. The interpretation of data from field studies is directly informed by what we have learned about the cognition and physiology of these animals in managed care settings. Moreover, because science is inherently a collaborative endeavor, research findings from these animals contribute to our collective understanding across the animal kingdom. Finally, research in managed care settings impacts conservation efforts by: (a) providing the baseline information necessary to inform conservation plans and practices (e.g., typical respiration rates, metabolic rates, gestation length, hearing range and thresholds, etc.), (b) documenting physiological and behavioral responses to environmental stressors such as sound and contaminants⁷ to inform population managers, and (c) developing and testing techniques and tools for assessing animals in the field.[ix] The advances that have come from research in marine mammal facilities could not have come from studies of animals in the wild. Field studies are crucial, however, many research questions are unsuited to discovery at a distance. Studies of pregnancy, birth, and fine-scale calf development require the type of close and consistent observation that is only possible in zoological settings. The hypothesis testing required for questions about cognition, perception, and physiology

requires the ability to present animals with specific situations and challenges utilizing the necessary controls, consistency, and repetition that are impossible to achieve in the wild. Indeed, as with research in any discipline, a comprehensive understanding of these animals requires a combination of both in-situ and ex-situ studies; studies based in the wild and in zoological settings. This idea is neither new nor specific to marine mammals, but is critical to the way scientific discovery works. Additionally, to claim that "educational content delivered by a captivity facility is often inaccurate and misleading, as animals are performing theatrical 'tricks' rather than displaying natural behaviors" is completely untrue. While some might consider dolphins eliciting aerial behaviors or vocalizations upon presentation of a hand signal a "trick" - it is actually an impactful demonstration of that animal's physiology and such behaviors DO occur naturally in the wild. Furthermore, the wide variety of physical and cognitive behaviors that are trained are accomplished through positive reinforcement training, which allows the animals to better understand and control their environment and also allows caretakers to build strong relationships with the animals based on trust and care. Training is absolutely vital to the mental and physical wellness of the animals. The final point I'd like to make is that nobody loves and cares for these animals more than the biologists, veterinarians, and behaviorists who have dedicated their professional lives and sacrificed much of their personal lives in order to care for these animals. Anyone who holds the idea that these animals exist in a human care environment purely for financial profit has clearly never taken the time to visit the facility and speak with any of those people who love those animals as their own family member.

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Comments: Cetaceans, which include dolphins, whales, and porpoises, are highly intelligent and social animals. The County of Maui has prohibited the exhibition of captive cetaceans since 2002. Public opposition to the keeping and display of captive cetaceans has increased in the United States and worldwide. The dysfunctional social structure of captive cetaceans is known to cause unnatural aggression and stress, resulting in injury, illness, or death to the animals and to humans. Educational content delivered by a captivity facility is often inaccurate and misleading, as animals are performing theatrical "tricks" rather than displaying natural behaviors. It is unethical and inhumane to isolate a highly intelligent and social animal from its natural environment.

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When I think of Hawaii, I think of beautiful nature and wildlife living freely in a paradise. When I went to Hawaii for the first time with my wife, we both were saddened to see captive dolphins performing tricks at the resort where we stayed. It ruined the trip for us. Every day, we passed by the small enclosure for these beautiful mammals that would normally have an entire ocean to live in. We let the resort know how disappointed we were to see these animals being used for entertainment and were told that as long as it's legal, it will continue. We decided we would never stay in Hawaii again at a place that used these majestic creatures for a profit. With huge regret we haven't been back to Hawaii since and we are not sure we'll visit again until HR136 passes.

It is unethical to isolate a highly intelligent and social animal from its natural environment. Would you do that to yourself?! The dysfunctional social structure of captive cetaceans is known to cause unnatural aggression and stress, resulting in injury, illness, or death to the animals and to humans. Educational content delivered by a captivity facility is often inaccurate and misleading, as animals are performing theatrical "tricks" rather than displaying natural behaviors.

I urge Hawaii to stop using cetaceans for entertainment and keeping them in captivity. I urge Hawaii to pass HR 136.

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Jessica Schul	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I strongly appose this resolution (H.R. 136), and encourage you to NOT support it. The claims made in this resolution are not supported by any peer-reviewed scientific articles. They are based on irrational emotions of animal advocates and extremists who do not understand the science of animal care and marine mammals. These arguments do not have the best interest of the animals in mind. I can confidently make these claims as I have a B.S. in Marine Biology, and have also visit Dolphin Quest Hawaii, along with countless other zoos and aquariums caring for marine mammals. As a child I grew up in San Antonio and frequented Sea World, which inspired me to pursue a degree in Marine Biology. After graduation, I worked as a Marine Mammal Observer and Passive Acoustic Monitoring Operator on seismic vessels in the Gulf of Mexico. Because of the animal-human bond that was allowed to me at Sea World, I went on work professionally to protect wild marine mammals. The animal extremists do not do anything like this. Instead they waste precious time, energy and money trying to shut down zoos and aquariums which inspire children and adults every day to care for the world's oceans. If these facilities get taken away, the majority of humans will never have an opportunity to create a bond with these smart and social creatures. Those lucky enough to live near the coast will be forced to observe these animals in the wild, which unfortunately is not usually conducted in a sustainable way. Facilities like Dolphin Quest have also been able to donate over \$3.5 million in financial and field support of marine mammal scientific studies. Without support from marine mammal facilities, research and rehabilitation will be drastically cut. Phasing out marine mammals under professional human care and stopping breeding programs is truly robbing future generations the opportunity to learn, see, and experience these animals up close. It is also robbing future generations of researchers and scientists of opportunities to study these animals in ways which is impossible in the wild. Animals under human care receive restaurant quality fish, which is hand sorted every morning. Any fish which has a small cut, missing scale, missing eyeball, etc is immediately disposed of, as it could be a source of bacteria. The fish fed to these animals is often checked multiple times throughout the day, with any bad fish being tossed out before it ever comes near a marine mammal. This can not be said about marine mammals in the wild. The "wild" itself is highly romanticized, and I can attest to this as I lived and worked offshore in the middle of the

ocean for three years. I observed many marine mammals with clear injuries from human related items, ie boats, fishing gear, etc. Marine mammals under human care have nearly double the life expectancy of those in the wild due to the high quality food, health care, and protective habitats. If breeding programs are shut down, it will further fuel deadly collections of marine mammals in the wild like the infamous Taiji dolphin drive in Japan. Breeding current marine mammals in human care allows for variable genetic pools while increasing the number of marine mammals under human care, allowing more and more people to be able to experience and learn from these wonderful creatures. Again, I strongly urged you to not support this house resolution, which is not based on any scientific facts.

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Aloha,

I have a strong connection to Dolphin Quest and know the true benefits of the work the animals and Crew accomplish together. The animals are given top notch care and are honored as the true ocean ambassadors. The connection and love that is inspired by their programs for dolphins and the oceans is immeasurable. Accredited marine life parks like Dolphin Quest are critical to the survival of the species, because they are powerful and educational. They are inspiring people daily to be the future stewards of our earth. The public, both in and out of their programs are moved to care about and protect dolphins in the wild.

These programs provide an educational experience that is safe and mutually beneficial for the dolphins and humans. This experience is much more impactful than reading about dolphins in a book, watching them on TV or seeing them on the internet. More and more we are getting lost in our devices and losing the possibility of rich primary experiences. To lose the opportunity of viewing and interacting with dolphins and other marine mammals under human care will rob our future generations of these inspirational and powerful primary experiences.

The animals at Dolphin Quest and other accredited facilities live long, happy, and meaningful lives. Please do not support this house resolution –H.R.NO.136

With Aloha,

Julie

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May Cheng	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Whales and dolphins are complex social animals and are not well suited for a life in captivity. When confined, they are prevented from carrying out natural behaviors, which include roaming up to 100 miles per day, hunting live prey, and interacting with their pod mates—who also suffer when pod members are removed. When forced to interact with humans in a captive situation they have been known to behave aggressively. By manipulating animals in such a way, we are not only affecting their lives but are also distorting our belief system and that of our children - promoting the view that these wild animals should be taken from their homes and "tamed" not merely for utilitarian purposes, but for our entertainment. Such practice and business models need to stop immediately.

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March 21, 2017

The Honorable Dr. Richard P. Creagan, Chair
House Committee on Agriculture
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 331
415 S. Beretania St.
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Dr. Creagan,

I am writing to express my strong opposition for H.R. NO. 136 as it pertains to cetaceans under human care in Hawaii. I oppose this bill for multiple reasons based on my educational background in marine mammal conservation and my passion for the opportunities given by aquariums, zoos, and marine mammal encounter facilities. Growing up, I found myself intrigued and adoring of marine mammals I encountered both in the wild and under human care at various accredited facilities across the country. This led me to study marine sciences and become a marine science educator in Hawaii. Nothing is more magical for both children and adults than seeing an animal up close. As an educator, I find that students of all ages who are avid environmental advocates spend more time invested in protecting the environment and its inhabitants throughout their lifetime. Typically, these students have been to a marine mammal facility and have gained invaluable knowledge about conserving the species they met. Hawaii is unique in that it offers marine mammal conservation facilities, like Dolphin Quest, that bring school groups as well as visitors from around the world to learn about cetaceans in a natural and supportive environment. I believe that passing this bill would remove the deep-rooted ambition students have to conserve the marine environment and its inhabitants because these types of programs will be erased. It is scary to think that my children and future generations will not be allowed the same opportunities to grow a love for cetaceans, like I did, and I worry that there will be fewer individuals who will continue the work that I have focused my life around. Cetaceans under human care are advocates for their entire species. Without the resources that organizations around Hawaii provide, there will be fewer people who choose to make a difference for cetaceans in the wild. We need education programs that allow for hands-on involvement with marine animal conservation and therefore, H.R. NO. 136 should be rejected.

Thank you,

Lorene Livingston

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Anne Barr	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support this proposal for the following reasons: (1) The County of Maui has prohibited the exhibition of captive cetaceans since 2002. (2) Public opposition to the keeping and display of captive cetaceans has increased in the United States and worldwide. (3) The dysfunctional social structure of captive cetaceans is known to cause unnatural aggression and stress, resulting in injury, illness, or death to the animals and to humans. (4) Educational content delivered by a captivity facility is often inaccurate and misleading, as animals are performing theatrical "tricks" rather than displaying natural behaviors. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

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Bob Gladden	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Animals in parks, zoos, aquariums are important to the public. I myself, my kids, my grandkids, and great grandkids have learned about animals, marine mammals in ways that would be hard for them to do in there everyday life. How many people, even you get to go out in the ocean to see and learn about these important marine mammals. Most of us learn about themed see them for the first time in a captive environment, that is also where most people also fall in love wth them. Hands on with these animals is also where most people realize that the are living, breathing animals, not a stuffed toy. PLEASE DO NOT PASS THIS BILL. I also work with a stranding group here on the Big Island, and we have trained with dolphins to help us in the handling of stranded animals and to take better care of them. These places are needed.

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Carol Hall	Individual	Support	No

Comments: It is immoral, unethical and cruel to keep cetaceans in captivity, and worse, to exploit them for people's "entertainment."

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laurie tooch	Individual	Support	No

Comments: This is a very important issue. Captivity is cruel and completely unnecessary! There are many other options for education, such as video, whale watch excursions, etc. you are all educated people, you know there is no need for captivity!! Please vote in favor!!!

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE, 2017
STATE OF HAWAII
HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 136

For more than 75 years, the Chicago Zoological Society/Brookfield Zoo (CZS) has been a leader in wildlife conservation and public education, earning a global reputation for advanced animal husbandry and applied research that influence animal care and public engagement in conservation. We are stewards of more than 216 acres of protected public land, responsible for the daily care of more than 3,238 animals representing 404 species from every continent on earth. Since 1961, the Brookfield Zoo has been a leader in educating audiences about the conservation of bottlenose dolphins. Through educational programming we allow millions of visitors every year to connect to these amazing animals. In addition, CZS has operated the longest running study of a dolphin population in Sarasota, FL since 1970. The Sarasota Dolphin Research Program utilizes monthly systematic photographic identification surveys to examine social behavior habitat use and condition. Behavioral observations and health assessments also contribute to the vast knowledge that has been gained about bottlenose dolphins over the years. Many of the parameters used to ascertain the health and wellbeing of the Sarasota animals come from the work done by scientists and veterinarians here at the Brookfield Zoo.

In 2008, the Society founded the Center for the Science of Animal Care and Welfare. The Center promotes a unique, holistic science-based approach to integrating professionals from a variety of disciplines – behavioral husbandry, endocrinology, population biology, veterinary science, and nutrition – with the goal of assessing and optimizing welfare from an animal-centric perspective. Specifically, the Center seeks to apply science to animal care and understand the factors that lead to optimal (“good”) welfare for animals under professional management. By integrating state-of-the-art research into animal care practices, the Center creates a dynamic feedback loop that supports our animal welfare management and drives basic and applied scientific discovery. Information learned is then shared with the zoological industry throughout the world to increase the impact of the research. CZS is accredited through the Association of Zoos and Aquariums and the Alliance of Marine Mammal Parks and Aquariums. Brookfield Zoo’s efforts as a leader in animal welfare have recently been recognized as it became the first zoo in the world to receive the “Humane Certified™” seal from American Humane. Brookfield Zoo serves 2.2 million guests and 120,000 member families annually.

The House Resolution 136 as proposed would do a disservice not only to the cetaceans in Hawaii but for cetaceans around the world as facilities work together for sustainable populations within professional care as well as the conservation of wild populations. The resolution as proposed contains many incomplete facts as well as falsehoods that will be outlined below.

While cetaceans are highly social and intelligent species, what is not mentioned in the resolution is that a lot of what we know about cetaceans comes from animals under professional care. Much of the knowledge about the sensory, cognitive and communication skills of bottlenose dolphins (*Tursiops truncatus*) is a result of 34 years of work at the Kewalo Basin Marine Mammal Laboratory in Honolulu (Herman, 2010). In addition, the Navy Marine Mammal Program has been running for over 50 years

contributing directly or indirectly to our understanding of the behavior, physiology, and ecology of wild cetaceans (Houser et al., 2010). This is not to take away from the great knowledge learned from wild cetaceans (e.g., Wells, 2014), but one of the main reasons we know so much about the intelligence of cetaceans is due to the type of facilities the resolution could potentially impact.

Within accredited zoos, aquariums and marine parks, cetaceans can be exhibited in normal social groupings to provide opportunities for species-appropriate social behavior (e.g., Wells, 2009). In fact, bottlenose dolphins within a breeding consortium in North America reproduced at higher levels than their wild counterparts (Wells, 2009). Studies have also shown that adrenal “stress” hormones were higher in wild bottlenose dolphins than those under professional care (St Aubin, 1996). However, the process of collecting those samples may have had an impact on the results.

In reference to stereotypic behavior, there are relatively few studies that have quantitatively assessed these behaviors. However, one study demonstrated that dolphins do spend more time at the surface looking for animal trainers in anticipation of an education program, likely demonstrating a positive situation (Jensen et al., 2013). Similarly, Miller et al., (2011) found that dolphin shows and interaction programs, both forms of education programming, were positive in nature. Animals following these programs exhibited a higher level of behavioral diversity suggesting that these programs had a positive impact on their welfare. Finally, education programs under professional trainer control were found to have less risky activity (e.g., dolphin aggression) when compared to uncontrolled programs suggesting these programs can be run with limited risk to the participants (Samuels & Spradlin, 1995).

Current evidence suggests that attending a dolphin show or interaction program leads to increased conservation-related knowledge, attitudes, and behavior (Miller et al., 2013). The public opposition to the keeping and display of cetaceans is a vocal minority compared to the over 180 million annual visitors in North America alone that support the efforts of zoos and aquariums, including their professional care of cetaceans. Decisions regarding the care and welfare of cetaceans within zoos, aquariums and marine parks should be based on scientific evidence, not the emotional testimony of a few individuals. This information should be regarded when making decisions that could drastically impact the care, welfare and conservation of cetaceans not only in Hawaii but around the world.

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Lindsay Macfarlane	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Cetaceans, which include dolphins, whales, and porpoises, are highly intelligent and social animals. The County of Maui has prohibited the exhibition of captive cetaceans since 2002. Public opposition to the keeping and display of captive cetaceans has increased in the United States and worldwide. The dysfunctional social structure of captive cetaceans is known to cause unnatural aggression and stress, resulting in injury, illness, or death to the animals and to humans. Educational content delivered by a captivity facility is often inaccurate and misleading, as animals are performing theatrical "tricks" rather than displaying natural behaviors. It is unethical to isolate a highly intelligent and social animal from its natural environment.

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Chris Lambert	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: It's safe to say that people that don't want anyou captive animals have a very clouded perspective. Almost all captive animals cannot survive on their own. They were not captured from the wild and brought back to facilities. The animals were either hurt BY HUMANS both intentionally and unintentionally. They then are brought back to be cared for by licensed and trained professionals that have gone to many years of college to help the animals and if they are unfit to return to the wild they are kept and cared for under very strict guidelines. The animals under human care receive far better treatment than they will in the wild. Under human care they can study and help science improve on many levels. Not like in the wild where if a fisherman or anyone else sees the dolphins or marine mammals as threats hurt and or kill them just so they don't take fish from the fisherman, even though the marine mammals were here first. If they don't want any animal under human care then everyone should have to give up their family dog or cat. There's NO difference in animals in human care. Since they aren't hunted like they are in the wild pretty soon seeing a wild marine mammal will only be able to be seen in facilities because the human race will kill all the wild ones. This bill should not be passed

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Bryan Kortis	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Hawaii has been a leader in so many important respects. The proper and humane treatment of cetaceans by ending their use in entertainment is another opportunity to lead.

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evan	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I support the work aquariums do in Hawaii. We have been able to learn valuable lessons from the animals under human care that help us better understand and care for the animals in the wild. The hands on and in person education that aquariums in Hawaii provide helps visitors and residents learn more about and respect their native counter parts. I believe that phasing out marine mammals would be a detriment to the animals themselves, both wild and in human care, and a detriment to the human population.

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Lauren	Individual	Support	No

Comments: This practice is cruel and inhumane. These are wild animals. They should stay in the wild and stop being used for human entertainment. No wild animal should be born in captivity!

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tiffanygurr88	Individual	Support	No

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megan mcinnis	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: This proposal is not supported by science. Cetaceans under human care receive better care and a more stimulating environment than most zoo animals and house pets. The information gained from their voluntary participation in scientific studies is invaluable to the survival of wild cetaceans and our ocean environment. I plead with you not support this proposal based entirely off of misinformation and misguided emotions.

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I do not support H.R 136- Zoos, aquariums, and marine parks are vital for education and inspiration- taking that away would rob future generations of something very special and if the natural environment continues to decline with pollution, over fishing etc. the only place we maybe able to see animals like dolphins will be places like Dolphin Quest or Sea Life Park. I myself have had the opportunity to go to zoos and aquariums growing up and I want my future kids to have the same opportunity- it's one thing to read about these animals in a book, its another thing entirely to be able to get up close and personal with one and it has a profound and very positive impact. I walk away really caring about the species as a whole and wanting to help the environment, recycling more, cutting down on single use plastics, etc. It's also often zoos, aquariums, marine parks etc. that help conservation with contributing money to help the environment through research, rescues, education, etc. To pass this bill and take the cetaceans out of places like Dolphin Quest and Sea Life Park would be a huge loss, not just for the citizens of this great state, but to the millions of people that end up vacationing here that want to experience the beauty Hawaii has to offer. They can go to these places and have a truly special experience while learning more about some really cool animals, walking away with more respect for the planet that is in our care. Furthermore there is no scientific data that I am aware of that shows these animals do not thrive in a human care setting, and having been to these facilities, the animals under their care are treated as family.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jana Wiggins	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Whales and dolphins are complex social animals and are not well suited for a life in captivity. When confined, they are prevented from carrying out natural behaviors, which include roaming up to 100 miles per day, hunting live prey, and interacting with their pod mates—who also suffer when pod members are removed. When forced to interact with humans in a captive situation they have been known to behave aggressively. By manipulating animals in such a way, we are not only affecting their lives but are also distorting our belief system and that of our children - promoting the view that these wild animals should be taken from their homes and "tamed" not merely for utilitarian purposes, but for our entertainment. The cetaceans most commonly held in captivity for human entertainment are orcas, beluga whales, bottlenose dolphins and Pacific white-sided dolphins. Though tanks are bigger and cetaceans in captivity are less callously treated than in P.T. Barnum's day, the fact remains that captivity for these active, social, intelligent animals is still inappropriate. In recent years, more people have become aware of the ethical and philosophical arguments against cetacean captivity and in some places the popularity of dolphin shows has dwindled. In addition, the science is growing that cetaceans, especially orcas, adapt poorly to confinement. Sadly, many captive facilities still exist, and while they are in decline in the developed world, more are being built in developing countries, and these intelligent animals continue to be bred in captivity and wrenched from the wild for captive display. Please do not allow breeding or captivity of these sentient beings. They were not put here for human amusement.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Pamela Holmes	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: To whom it may concern; I am writing to express my complete support for Hawaii to phase out cetacean captivity for the reasons outlined below: • Cetaceans, which include dolphins, whales, and porpoises, are highly intelligent and social animals. • The County of Maui has prohibited the exhibition of captive cetaceans since 2002. • Public opposition to the keeping and display of captive cetaceans has increased in the United States and worldwide. • The dysfunctional social structure of captive cetaceans is known to cause unnatural aggression and stress, resulting in injury, illness, or death to the animals and to humans. • Educational content delivered by a captivity facility is often inaccurate and misleading, as animals are performing theatrical "tricks" rather than displaying natural behaviors. • It is unethical to isolate a highly intelligent and social animal from its natural environment. Thank you for your serious consideration to this highly important matter. Pamela Holmes

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Lynn Kennedy	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: It is extremely cruel to confine & hold dolphins for any reason. When the reasoning is for "entertainment purposes" it is sickening. These are innocent living beings that don't deserve this. Who would even think this was ever ok? It was never OK. Life is more than a human being "entertained". Please do what's right. We all know the RIGHT thing to do.

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Date: March 20, 2017

To: Chair Rep. Richard P. Creagan
Vice Chair Rep. Lynn DeCoite
and Members of the Committee on Agriculture

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

RE: Testimony in support of HR136/HCR208: Regarding Captive Cetaceans
Wednesday, March 22, 2017, 9:30 a.m., Capitol conference room 312

The Hawaiian Humane Society supports the passage of House Resolution 136, which urges Hawaii facilities that hold captive cetaceans for entertainment purposes to discontinue breeding and to phase out captivity.

Wild or undomesticated animals have well-established psychological, behavioral and environmental needs. For these reasons, the Society believes that wild animals should not be used purely for entertainment.

The Hawaiian Humane Society believes that aquariums and similar facilities should exist for conservation, preservation and propagation of endangered species and for public education, not as casual entertainment. We believe that action should be taken to prevent the breeding of a species whose placement in a humane environment is not guaranteed.

Please support this resolution seeking to end the inhumane breeding and captivity of cetaceans for entertainment purposes in Hawaii.

Please let me know if I can be of assistance.

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Helga Fiederer	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Dolphins are intelligent animals which do not thrive in captivity. They are stressed, get listless and sick and die prematurely.

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Lauren Snider	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I have had the unfortunate opportunity to go to Sea Life Park. I understand that Sea Life helps rehabilitate certain animals including turtles and takes care of the Hawaiian Monk Seal that can not be released back in to the wild, but I do not understand why there are dolphins there other than for financial gain. The tanks for these dolphins are way too small. They are also very social animals that should not be kept separate. I urge you to please prevent Sea Life from bringing in any other cetacean.

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VOICE OF THE ORCAS

(VOTO)

ELLENSBURG, WA

Please accept this letter in support of HR136: a resolution to phase out cetacean captivity in Hawaii, from Voice of the Orcas (VOTO). VOTO is a group of four former marine mammal trainers who are outspoken in their belief, based on personal experience and on science, that cetaceans are not meant to be kept in captive environments.

We have, collectively, more than 15 years of experience working with cetaceans in captivity, including beluga whales, Pacific white-sided dolphins, bottlenose dolphins, false killer whales, and orcas. We have personally witnessed the suffering that cetaceans endure in captivity. Life in captivity is a constant struggle for these complex, intelligent, emotional and social animals, as evidenced time and again by significant health issues that lead to premature death. Health issues include depressed immune systems at least partly due to inadequate nutrition as well as stressors such as social strife/animal aggressions, and reduced room to move. The list is almost endless, but the main take-away should be that whales and dolphins simply do not thrive in captivity. It is impossible to provide the space, living conditions, and social and environmental stimulation for them to thrive. To attempt to do this is irresponsible.

Washington state has a long history of legislation based on core values, one of which is respect for nature and wildlife. You now have a chance to show the world how important these values really are to Washington, by explicitly stating you will not tolerate cetaceans being kept captive for entertainment or display. Washington should not now, or ever, be part of the web of suffering that is perpetuated by captive cetacean industries.

We fully support a state bill banning cetaceans in captivity, without reservation.

Respectfully,

Voice of the Orcas (VOTO):

Samantha Berg, M.Ac; Jeffrey Ventre, MD; John Jett, PhD; & Carol Ray, MA, CCC-SLP

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christine munson	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Dolphins are sentient beings, and as such, holding them in captivity is akin to slavery!

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carol ray	Individual	Support	No

Comments: As a former marine mammal trainer who has seen the suffering that captive cetaceans endure, I fully support the resolution to phase out this practice. I personally was witness to the trauma inflicted upon these intelligent beings in captivity. I also know that the "education" these facilities claim to impart to the public, is false. All that is learned by seeing captive cetaceans is that it is "ok" to keep them in this environment despite it's destruction to their physical and mental well being.

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Gloia Morrison	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I am in support of HR136. No more dolphins should be born into a life of captivity. Breeding for captivity should be stopped.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Deborah San Gabriel	Belle Isle Review	Support	No

Comments: Please neither breed nor hold captive cetaceans in Hawaii. It is cruel; they get depressed and sick. They can swim p to 100 miles a day in the wild- not so in captivity. All captive cetacean roads lead back, ultimately, to Taiji, Japan, where dolphins are inhumanely captured. Those that are not, are slaughtered. Please, Hawaii, do the humane thing and not allow cetacean captivity and/or breeding in Hawaii. Thank you Deborah San Gabriel

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Maryanne Roberts	Individual	Support	No

Comments: It is important to me that these intelligent,lively creatures be able to live free in their natural environments. I hope that ethical concerns for the needs of these beings can be put before the human need for profit and entertainment. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Chastity Austin	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Hawaii State Legislature, My name is Chastity and I am writing you because I am against the breeding, transportation and captivity of Hawaii's cetaceans. First let me express how much I love Hawaii and visiting your great state, however, I will never support cetaceans captivity for entertainment purposes and I will advise others to do the same. It is unethical to isolate these intelligent creatures from their natural habitat. Thank you for your time. Sincerely, Chastity Austin (A concerned American Citizen)

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Barbara Wallace	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Please end the captivity of all Dolphins in Hawaii

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Cyndhu Sriram	Individual	Support	No

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alberto verdi	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Please discontinue dolphin breeding for entertainment as they need to be protected and not exploited for our enjoyment. Thank you

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Giselle Wilson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support HR136 because: • Cetaceans, which include dolphins, whales, and porpoises, are highly intelligent and social animals. • The County of Maui has prohibited the exhibition of captive cetaceans since 2002. • Public opposition to the keeping and display of captive cetaceans has increased in the United States and worldwide. • The dysfunctional social structure of captive cetaceans is known to cause unnatural aggression and stress, resulting in injury, illness, or death to the animals and to humans. • Educational content delivered by a captivity facility is often inaccurate and misleading, as animals are performing theatrical "tricks" rather than displaying natural behaviors. • It is unethical to isolate a highly intelligent and social animal from its natural environment.

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Cgallagher	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Being forced to live outside of their natural environment is inhumane.

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Jessie Oakes	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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It is important to support a measure like this because animals in captivity are destined to go insane in captivity. The environment of captivity can never be as natural as their habitat can provide. Animals have the capacity to feel pain, some even reach the mental capabilities of a human toddler. Meaning that they can learn their names, commands, read expressions, solve problems. In situations of extreme sensory deprivations, animals demonstrate signs of self mutilation and insanity. It is in the animal's' best interest to be released from captivity, and back to their natural environment or a sanctuary.

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sophie pennes	Individual	Support	No

Comments: The worldwide dolphin trade and slaughter is a BRUTAL industry accounting the deaths of thousands of dolphins each year. What is most driving this activity is the captive dolphin industry. Dolphins are HIGHLY intelligent creatures and suffer severely in captivity. They have been even known to drown themselves due to depression. Dolphins in captivity die at a much higher rate than in the wild and often from human-caused diseases such as malnutrition or stress. Dolphins are forced to live in small concrete tubs where their echolocation is useless. This would be similar to us screaming into an abyss of echoes for our entire lives. We would go crazy, and so do they. Furthermore, they don't even live in OCEAN WATER. They live in chlorinated water that hurts their eyes and their skin. Honestly, the list of atrocities goes on and on. Please please please make the ethical, the moral, and the compassionate decision and force captive dolphin facilities to phase out their cruel practices. Not one more dolphin should have to die in captivity because of the greed of humans.

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johnny vela	Individual	Support	No

Comments: It is unethical to isolate any animal from its natural environment.

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Christine Gau	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Dear Committee Members: I am writing in strong support of Measure HR136 to end captive breeding and the continued captivity of cetaceans in Hawaii. While captive dolphin entertainment has long been a mainstay of tourist activities, we are now in an era in which the public sentiment no longer supports such industries. At its outset, the marine park industry viewed marine mammals such as dolphins as simple animals, who were highly trainable and had natural appeal to the public with their apparent smiles and natural dexterity to perform tricks. We now know better. Research and observation have shown that these animals possess extraordinary intelligence, live in complex social systems that rival or exceed our own, and are incredibly aware of their surroundings and circumstances. The evidence has also shown that when placed into captive conditions, they exhibit signs of stress and frustration, and suffer from the physical circumstances of their confinement. Dolphins that are required to interact with humans often display physical abrasions or persistent open wounds from rough handling, show signs of sunburn or other negative effects from prolonged sun exposure, ingest foreign objects, and are frequently medicated on a regular basis due to conditions of captivity (such as ulcer medication). Footage and images from marine parks around the world-- including those located on Oahu and the Big Island-- show animals suffering from malnutrition, aggressive behavior, and stereotypic behaviors such as logging or chewing on gates and netting. These indicia are undeniable facts, and the public is no longer blind to them. Modern society is increasingly recognizing that holding dolphins captive fundamentally entails a level of cruelty, and to utilize them for entertainment and profit carries the label of exploitation. In good conscience, we cannot ignore our own internal morals and sense that captivity causes harm to the very animals we claim to cherish. The state of Hawaii is uniquely blessed with natural resources and surroundings that bring hordes of visitors every year. They come to enjoy the scenery, beaches, and pristine waters, as well as the indigenous flora and fauna. Our duty, therefore, should be to protect those natural elements that make the state unique. Just offshore, wild dolphins and other marine life can be observed in their natural state-- that is what makes Hawaii unique, not the captive dolphin encounters that can be had in hundreds of places elsewhere in the country or around the world. The facilities found on Oahu and the Big Island are not owned by Hawaiian residents, but rather outside

corporations who are happily profiting from the exploitation of the state's residents, tourists, and reputation. In the long run, the state must look towards its own sense of morals and lead by example, not at the whim of outside corporate interests. I've spoken with many visitors who show disgust at seeing captive dolphins trapped in tanks, so close to the shore they can see the ocean. This is not our future, and the State of Hawaii has the opportunity to lead in enacting legislation that comports with our modern sensibilities and ethics. Thank you for your consideration.

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Susan Whitsell	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Cetaceans, which include dolphins, whales, and porpoises, are highly intelligent and social animals. Let them go and don't capture any more

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Amanda Hansen	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Aleta Bruzzese	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I am urging Hawaii to phase out cetacean captivity. These creatures are highly intelligent and social and it is cruel to keep them in captivity. It is known to cause them great distress which in turn causes illness, death, injury or even unnatural aggression. We know all these things to be true, so why are humans still inflicting this upon our fellow creatures that share the earth with us?? Just because we can?? When will people wake up and act ethically? Please put a stop to this!

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Anju S.	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please discontinue breeding and phase out captivity for cetaceans in Hawaii. Cetaceans such as dolphins are highly intelligent and social animals, and it is unethical to isolate a highly intelligent and social animal from its natural environment. It is known that doing so causes stress, dysfunctional behavior, and often injury and death to these animals and their "handlers." We as a society are intelligent and evolved enough to take a broad view of the activities we engage in and extend compassion to other species; as such, this type of captivity has become increasingly taboo throughout the United States and the world. Rather than offering "education" to patrons, facilities that engage in these activities end up providing misinformation and perpetuating misconceptions about these amazing animals. Please have Hawaii rise to be part of a more civil, more evolved society where we value compassion and encourage appreciation of the wonder and beauty of the natural world in a way that is respectful and fulfilling all around. That is the kind of experience the world wants to have when visiting Hawaii.

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Irene Simmons	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: There are no moral reasons that justify breeding and enslavement of animals; we all have a right to live free. I believe strongly that the only justified captivity of any cetaceans is for strictly temporary rehabilitation purposes prior to release back into the home environment.

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Pamela Winn	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Dolphins do not belong in captivity & are not for our entertainment! These precious beings only belong to the ocean not in tiny tanks. Captivity kills & they are used to swimming many miles a day in the ocean. They are torn away from their families drugged forced to perform to be rewarded with dead fish. This is beyond wrong & horrific! Please just let them be where they belong in the seas & oceans. If the oceans die everything dies!

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Re: HR136 Testimony

It is well known and scientifically recognized that cetaceans, which include dolphins, whales, and porpoises, are highly intelligent and social animals that are capable of communication with each other and form strong social bonds. I understand that the County of Maui has prohibited the exhibition of captive cetaceans since 2002. Public awareness and opposition to the keeping and display of captive cetaceans has increased in the United States and worldwide. Captivity destroys the natural social structure of these animals and is injurious to their physical and mental wellbeing, causing unnatural aggression and stress, which can lead to illness or death of the animals and even to humans. The educational value of a captivity facility is questionable and often misleading, as animals are performing theatrical "tricks" rather than displaying natural behaviors. Moreover, it is unethical to isolate a highly intelligent and social animal from its natural environment.

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Kaija Jones	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Cetaceans, which include dolphins, whales, and porpoises, are highly intelligent and social animals. The County of Maui has prohibited the exhibition of captive cetaceans since 2002. Public opposition to the keeping and display of captive cetaceans has increased in the United States and worldwide. The dysfunctional social structure of captive cetaceans is known to cause unnatural aggression and stress, resulting in injury, illness, or death to the animals and to humans. Educational content delivered by a captivity facility is often inaccurate and misleading, as animals are performing theatrical "tricks" rather than displaying natural behaviors. It is unethical to isolate a highly intelligent and social animal from its natural environment.

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Melissa C	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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Testimony in support of Measure HR136

March 21, 2017

I strongly urge the Hawaii Legislature to pass Measure HR136 for the following reasons:

- Cetaceans, which include dolphins, whales, and porpoises, are highly intelligent and social animals.
- The County of Maui has prohibited the exhibition of captive cetaceans since 2002.
- Public opposition to the keeping and display of captive cetaceans has increased in the United States and worldwide.
- The dysfunctional social structure of captive cetaceans is known to cause unnatural aggression and stress, resulting in injury, illness, or death to the animals and to humans.
- Educational content delivered by a captivity facility is often inaccurate and misleading, as animals are performing theatrical "tricks" rather than displaying natural behaviors.
- It is unethical to isolate a highly intelligent and social animal from its natural environment.

As an island state, Hawaii has an obligation to protect not only the human, but also the animal inhabitants that reside there. As a tourist to Hawaii, I would be far more impressed by the state's protection of cetaceans than by the ability to visit them in captivity.

Thank you,

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March 21, 2017

To the Honorable Rep. Richard P. Creagan, Chair
Committee on Agriculture
State Capitol, 415 South Beretania Street,
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: Opposition to HR 136 (hearing date March 22nd 2017, 9:30 am)

In my capacity as an internationally recognized and published scientist in the field of dolphin behavior and social cognition and a Research Fellow at the University of St. Andrews I offer testimony in opposition to HR 136. I have personally observed the animals at Dolphin Quest Hawaii and Dolphin Quest Oahu and found the animals to be in good physical and mental health. The dolphins are not listless or subdued and they engage in species typical behavior including affiliative swimming, play, acoustic communication and exploration, general curiosity with novel stimuli and appropriate parental care. Social groups are well managed and I can report anecdotally that aggression in Dolphin Quest animals seems far less than for the wild populations I have surveyed in Scotland and Costa Rica. I see no signs of injury or deformity and, compared to wild dolphins, Dolphin Quest animals are pristine in body appearance and condition. They have access to natural seawater and, for all intents and purposes, are currently housed in conditions that are no different than proposed seaside sanctuaries.

The statements in HR 136 regarding stereotypic behavior are baseless. We have been successful in mitigating a jaw clap behavior through acoustic enrichment tools, however no credible scientist would ever conclude that a given behavior is necessarily a result of “depression” (as HR 136 claims), especially without accompanying stress and heart-rate data taken on an animal exhibiting the action in question [1]. In cases I have observed relative to animals at Dolphin Quest Oahu, repetitive jaw claps seem to relate more to social facilitation and group cohesion than any form of “depression”. Stereotypy is by definition a seemingly functionless behavior that often lacks variability in response to environmental change [2]. However, these dolphins do the behavior in response to each other, which is contrary to how we think of stereotypy. So, while the behavior is not exactly typical, innovation and behavior sharing are key features of dolphin behavior both in the wild and under human care [3].

I can attest that the information presented to guests at Dolphin Quest is accurate, current and informative. Dolphin Quest staff are clear to guests regarding the provisions of the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) related to the feeding of wild dolphins. Scientists, like myself, who have collected valuable research data with the animals at Dolphin Quest, are also able to interact with guests giving them first hand information on the study of marine mammals. Furthermore,

scientists like myself give talks hosted by Dolphin Quest to the public at large, further providing educational opportunities for Hawaiians and visitors to the state. The animals perform behaviors that are natural, with the exception of basic target training (as there are no target polls in nature) and training related to cognitive testing which is well within the scope of the research requirements of the MMPA.

I am struck by the degree of scientific and historical inaccuracy present in the preamble of HR 136. The implication that these dolphins are prevented from contributing to natural ecology implies that they were recently caught or that they could be released. However, North American facilities have been very successful in captive breeding and have not taken from the wild in decades. Furthermore dolphins born under human care could never be released under the current provisions of the MMPA. Dolphins exhibit a fission-fusion social structure where individuals will break-up and reform social pairings based on age, social status and ecological need [4]. Yet lines 4-7 of HR 136 would expressly prevent Hawaiian institutions like Dolphin Quest from moving animals between facilities, which will hinder the expression of natural social dynamics in dolphins. This will lead to an **increase** in aggression and unnatural behavior. Furthermore, the call to end breeding would necessitate the use of unnatural mechanisms of birth control including medications and unnatural social pairings between dominant males in sex-segregated groups. This too will lead to an **increase** in stress and aggression especially for mixed-age male groups with juveniles present [5]. Denying the animals the opportunity to express natural breeding and calf-rearing behavior is also a potential source of stress that will be difficult to mitigate.

The idea that animals under human care have shorter lifespans is demonstrably false. Scientists have estimated the average lifespan for wild bottlenose dolphins to be around 20-25 years [6]. The AP recently conducted a survey at a non-Hawaiian facility and found that average lifespans among animals under human care were closer to 45 years [7]. The two Dolphin Quest facilities alone house eight individuals who are at, or beyond average life expectancy for wild bottlenose dolphins. Furthermore, analysis of hormone data shows that wild and captive groups show no appreciable difference in stress cortisol, and that when trained husbandry behaviors are utilized, animals in managed care facilities are less stressed than their wild counterparts [8].

This bill has the rare potential to cause the very problems it outlines in its preamble. Instead of increasing the quality of these animals' lives it will decrease it, as HR 136 will likely lead to shorter lifespans as well as increased stress and aggression. These animals communicate normally [9, 10], socialize normally [11, 12] and these particular dolphins teach us a great deal about their wild counterparts [13-15]. There is no scientific, ethical or moral reason to pursue this legislation and I urge this body to vote no on HR 136.

Sincerely,



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Alexis	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Please ban future captive cetacean breeding and transfers in Hawaii! It is cruel and unnatural. They are highly intelligent creatures and belong in the wild.

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Melissa Lujan	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Hawaii should phase out cetacean captivity because it is inhumane and cruel. These intelligent beings deserve to live free and peacefully. Humans would not like to be treated this way. Treat these animals with respect, and let them be.

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sheena Hemnani	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Let us stop beong inhumane and use our evolution to help other beings rather than torturing them.

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Neal Hartmann	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I have visited Hawaii many times and have been to the Big Island the most. Whenever I have walked the grounds of the Hilton Waikoloa Village, I am shocked, demoralized, and in total confusion as to how such peaceful, intelligent, and social animals with brains larger than ours could possibly be held in captivity. I look at disgust at the tiny pens that individual dolphins are held in while they wait for a show or to go to work at the dolphin encounter experience. I know that the trainers love the dolphins and take the best care of them as possible with the conditions they have. But, the conditions are not open ocean where pods can grow and roam and merge with other pods. Even my kids at a young age couldn't understand why they would be held in captivity. I quote my son who said "This is messed up". This needs to end and be phased out in the best possible manner for the dolphins. I much rather pay to go on Sea Quest out of Kona and I see wild pods of dolphins. Dolphins need miles of open space to thrive not an aquarium or a fake lagoon. Imagine if we were placed in captivity with the intelligence we have, we would lose who we were. In fact this does happen to criminals. The dolphins did nothing wrong so why would they be punished. Please phase out the captivity programs and stop the breeding in these facilities.

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Korrin Fallbacher	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please, PLEASE end the captivity of dolphins in the beautiful state of Hawaii. These creatures are extremely intelligent and highly social - WITH OTHER DOLPHINS. They require the company of their pods and herds to remain happy and healthy. Holding them in isolating captivity and forcing them to perform unnatural actions is cruel beyond belief, and often leads to their deaths. These lovely animals deserve to live and thrive safely in the wild, not to be jailed for life in stark, artificial, and harmful environments. Thank you for your time. Sincerely, Korrin Fallbacher

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Kimberlee Boldt	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: There is NO reason to stop the breeding of cetaceans, especially dolphins, and to phase them out of captivity. The facilities I have attended in Hawaii are spectacular in providing a great home for the dolphins while providing unbelievable enjoyment to the public and much needed research. So many of us dream to be able to touch or swim with a dolphin that it just wouldn't be right to take this away from the public. The facilities are top notch and the dolphins are taken care of with more than just the proper care, they are loved by their trainers and the public that come to visit them! The activists behind this need to put there time towards countries that are killing them for their meat, oil, etc and leave the organizations that are caring for them alone

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Kelsey Heller	Individual	Support	No

Comments: The practice is wrong. These creatures are meant to be wild. Forcing them to be raised within enclosures by human trainers, forced to perform tricks for food, and forced to float in a small box filled with water for the purpose of human entertainment is backwards and unjust to these creatures. They deserve the best life possible during their short time here on earth and captive breeding prevents this. If it weren't for monetary purposes, no captive dolphins or marine life would exist, except for the fact to preserve a threatened species (which clearly dolphins are not.) Animals were never meant to be amusement parks.

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gianna valone	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Captive breeding needs to stop! We need to phase captive cetaceans out of popular demand. Their captive social settings hurt these animals mentally and physically. Animals shouldn't be in cages.

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Ronit Corry	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Hawaii should phase out cetacean captivity. As intelligent creatures they should not be living in captivity. The man who was the first to put a dolphin in captivity for a TV show seriously regrets his actions because of all the unhappiness it has created for cetaceans. He said the smile on the dolphin gives the wrong idea that the animal is fine, but it is not. They become depressed and aggressive, all the traits of lack of balance of the natural world. I support HR136. Leave the cetaceans in their natural habitat!

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Mark Hudson	Sea Shepherd	Comments Only	No

Comments: To Submit Testimony: 1. Go to capitol.hawaii.gov and register first at top of page (if you don't already have an account). 2. Search for measure HR136. 3. • Cetaceans, which include dolphins, whales, and porpoises, are highly intelligent and social animals. • The County of Maui has prohibited the exhibition of captive cetaceans since 2002. • Public opposition to the keeping and display of captive cetaceans has increased in the United States and worldwide. • The dysfunctional social structure of captive cetaceans is known to cause unnatural aggression and stress, resulting in injury, illness, or death to the animals and to humans. • Educational content delivered by a captivity facility is often inaccurate and misleading, as animals are performing theatrical "tricks" rather than displaying natural behaviors. • It is unethical to isolate a highly intelligent and social animal from its natural environment.

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Maria Johnson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Cetaceans, which include dolphins, whales, and porpoises, are highly intelligent and social animals. It is unethical to isolate a highly intelligent and social animal from its natural environment. Animals should no longer be used for entertainment. Thank you for your consideration.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Virginia Soregaroli	Individual	Comments Only	No

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March 21, 2017

To Whom it May Concern,

My name is Jessica Ashley and I SUPPORT HR 136. I am from Gainesville, FL and I do not support any organization that participates in breeding or capturing cetaceans for any educational or entertainment reasons.

The dysfunctional social structure of captive cetaceans is known to cause unnatural aggression and stress, resulting in injury, illness, or death to the animals and to humans.

I respect the county of Maui for prohibiting the exhibition of captive cetaceans since 2002 and I hope that Hawaii will continue to be an example of for the rest of the world. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully yours,
Jessica Ashley

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Charis	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: PLEASE STOP ALLOWING DOLPHIN CAPTIVITY IT IS CRUEL AND INHUMANE TO HAVE THESE ANIMALS IN CAPTIVITY. THESE GENTLE CREATURES ARE MEANT TO BE OUT IN THE WILD AND FREE JUST LIKE US HUMANS ARE. WATCHING VIDEOS OF HOW DOLPHINS ARE CAPTURED AND STOLEN FROM THEIR FAMILIES IS HEARTBREAKING AND CRUEL.BECAUSE THEY DON'T HAVE A VOICE DOESN'T MEAN THEY ARE MEANT FOR OUR TAKING. THESE BEAUTIFUL CREATURES ARE MEANT TO BE WITH THEIR FAMILIES. THEY HAVE EMOTIONS, FEELINGS AND MEMORIES LIKE WE DO. TO STEAL OR KIDNAP A HUMAN FROM THEIR FAMILIES IS ILLEGAL. SO SHOULD DOLPHIN CAPTIVITY - AND ANY OTHER ANIMAL FOR THAT MATTER. PLEASE LISTEN TO THESE VOICES AND STOP THE CAPTIVITY!!

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kylie Huffman	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Dolphins are innocent creatures that should be left in the wild. Education can be reached with alternative measures, there is no excuse to keep them confined. I support this measure.

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Rebecca Richards	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Cetaceans are self aware, they experience emotions, engage in some degree of abstract conceptual thought. They choose their actions. Some can dive up to 2000 feet deep and swim 100's or even 1000's of miles per day, this cannot be done in captivity, nor is their natural food source available in captivity. These captives come from different parts of the world and speak different languages with different cultures as do humans from China or Canada or the US, but would they thrive if confined in small unnatural settings together? (They barely exist together spread on different continents.) They would not be able to communicate with one another nor would they understand the ways of one another, and this goes for cetaceans as well as humans. In recent years the existence in some whale and dolphin species of special brain cells known as spindle cells or Von Economo neurones. Spindle cells are thought to be responsible for rapid intuitive choice in complex social situations and are associated with emotions such as empathy. Until relatively recently it was believed that these special brain cells were only found in the brains of humans and some primates. Research now shows that spindle cells are present in the brains of the following whale and dolphin species: (www.USwshales.org) Humpback whales Fin whales Sperm whales Orcas Belugas Bottlenose Dolphins Risso's Dolphins Proving further captivity is a living nightmare for them as it would be for humans. This is not the way we should treat other beings on this planet. Locking them up, starving them until they comply with our needs of pleasure and greed is morally wrong. Thank you for taking the time to review my words.

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Tommy Justice	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Please end the captivity of these beautiful, intelligent marine mammals.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
amy vaticalos	Individual	Support	No

Comments: The captivity of these beautifully intelligent creatures is not humane. I once went to a dolphin show where they had separated the mother and baby during the show and the mother was so desperate to be with her child she became bloodied from slamming herself against the door of the holding tank and had to shut down the show. I vowed never to support any place again with cetaceans. I will tell everyone I not not to support either. Thank you for your consideration. Much love

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Alanna Cazares	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Cetaceans, which include dolphins, whales, and porpoises, are highly intelligent and social animals. • The County of Maui has prohibited the exhibition of captive cetaceans since 2002. • Public opposition to the keeping and display of captive cetaceans has increased in the United States and worldwide. • The dysfunctional social structure of captive cetaceans is known to cause unnatural aggression and stress, resulting in injury, illness, or death to the animals and to humans. • Educational content delivered by a captivity facility is often inaccurate and misleading, as animals are performing theatrical "tricks" rather than displaying natural behaviors. • It is unethical to isolate a highly intelligent and social animal from its natural environment.

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Sarah B6x	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Rachel Arias	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I SUPPORT HR136!!!

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Diana	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Ban captive cetacean breeding and transfers!!

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Rachel Arias	Individual	Support	No

Comments: "IN SUPPORT OF THIS MEASURE HR136!!" -PLEASE Disregard my previous testimony.

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Aloha,

Our beautiful islands host many species of wild cetaceans, which perhaps makes it all the more disturbing to know these highly intelligent beings are held captive in remarkably small enclosures here in Hawai'i. In their natural habitats, cetaceans swim countless miles with their large family groups every day. They are able to dive, feed, socialize, and avoid one another freely. In captivity, they do not have these freedoms. They live in tiny tanks, where they interact with very few individuals of their own species, yet are forced to interact with or perform for humans on our demand. These small enclosures often serve as an echo chamber of noise, which is a source of torment for animals with such advanced hearing capabilities. Additionally, due to the shallowness of the water, there are times during the day when these animals are unable to escape the blazing sun, which results in sunburn. In no circumstances could captivity ever provide an adequate environment for cetaceans.

Mahalo for your time,
Lillian Renfro-Robeau
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Prathyusha m	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: It is unethical and unnatural to put animals in captivity. Putting them in captivity will only suppress their natural behaviour which counters the idea of animal captivities being educational to children. Besides this will encourage the hunting of certain species and disturb the environment of the seas.

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Allie Tennant	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Captivity is NOT educational, nor are the dolphins happy living in tiny tanks eating dead fish. Their home is in the ocean with their families, NOT being enslaved for profit.

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When I think of Hawaii, I think of beautiful nature and wildlife living freely in a paradise. When I went to Hawaii for the first time, I was saddened to see captive dolphins performing tricks at the resort where I stayed. It ruined the trip for me. Every day, we passed by the small enclosure for these beautiful mammals that would normally have an entire ocean to live in. I let the resort know how disappointed I was to see these animals being used for entertainment and was told that as long as it's legal, it will continue. I decided I would never stay in Hawaii again at a place that used these majestic creatures for a profit. I haven't been back to Hawaii since and I'm not sure I'll visit again until HR136 passes.

It is unethical to isolate a highly intelligent and social animal from its natural environment. The dysfunctional social structure of captive cetaceans is known to cause unnatural aggression and stress, resulting in injury, illness, or death to the animals and to humans. Educational content delivered by a captivity facility is often inaccurate and misleading, as animals are performing theatrical "tricks" rather than displaying natural behaviors.

I urge Hawaii to stop using cetaceans for entertainment and keeping them in captivity. I urge Hawaii to pass HR 136.

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Rick Hill	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: This bill is a travesty. There is no scientific evidence to support any claim this bill helps the public or protects marine mammals. Dolphins in accredited facilities under human care live longer, healthier, and happier lives and science supports that fact. Stop this now or expect your pet to be next.

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M Boynton	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: We have known since 'Flipper' came out, if not before, that cetaceans are highly intelligent and social creatures and should not be held or bred in captivity for entertainment purposes. The fact the practice has been allowed to continue for so long is sad testimony to our willingness to put income before the wellbeing of these magnificent creatures. I look to Hawaii to set the standard for the US and end this practice, together with Sea World, and support organizations such as the Marine Mammal Center which seek to educate the public about sea mammal wellness.

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Rachel Arias	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: PLEASE STOP THIS! THIS IS CRULE AND IN-Humane!! PLEASE DONT LET THIS PASS.

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March 21, 2017

Dear Sirs and Madams,

Aloha, my name is James Duff and I am writing to ask for your Full Support of H.R.NO.136

I believe Hawaii should vote to discontinue all forms of captivity of cetacean's whales, dolphins, and porpoises. I agree with the HR136 resolution concerning all cetaceans being highly intelligent and complex social beings.

I am a frequent visitor to Hawaii islands and have visited captive dolphin facilities around the world to witness the shocking conditions in which they are subject to living in these small pools usually in view of their ocean homes such as in Oahu and Hawaii.

I think it is a disgrace to humanity that we allow such facilities to exist in our modern advanced state of civilization. To me I believe it is an extremely uncivilized way to treat our ocean dwelling friends.

I Love Hawaii and I think there is No Aloha Spirit involved in the captivity and breeding of captive cetaceans on any island of the great state of Hawaii. I consider cetaceans to be emotionally much more fully developed than human beings in ways we humans cannot understand yet.

Please let your conscience be your guide that the just and right thing to do is to phase out captive cetaceans and to stop this industrial breeding programs in the State of Hawaii. Hawaii can be a leader in the world showing compassion and care for the rest of the world to see and follow.

Please do not issue any new permits to captive facilities of cetaceans. Please do not allow the construction of any new captive facilities anywhere in Hawaii.

Please support H.R.No.136 with a Yes Vote.

Thank You and Mahalos,
James Duff
Sonora, California

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House Committee on Agriculture
March 22, 2017, 9:30AM

Lendy Leslie
Kihei, HI 96753

HR136 & HCR208 – URGING HAWAII FACILITIES THAT HOLD CAPTIVE
CETACEANS FOR ENTERTAINMENT PURPOSES TO DISCONTINUE
BREEDING AND TO PHASE OUT CAPTIVITY

Thank you for reviewing my testimony. I write in SUPPORT of HR136 & HCR208 to phase out the captivity of cetaceans for entertainment purposes.

I testify on behalf of the 111k+ people who signed a petition I authored to end dolphin captivity in Hawaii through a phase out process that would cease the breeding and transport of cetaceans held for entertainment purposes.

It is essential that Hawaii end this unjust practice based on the below principles:

Ethical- Cetaceans do not fare well in captivity. Dolphins are highly intelligent and generally social animals. Paradoxically, the attributes that have made them so attractive to captors are also the characteristics that should disqualify them as captives. According to the National Inventory of Marine Mammals (November 2013), causes of death for cetaceans in Hawaii facilities have included, “food poisoning, capture related, died at capture, killed by another dolphin, drowning, jumped out, trauma, and failure to thrive.”

Ecological- Dolphins are predatory hunters and most participate in cooperative hunting. Evidence from sampling stomach contents suggests bottlenose dolphins (*Tursiops truncatus*) may even dive depths of 1600 ft/ 500 m (Folkens et al., 2002). A life in captivity denies them of deep dives, natural hunting behaviors, and attaining fresh food.

Educational- Captivity not only affects the lives of cetaceans, but it deceives us in how to properly care for these animals. For example, federal law protects wild dolphins from "harassment," yet theme parks offer daily performances where animals must engage in staged behaviors and theatrical tricks. Under the Marine Mammal Protection Act, regulations also forbid feeding or attempting to feed any marine mammal species, but theme parks incorporate feeding the animals as a part of the "encounter" experience.

It is unnecessary and irresponsible to isolate these animals from the marine environment to perform abnormal behaviors that ultimately

provides inaccurate education. Cetaceans play a critical role in their ecosystem and to disconnect them from such is a misrepresentation of their importance and Hawaii's values.

Cetacean captivity was not Hawaii's idea; its introduction has manipulated Hawaiian culture and regard of marine life. As Hawaii's state motto "Ua Mau ke Ea o ka 'ina i ka Pono" declares, the life of the land is perpetuated in righteousness. Restoring this imbalance in our ecosystem, education, and ethics is essential for this generation and those to come.

Thank you for reading my testimony and considering my words.

Deepest aloha,

Lendy Leslie
Kihei, HI

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J. Woo	Individual	Support	No

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jay sweet	Humans for oceans	Comments Only	No

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veronica	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please help! This is hurtful to your own environment. Thank you.

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Bailey Heagie	Individual	Support	No

Comments: No more animal cruelty, please!

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Kevin lewin	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Dolphins should not be held captive

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Whitney Cloud	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Dolphins are intelligent and sensitive creatures, and it is cruel to keep them in captivity.

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rebekah whitfield	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please stop keeping cetaceans in captivity. These amazing, intelligent, and beautiful creatures should not have their entire lives ruined by being held captive and living in ways that evidently make them unhappy as their normally docile behavior can become aggressive and the animals exhibit signs of stress. Thank you for your time.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
emanuela sala	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I want to express my strongly support of HR136 & HCR208 because Cetaceans, which include dolphins, whales, and porpoises, are highly intelligent and social animals, in India they gained the status of non-humane persons. Public opposition to the keeping and display of captive cetaceans has increased in the United States and worldwide. The dysfunctional social structure of captive cetaceans is known to cause unnatural aggression and stress, resulting in injury, illness, or death to the animals and to humans. The life span in captivity is much shorter than in the wild because they are not meant to be captive or kept in chlorinated tanks. Educational content delivered by a captivity facility is often inaccurate and misleading, as animals are performing theatrical "tricks" rather than displaying natural behaviors. It is unethical to isolate a highly intelligent and social animal from its natural environment, sentient beings that can swim 100km per day...it is time to recognise them as the Humans of the sea and to show that we, the HUMANS can feel compassion for other sentient beings that share this Planet with us. Thank you for your attention. Sincerely Emanuela Sala

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Kelly Copley	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Please, stop captive breeding. Phase out all captivity of living beings for profit and entertainment. There are so many reasons, ultimately, be kind, humane and do the right thing. I hope that your decision is respectful of life and sets a remarkable example for our children. Thank you for your time.

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Committee on Agriculture
Wednesday, 03-22-17 9:30AM
Re: HR 136

Dear Committee Members,

Thank you for taking the time to read my testimony regarding the **rejection of H.R. 136**. I would like to voice my unending support for accredited marine life parks and their captive cetacean populations in the Hawaiian islands (and beyond!). These facilities not only provide the highest quality care but they serve as an incredibly important educational opportunity for humans all over the world to learn about these magnificent animals and understand ways to protect their wild counterparts. Zoos, aquariums and marine life facilities provide the opportunity for children and adults alike to make an intellectual and emotional connection to animal life that is impossible to replicate in a classroom. For the success of wild populations I absolutely believe that humans need to make these kinds of connections in order to care about animal life. Without these types of in-person interactions, humans can become apathetic to the plight of creatures they have no personal connection to and it puts animals the world over more at risk than ever before.

Organizations such as Dolphin Quest set the bar for countless marine parks across the world with their unparalleled dedication to the care and enrichment of the animals in their charge. They conduct incredible research projects with top level college researchers (including Harvard University, for example) that are impossible to replicate in wild populations due to the training and trust that is long established between the animals and their caregivers. The data resulting from these studies improve health care for a myriad of species and directly correlate to better protecting wild populations. These opportunities for the animals to actively participate in these studies is equally important, as new training and ever-changing daily routines stimulate and enrich their bodies and minds.

Labelling a marine park such as Dolphin Quest as simply an “entertainment” organization is an incredible disservice to the work they do on behalf of cetaceans and the public. There is no admission fee to watch and learn about the cetaceans at Dolphin Quest. Charging money for guests to enter the water and interact with the animals is the best way to provide the level of quality diet, health care, and qualified staff that support the cetaceans’ well-being. If this is going to be labeled as entertainment, then I ask you to remember that education and entertainment are not diametrically opposing concepts. In fact, the power of combining the two is consistently a **more effective method of reaching an audience, teaching them and having them retain the information and apply it in their everyday lives.**

I ask you today with this testimony to think bigger, and think about the animals and their welfare. Aggressive “animal rights’ groups” act far too often on their own personal, emotional responses, rather than listening to the science and the facts concerning the actual well-being of the animals they claim they are trying to protect. Marine parks such as Dolphin Quest warmly welcome the opportunity to share all of the data and facts that illustrate how **the animals in their care are living longer, healthier lives** due to the unparalleled medical care and enrichment they receive.

Please consider what “Phasing out” cetaceans under human care would look like. The vast majority of cetaceans under human care in accredited facilities were **born and raised in this captive environment**. The nature of the social structure of these animals is that they are social learners, meaning their survival skills are taught to them by their mothers. The animals in these captive populations have NO experience in the wild and it would be an absolute death sentence to even consider releasing them into an ocean where they will **no doubt perish from either starvation or predation** due to a lack of skills taught to

them in their lifetime. There are many examples of this exact scenario happening, including the release of Keiko (the famous Orca the motion picture “Free Willy” was based on). There is an incredible lack of understanding in the general population that “**Free Willy**” **DIED** after his well-publicized release as he was rejected by his original pod and suffered the slow death of starvation and loneliness, after being taken away from the life he knew and the trainers who built a relationship with him. **This is what happens when human emotions are thrust upon animals without regard to the decades of scientific research** that is ignored by the “passionate” human activists. I would instead ask you to consider the cruelty of taking an animal that has built a **lifetime of trust** and relationship with humans and deprive them of the care and the companionship that these animals depend upon for their high quality of life.

The animal rights’ groups will try to make you believe, based only on their **OWN** feelings, that the cetaceans in Hawaii are miserable in their existence. This is not based on any peer-reviewed or scientific research. Instead, the research shows cetaceans in environments where their needs are not only met but exceeded, including at facilities such as Dolphin Quest, these animals **thrive**. They build strong bonds with one another, as well as with their human companions. They trust their caregivers to provide for them. They trust humans to care to them. I believe we have a duty to protect them in the way that is best for **THEM**. In doing so, we as humans also benefit from the opportunities to educate, and teach compassion for their counterparts in the wild.

On behalf of the welfare of the cetaceans living and thriving in marine parks in Hawaii, and for benefit of Hawaii’s future human generations, please do not support this house resolution (H.R. NO. 136).

Thank you for your time and dedication to cetacean welfare.

Mahalo,
Meagan Brogan
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March 21, 2017

To: Hawaii State Legislature, re: H.R. 136

I urge you to pass H.R. 136. Dolphins are not fish. They are highly intelligent, social mammals. In the wild, dolphins swim with their pod (a social group) up to 40 miles a day. They use sonar to both understand their world and hunt for prey—sonar is as important to dolphins as eyesight is to humans. Just like people, dolphins crave safety, love, and companionship. A baby dolphin will stay with its mother for up to 5 years, and in some dolphin families, “aunts” have been known to serve as babysitters. In the case of orcas, young remain with their mothers for their entire lives.

In captivity, which includes swim with dolphin programs, dolphins are trained to behave unnaturally as amusement for people. They perform for food rewards and eat dead fish instead of their natural, live prey. They are severely restricted in using their highly-developed sonar. Captive dolphins suffer from sensory deprivation, frustration, nutritional deficiencies, and boredom, leading to aggression, self-mutilation, stress, and depression. They die from intestinal disease, chlorine poisoning, and ulcers; many are put on anti-acids, such as Tagamet. When young are born in captivity, the close bond they form with their mothers is broken far too soon, as they are often confined to separate pens or sold individually to other parks or aquariums. But the parks do all they can to keep this information from the public. People often think dolphins are happy in captivity because they look like they are smiling, but dolphins cannot make facial expression. They just suffer.

By passing H.R. 136, you will set an example that Hawaii can be proud of!

Sincerely,

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susan hays	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Please support HR136, it is unethical to isolate highly intelligent and social animals like cetaceans.

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Diane Gerard	Individual	Support	No

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Shamshekhan	Individual	Support	No

Comments: • Cetaceans, which include dolphins, whales, and porpoises, are highly intelligent and social animals. • The County of Maui has prohibited the exhibition of captive cetaceans since 2002. • Public opposition to the keeping and display of captive cetaceans has increased in the United States and worldwide. • The dysfunctional social structure of captive cetaceans is known to cause unnatural aggression and stress, resulting in injury, illness, or death to the animals and to humans. • Educational content delivered by a captivity facility is often inaccurate and misleading, as animals are performing theatrical "tricks" rather than displaying natural behaviors. • It is unethical to isolate a highly intelligent and social animal from its natural environment.

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Sharon Marchman	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Cetaceans, including dolphins, whales, and porpoises, are highly intelligent and social animals. Public opposition to the keeping and displaying of captive animals such as these is growing worldwide. Release all these beautiful animals and let them live peacefully in their natural habitat. They are not meant to "perform" for people.

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meaghn clifford	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Animals deserve rights as humans. They are damaged by being held in captivity for human entertainment. In captivity, dolphins have a lower survival rate than in the wild. They are unable to communicate, hunt, roam, mate and play as they would in the wild. The stress of their confinement often results in behavioral abnormalities, illness, and lowered resistance to disease and death. I support the passing of this measure to improve the quality of life for these sea creatures and all that are held in captivity. You wouldn't want to live in a cage and entertain another species, would you?

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rena k seibert	Individual	Support	No

Comments: This is why I believe Hawaii should phase out cetacean captivity: -It is unethical to isolate a highly intelligent and social animal from its natural environment. - The County of Maui has prohibited the exhibition of captive cetaceans since 2002. - Public opposition to the keeping and display of captive cetaceans has increased in the United States and worldwide. -Cetaceans, which include dolphins, whales, and porpoises, are highly intelligent and social animals. -The dysfunctional social structure of captive cetaceans is known to cause unnatural aggression and stress, resulting in injury, illness, or death to the animals and to humans. -Educational content delivered by a captivity facility is often inaccurate and misleading, as animals are performing theatrical "tricks" rather than displaying natural behaviors.

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Kaitlyn Yee	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Faith Knoblauch	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Educational content delivered by a captivity facility is often inaccurate and misleading, as animals are performing theatrical "tricks" rather than displaying natural behaviors. Furthermore, I believe it is unethical to isolate intelligent and social creatures from their natural environment.

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Andria Pearson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: The dysfunctional social structure of captive cetaceans is known to cause unnatural aggression and stress, resulting in injury, illness, or death to the animals and to humans. We must end this cruel practice! Hawaii should be the leader in this movement. Respecting the 'aina and all her creatures.

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Bethany Bates	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Good Morning, I wish to express my support for the above mentioned Measure in regards to animals in captivity. Cetaceans, which include dolphins, whales, and porpoises, are highly intelligent and social animals. It is unethical to isolate a highly intelligent and social animal from its natural environment. Access to the internet has made the need to capture these beautiful creatures for "educational purposes" obsolete. We need to support legislation that gives a voice to living creatures that cannot speak for themselves. No intelligent creature should be locked up in a minimal environment for our amusement. Thank You

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Bethany Bates	Individual	Support	No

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Forrest Allen	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I oppose this resolution about captive cetaceans in Hawaii. Interactive facilities are educational and are using their programs to conserve not only cetaceans, but our oceans. The only reason my family visits Hawaii is to spend time at Dolphin Quest learning about marine mammals, their behaviors and how our daily actions can impact the environment and our oceans. Their animals receive exceptional care and the trainers are extremely knowledgeable.

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Caroline Mitchell	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I am writing in support of HR136. I do not believe that cetaceans, intelligent and social creatures, should be bred or kept in captivity. There is growing public opposition to such captivity. In addition, unnatural situations such as this can result in injury, illness, and death to innocent creatures. I urge the Hawaiian government to put a stop to these practices. Thank you for considering my opinion. Caroline Mitchell

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Forrest Allen	Individual	Comments Only	No

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Jolena Des Alexandra	Individual	Support	No

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maleah thomas	Individual	Support	No

Comments: It is unethical to capture a highly intelligent and social animal for entertainment. They deserve a life free of captivity

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Rupali Amerkar	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Captivity kills, its a very cruel practice to enslave n hold captive cetaceans for humans entertainment and to humiliate them by making them perform unnatural tricks and deny them their freedom. Please help those that have no voice to convey their plight n suffering ☐👉

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Lisa Maier	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Just a few thoughts: 1. Cetaceans, which include dolphins, whales, and porpoises, are highly intelligent and social animals. 2. The County of Maui has prohibited the exhibition of captive cetaceans since 2002. 3. Public opposition to the keeping and display of captive cetaceans has increased in the United States and worldwide. 4. The dysfunctional social structure of captive cetaceans is known to cause unnatural aggression and stress, resulting in injury, illness, or death to the animals and to humans. 5. Educational content delivered by a captivity facility is often inaccurate and misleading, as animals are performing theatrical "tricks" rather than displaying natural behaviors. 6. It is unethical to isolate a highly intelligent and social animal from its natural environment.

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3/21/2017

Burkhardt, George

House of Representatives
State of Hawaii
HR136

To whom it may concern:

I am writing you today to urge the House of Representatives of the State of Hawaii to pass HR 136. Holding cetaceans in captivity is an outdated and cruel practice which must come to an end. Captive cetacean breeding programs must also come to an end as this is an unnatural practice which in no way demonstrates living conditions in the wild. The claim of the educational value of these captive facilities is false as in the living conditions and forced breeding does not demonstrate the dolphins natural behaviors in the wild.

These cetaceans, as with any animal kept in a cage, have the wild instinct to swim for miles a day, build their own social structures and develop naturally in the wild without any outside stress or influence. I have witnessed the amounts of anti-anxiety and anti-depressant medications that are required to keep these animals alive while performing for hours all day, every day. This is something that most marine parks keep out of their educational materials. I am sure that most marine park and swim with dolphin patrons are not being told that the dolphins they are about to swim with are “drug addicts”. There are plenty of opportunities for vacationers and anyone interested in learning more about wild dolphins available. People can observe them in the wild with professional whale and dolphin watching captains and naturalists which provide a richer, fuller and more educational experience without causing any harm to the animals themselves.

I appreciate your attention regarding this matter and allowing me to submit a testimony for this most important House Bill. The time has come for the human race to end the practice of keeping cetaceans in captivity. There is no benefit and no need for these types of “entertainment” facilities.

**Thank you for your attention,
George Burkhardt**

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Ge	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Cetaceans, which include dolphins, whales, and porpoises, are highly intelligent and social animals. These beautiful creatures should not be captured, taken from their homes and bred. They are not commodities, they are living beings and should be treated as such. Please ban future captive cetacean breeding and transfers in Hawaii. Thank you

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Ernell Kamalu

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Re: Testimony in Support of HR136/HCR208

Aloha

I wanted to voice my support of HR136/HCR208 in urging Hawaii facilities that hold captive cetaceans for entertainment purposes, to discontinue breeding and to phase out captivity.

Since when is it okay to capture these beautiful and intelligent creatures that belong in our oceans, and imprison them in pens that effectively trap them from normal activity and socialization that is inherent with these creatures in the ocean. We've separated them from their families and their own society.

Enough already. Please stop the inhumane practices that have been present for decades. My heart aches every time I see a trapped, penned cetacean in a tank that they cannot swim freely to hunt, play and thrive.

These beings are one of the most intelligent on the planet and we have so much to learn from them. Being penned and held captive is likened to the dark ages.

Mahalo for your attention and support.

Ernell Kamalu

Advocate for Humane Treatment of all Creatures

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kerry	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I have watched for years the torment cruelty and torture that these sentient beings endure from the drive into a cove, to the manhandling, the the rick g over them with boats the ripping babies from mothers, the vomit and blood from the dolphins out of sheer panic. And the stabbing and murdering of thousands. The captivity industry is destroying the oceans and ruining lives of mammals that are known to be extremely intelligent and feeling. It's is NOT OK!' Don't support it

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Sammarye Lewis	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am requesting your compassionate Support of HR 136 with your YES vote. We can all advance humanity and compassion to a new level of kindness and caring for Nature, as advised in the United Nations World Charter For Nature. I believe there is No Aloha Spirit in the Captivity of Cetaceans in Hawaii. Tourists will have great joy seeing them free in the Ocean, rather than suffering in captivity in tanks, isolated from their families and freedom. The World is watching for Hawaii to lead the way for our ocean brethren. Thank you

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Hawaii State Legislature

29th Legislature, 2017

To Whom It May Concern,

Please support HR 136 for the sake of the cetaceans, which includes dolphins, whales, and porpoises, which are highly intelligent and social animals that do not deserve to be held in captivity. The captivity of these creatures causes high amounts of stress and aggression that can result in injury, illness and even death to both the animals and to humans that may train these animals.

Please consider supporting this bill to ban future captive cetacean breeding and transfers in Hawaii.

Thank you,

Brittany Tisza

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Jodi Turner	Individual	Support	No

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HR136/HCR208 - Urging Hawaii facilities that hold captive cetaceans for entertainment purposes to discontinue breeding and to phase out captivity
Hearing: Wed., March 22, 2017, 9:30AM - Room #312

Dear Chair Creagan, and Co-chair Decoite,

Thank you for taking time out to read my testimony. I support HR136 and its efforts to discontinue breeding and to phase out captivity by facilities in Hawaii that hold captive cetaceans for entertainment. Please help end the outdated use of intelligent and highly social marine mammals, who are subjected to live in a context that is immensely unlike their natural surroundings or natural home, the sea.

I am concerned about Hawaii's maintaining facilities such as these, year after year, for focused profit in the guise of education. My experience as a paying visitor is that the parks are primarily profit focused in regards to the uses of the cetaceans and very little education. I am a visitor to these parks quite often, checking water quality, shade, injuries to mammals, behaviors due to lack of stimulation, the quality of dead fish they are handfed, and to ask questions of the trainers or park personnel. I don't get paid to do it, I do it because when a community member sees something happening in their community that does not feel authentic or is injurious to another - whether human or animal, it's our duty as citizens, our kuleana to report and share our concerns. *Years ago, Oahu marine parks used to be about respect towards the mammals, now it is how much physical use can the parks get out of the mammals.*

I wasn't always like this, and before 2008, was uneducated about the short lifespans of most captive dolphins in marine parks. I even worked at one of the Oahu facilities for 4 months, until it dawned on me, that the behaviors of these cetaceans weren't of those that I have seen most my life as a boater at sea. I felt the dolphins at Oahu's marine facilities were always looking. Looking for stimulation or looking for a bit of food to eat. Constantly swimming back and forth and in circles trying to catch the eye of a park trainer (the holder of the fish.) I realized that this was it, a small pool of chlorinated sea water, with nothing to play with, nothing to stimulate their immense curiosity. I learned that captive cetaceans even stop using their sonar capabilities as they no longer need it. The fish are fed to them dead, daily. No miles of swimming or diving as normal behavior would allow, just pacing.

The more I realized this the more I wanted to know about the marine mammals at our parks here and I became familiar with the animal inventories, which is public information via CETA BASE and found out some very unfortunate news. It was surprising how many common, bottle nose and spinner dolphins, including small whales experienced immensely short life spans at these parks.

On another note, as a 37-year resident of Oahu, I am someone who values the culture of Hawaii and I have grown to honor and cherish life in these islands - though I did not sense culturally that retaining wild species in a captive setting is in alignment of Hawaii's values. Especially, when I have learned about the symbiotic relationship of voyaging and marine mammal migrations and the amakua of the sea. The Naia' (dolphin/porpoise) is one of them.

Healthy and diverse marine mammals such as the primarily held bottlenose dolphin, here in Hawaii are scientifically proven to be highly cognitive and self-aware mammals. *They are known to have deep social bonds, and are hard wired to forage for food in the open oceans that would take them distances of 40-100 miles in the process. That's like swimming from Waimanalo to the North shore and back every day.* Part of evolving mental capacities are their socialization skills and curious behaviors which take place during these long swims and sometimes deep dives.

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Unfortunately, a chlorinated pool with gates to contain movement in a captive facility, will not ever, quite be large enough for a full and satisfying life as a marine mammal.

Lastly, I find the elementary education available at these parks (if even correctly given) does not outweigh the mammal's containment. The research on-site at these parks is minimal at best.

With easily attainable access to current film and videos, documentaries and live cams, the practice of holding onto captive cetaceans seems like an immensely outdated business model.

Today, several US states and 14 countries have banned or restricted captive cetaceans - Please support HRI36 so Oahu and Hawai'i island can join with Kauai and Maui county (including Lanai and Molokai) to bring our state out of the past, in the way we treat mammals, and into the future by ending this outdated "entertainment model." Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Lorraine Garnier
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Ashley Hernandez	Individual	Support	No

Comments: It's a sad situation to treat animals as slaves and entertainment and they are kept in tight quarters versus the wide open ocean. And for what? What reason is there for their enslavement?

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Savannah Hopkins	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I cannot believe that the idea of practically imprisonment and keeping whales and mammals (dolphins of all kind) in captivity is still in debate. It's about time to let these WILD animals live freely and happily in the WILD. Please please have compassion and set these beautiful creatures, the VERY FEW WE HAVE LEFT free to live. Is it even a question? The outcome of this shows what kind of people are making these decisions... Seeing these animals in the wild is so much more satisfying than seeing them in a small pool, to them probably the size of a toilet bowl. Also, you may want to update your website because it's not mobile compatible and probably 70% of people submitting their testimony will be doing it via mobile device. Thanks -Animal Lovers worldwide

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Jackie Vieira	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: NO MORE CAPTIVITY FOR ENTERTAINMENT OR FINANCIAL GAIN. THIS IS ANIMAL CRUELTY AND I PLEASE URGE YOU TO LET THESE BEAUTIFUL CREATURES BE FREE. I SUPPORT NRDC

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Testimony
Measure HR136
End Breeding and Phase out Captive Dolphins/Whales/Cetaceans

March 21, 2017

This is a subject that I am very passionate about along with millions and millions of people around the globe. In January of 2015 in Miami, Fl., we held the largest march in history for a captured cetacean; Lolita that is her stage name, her birth name is Tokitae. She is the only surviving Orca of all that were captured and taken from Seattle Washington in the early 70's. People have fought for her to be free for 46 years. There has been documentary's, news stories, advocates, monetary offers, people have traveled and donated from around the world to free her. Tokitae's family still alive, she has been tested and she still shows comprehension of her exclusive language between herself and family. Tokitae is unique in the fact that after 46 years of captivity she is still healthy and has all her teeth. She stands alone in this regard.

In captivity the life span of dolphins and Orca's are cut in half, most only living for 10 years or less in captivity. Children born through the breeding program in captivity; usually do not survive for more than five years.

It has been proven that an Orca's brain is 5 times the size of a human's. They have two emotion centers in their brains which make them (scientist argue) possibly smarter than humans, but they also have their own language that is strictly known to the members of their own pods (families). Very social mammals, they thrive with the company of other's , learn to protect, swim, hunt and protect others in their family.

I believe their level of intelligence can be easily seen through their behavior. Dolphins, Whales and Porpoises, all have their own languages and speak to each other. They stay with their families and are totally loyal to their entire pod. They will feed the sick, carry the wounded and ill, bring them to the top of the water to breathe. They have learned behavior the same as a human and a recognition of self as recently discovered about dolphins. They have a real emotion and caring of their young members of the pod, usually the sister of the mothers, help teach the child how to breathe, dive, swim and hunt. They have a hierarchy of their families and pods; such as in Orca's it is the females that are the head of the family. It has been argued that they should be given the title of "human" due to their higher intelligence. They will split

off in order to save the mother and children, the males going one way and the females with children going the other, as captured in the documentary "Black Fish".

SeaWorld was not successful in their "breeding program" or their captivity program for one reason; that reason is; the practice of humans using animals for entertainment is over. It is a barbaric practice and no longer has a place in society. The majority of people view it as cruel; as they do the elephants being beat in order to learn tricks in a circus. For that reason the Ringling Brothers and Barnum Baily circuses are now phasing out all elephants. SeaWorld has given up their breeding program and phasing out their captive Orca's. No one wants to teach their children that it is O.K. to torture animals and take them away from their parents, killing others in the process.

Let us not forget the fact that many cetaceans have committed suicide in captivity, again showing that they know they can choose to die instead of being a captive. Hugo (Tokitae's tank mate), slammed his head repeatedly against the cement walls of the tank until he died. There have been many cases of this occurring as well as dolphins refusing to come up for air and making a conscious choice of suicide. Orca's chew constantly on the metal locks and barbs on the walls ruining their teeth, trying to escape, some going crazy as a POW would. Most Orca's dive 150 feet in the wild, catching their own food and learning to hunt with their families since they work together to survive. They cannot dive when they are in a 30 foot pool and so they start to go crazy slowly but surely. They are fed dead fish and only if they do a trick, or they are left hungry until they learn. Cruelty is what we give them as humans.

In the case of Tilikum, the Orca who killed two of his trainers in Florida; No Orca has killed humans in the wild, it is not their nature and we are not considered prey by them. Tilikum killed because he went crazy, he was used for his sperm in the breeding program. He was drugged terribly to keep him calm. In the documentary, "Black Fish" they show actual footage of how he missed a cue by the trainer and came up to get a dead fish, obviously very hungry and she refused to give him one, then after another pass or two, he grabbed her. You cannot tame something that is wild by nature and as intelligent as a human being. It is wrong on every level.

There have been many documented cases of Dolphins and Porpoises having saved humans in the wild from sharks and other man eaters. In return we thank them by killing their entire families in front of them, grabbing the "pretty" ones to sell for millions and leaving the rest for dead. The coves turn red from all the blood we have shed (can be seen in documentary "The Cove"). This is a humanity issue, it is an issue of what we as humans will do for money and what is acceptable and what is not. Where do we draw the line?

Please be a leader in this movement Hawaii, show the world what being “a good steward” really means. People do not come to Hawaii to see animal cruelty; they come to see them in their natural habitat, to experience your breathtaking beaches and your outstanding people. We need to grow and develop as human beings and it can start with you and the example you set, right here and now. I pray you do the humane thing.

I feel as if it would be a black mark on your beautiful islands and resorts to entertain in this arena. Now they have unique alternatives that would capture the attention of everyone; that is the holograms of animals, stars, etc. that look like they are in front of you close enough to touch them. Light shows and entertainment to go along with all of it would draw crowds from all over the world. Huge virtual reality screens to swim with the dolphins and yet be cruelty free. Please be a leader in this regard. Thank you for the opportunity to have my testimony heard.

Thank you,

Robin Jewell Roberts

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Allison	Individual	Support	No

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Lynda Barry	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Marine cetaceans are highly intelligent and social animals. In their native habitat, the ocean, they lead complex and closely interconnected lives along with familial pod members. When creatures such as these are kept in captivity they lose their natural connections and relationships. They become a caricature of their natural form. I strongly urge the recommendation of this bill so that we can pay proper respect to the ocean that surrounds Hawai'i Nei and allow all it's creatures to live their natural lives. Mahalo.

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Yediel Kadosh	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Cetaceans are highly intelligent and social animals. It is both immoral and unethical to isolate these animals from their natural environment and social groups. We have witnessed first hand the deleterious effects of captivity on these animals and can no longer hide behind ignorance as a defense to captivity. The County of Maui has prohibited the exhibition of captive cetaceans since 2002. Moreover, public sentiment both domestically and internationally continues to grow more and more against these practices. There is no cost/benefit analysis to be done here. The cost is great and the benefit is nonexistent. There is no educational benefit derived from cetaceans held in captivity. Their behaviors in captivity are unnatural, their lifespans are drastically shortened. Hawaii must lead the country in its progressive policies towards wildlife, not entrench itself on the wrong side of history.

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Kristen Toone	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Cetacean captivity should be phased out in Hawaii, as well as globally. The cetaceans (dolphins, whales, and porpoises) are highly intelligent and social animals that keep their familial pod for their lifetimes. To deprive them of this social structure by keeping them captive causes unnatural aggression and stress, resulting in injury, illness, or death to the animals and to humans. Public opposition to the keeping and display of captive cetaceans has increased in the United States and worldwide, and rightfully so. To see pods of cetaceans in the wild, where they might enjoy the wake of a boat or their free swimming in the sea, versus cetaceans performing theatrical "tricks", is a stark reminder that captivity is not and can never be natural, and nor is it ethical. When one witnesses the capture of live cetaceans from their families in the open ocean, it is truly heartbreaking and a tragedy to know that humans can and should do so much better than keeping these social and intelligent animals in captivity. Cetaceans belong in the ocean, free to live and not for our own amusement.

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Hurst-Dreyer Barrie	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: If you have watched The Cove or Blackfish then there is no way you can feel good about keeping dolphins in captivity or breeding them in captivity. It is a sad life they live and I encourage everyone to educate themselves on exactly what the captivity industry does to sentient mammals. It's just wrong! Humans have come to realize that captivity for these mammals is cruel. Think about it, if you had to live in your bath tub for years on end, do you think you would be happy?

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dillon clayton	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Cetaceans are beautiful and intelligent creatures that do not belong in cages. They are too social to be held captive.

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tye block	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I would just like to add that it is imperative that captive dolphins not be permitted on the islands of Hawaii. Dolphins deserve fair treatment and be able to live free in the oceans with their families. They do not deserve to be imprisoned and experience cruelty. It is setting a bad example for Hawaiians and the human race in general. Let them swim free.

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Chloe Williams	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Hawaii is a place known for its love of all flora and fauna but above all natives and their ancestors have a deep respect for cetaceans and their non-human status. This is why Hawaii should set an example and end this barbaric practice just like California.

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luce	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Wild dolphins should not be held as captives. They have a right to be wild and free. They are social, complex animals who should be in their large social pods, with space to swim at speed, depth and survive by eating live fish. In captivity all of that is deprived.

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Dennis ONeill	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I was shocked to find that the state itself does not ban captive Cetaceans, and that the state itself is not as enlightened as the County of Maui which has prohibited the exhibition of captive cetaceans since 2002. Tourism is a significant industry for Hawaii, but people visit the islands for their natural beauty, and cultural attributes, and very few to see highly intelligent sea mammals being cruelly held in captivity. it would be great if the State of Hawaii could advance into the 21 Century in environmental awareness, and action. Thank you.

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Tina L Trudeau	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please leave these highly intelligent animal alone and live a peaceful life.

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Shane Axcell	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Dear Sir or Madam, I'm writing to urge you to support this measure to end breeding and transport of cetaceans for entertainment. I cannot imagine how stressful this must be for the animals. It is also completely unnecessary. These animals should not even be in captivity, much less hauled around for human entertainment. I believe it is unethical and inhumane to keep these animals in these conditions. They are highly social and intelligent. They should be free in the wild or released to ocean sanctuaries.

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nelson hadler	Individual	Support	No

Comments: WE need to stop keeping dolphins, capable of life outside captivity, in captivity.

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Lyra Brennan	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Cetacean captivity is not only cruel and inhumane to highly intelligent animals, but trends across the globe show support the phasing out and discontinuation of captive breeding and cetacean entertainment. Don't lag behind, Hawaii! The world looks to you when it comes to protecting natural resources and the treasures of our planet. Support this measure!

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Danielle DeVoy	Individual	Support	No

Comments: My greatest cause that I support is the freedom of whales and dolphins. I am so excited that Hawaii is pioneering the way in animal and environmental advocacy against evil corporations that want to hurt these animals for profit. Seeing the award winning movie, The Cove, changed my life. The County of Maui has prohibited the exhibition of captive cetaceans since 2002. Public opposition to the keeping and display of captive cetaceans has increased in the United States and worldwide. It is unethical to isolate a highly intelligent and social animal from its natural environment. Continue the good work that Maui has started and pass HR 136!

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Chaylin Holford	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am in support of this measure.

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Orion Rankin	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha to all, The Hawaiian culture is all about coexisting with the Aina not holding her captive for tourist attraction and profit. We need to understand that simply because another species does not communicate in the way us humans do does not mean that they are any less intelligent or deserve less rights to freedom. There are ways of communication and intelligence that exceed far beyond our understanding. We cannot let entertainment and profit dictate the freedom of other beings. I support this bill and hope that those whom are not in favor will look within themselves and ask the question, "would I want to be Held captive in a caged in environment for the sole purpose of entertainment?" Mahalo, Orion Rankin

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing in support of resolution HR136, the Phasing out Cetacean captivity and end to breeding in Hawaii captive facilities. As a marine researcher and ocean lover, it troubles me to see how cetaceans are treated while in captivity both here in Hawaii, as well as around the world. The commodification and ill treatment of these animals has been well documented in films such as "Blackfish" and "The Cove." Some of the animals currently in captivity in Hawaii, such as the spinner dolphin, have seen wild populations decrease in recent decades. The current NOAA fisheries guidelines call for people to maintain a distance of 50 meters from wild individuals, and to limit viewing time to 30 minutes. Attractions in Hawaii that offer "swim with dolphins" experiences send the message that it is allowable to be in close proximity to these animals, and even to interact with them. This is sending a mixed message to visitors and residents alike that these animals can be approached, which could endanger wild populations.

The living conditions at all captive facilities for cetaceans in Hawaii are subpar. Many of these animals would normally travel a great distance in an average day, and dive to great depths to hunt for food. The animal body size compared to size of artificial habitat often borders on cruel. While many children may become inspired by viewing these marine organisms, I want to remind you that many are also inspired by humpback whales, without a single one being in captivity here in Hawaii. If animals are held in enclosures as part of their rehabilitation, or when releasing them into the wild would be harmful. They should not be made to perform, or to interact with humans for money. I do not support captive breeding of these animals, and would like to see current animals phased out over time until only wild populations are present in Hawaii. I hope that you will consider passing this legislation.

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Kathryn Pamiroyan	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I believe that keeping highly intelligent and social animals such as dolphins, whales and porpoises in captivity is cruel as do many. Public opinion opposing this type of captivity has been increasing in general over the past several years. There are many ways to share and educate the public on these beautiful and intelligent animals, keeping them in captivity for these purposes, again, is cruel and in light of recent technology truly not necessary. Creating an interactive experience would serve the same purpose. Please pass this bill and give those "entertainment" facility who continue to keep these creatures in captivity a time frame to retrain and release them back to their natural environment. Sincerely...

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Sylvie	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please support this testimony! As a 16 year old it pains me to see the effects of captivity on wild animals that are not meant to be kept in small enclosed areas and even worse it ensures that these animals can never return to the wild. These creatures aren't accustomed to such tiny amounts of play room and it takes a toll on their emotional and physical wellness. If one had the choice between being kept in a small cage for their entire lives, their only purpose being to entertain a stronger and smarter capturer vs. a life of freedom what would the answer most likely be?

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SREEDEVI OLAPPAMANNA	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am a regular nature lover who thinks that its high time to break the cruel culture of captive breeding. I strongly feel captive breeding and transfers of dolphins must be banned.

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Victoria Canelon	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Conserve. Respect. Protect!

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Thadcha Bala	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Please do phase out dolphin captivity

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
lisa gahart	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Hi there, I am testifying in support of HR136. I personally feel that it is unethical to isolate a highly intelligent and social animal from its natural environment. Watching dolphin and other aquatic mammal shows is always heart breaking as it is hard not to feel empathy for the animals that are forced to do tricks and put on a smile for pure human entertainment. These animals should be free to live in their natural habitats and not in captivity. I truly hope that you consider my testimony as it is very dear to my heart. Thank you.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Carlos Sanchez Candenas	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please stop dolphin captivity in Hawaii!!!

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Paulette Zimmerman	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Cetaceans, which include dolphins, whales, and porpoises, are highly intelligent and social animals. • The County of Maui has prohibited the exhibition of captive cetaceans since 2002. • Public opposition to the keeping and display of captive cetaceans has increased in the United States and worldwide. • The dysfunctional social structure of captive cetaceans is known to cause unnatural aggression and stress, resulting in injury, illness, or death to the animals and to humans. • Educational content delivered by a captivity facility is often inaccurate and misleading, as animals are performing theatrical "tricks" rather than displaying natural behaviors. • It is unethical to isolate a highly intelligent and social animal from its natural environment. In light of the above, I strongly support HR 136 and ask that you bring an end to the captivity and breeding of cetaceans. These fellow beings deserve to live in the way Nature intended.

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Lisa Gribble	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Keeping these animals in captivity is unethical as much as it is cruel.

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Christiaan Schuit	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Nathan Roche	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please stop and prohibit the holding dolphins in captivity in Hawaii. Dolphins are highly intelligent and do not belong in an aquarium tank, this is a terrible and unhealthy environment for them. They cannot be happy confined in such a small space, sometimes for decades, dolphins should be swimming in the sea with their fellow cetaceans. There is no longer any reason or excuse for Hawaii to have captive dolphins, or dolphinarium shows. People can get more meaningful and informative entertainment by seeing whales and dolphins in the wild - especially in Hawaii with so many opportunities for this. As for science, dolphins can now be far better studied in the wild than in the unnatural captive environment where they cannot exhibit most of their natural behaviour. It is time to develop more respect for non human life, recognise the rights of whales and dolphins to their freedom, and stop captures and holding them in captivity.

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Amanda Halloway	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I cannot imagine that in 2017 Hawaii is still even considering keeping dolphins captive. I grew up in Hawaii and visited Sea Life Park as a child and an adult. It is incredibly sad that these majestic mammals are being kept in tanks and are forced to perform for humans. There are so many opportunities to see them in the wild in Hawaii and if people understood that the state of Hawaii embraces these creatures in their natural habitat more people would venture out to enjoy them much in the same way as the whale tourism is conducted. I have taken excursions to swim with wild dolphins and even though we did not come across any I much prefer this to the captive programs. I look forward to a progressive Hawaii going forward into the future.

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sharon h	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am part of the growing public opposition to the keeping and display of captive cetaceans, in the United States and worldwide. I support all efforts to end dolphin captivity in Hawaii and am pleased to learn that Hawaii State Legislature introduced a Resolution, HR 136 and HCR 208, that would phase out cetacean captivity for entertainment purposes, including discontinuing the breeding and transport of Hawaii's cetaceans. Cetaceans are highly intelligent and social animals and the the dysfunctional social structure of captive cetaceans is known to cause unnatural aggression and stress, resulting in injury, illness, or death to the animals and to humans. Furthermore, educational content delivered by a captivity facility is often inaccurate and misleading, as animals are performing theatrical "tricks" rather than displaying natural behaviors. Simply put, It is unethical to isolate a highly intelligent and social animal from its natural environment and to exploit an animal for human entertainment is immoral and inhumane. No one in their right state of mind will find any meaningful value in the capturing, breeding, and raising, of animals for, basically, the main reason of exploiting them for profit. Please see that this practice is discontinued once and for all. Thank you.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Gina Rogers	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: It is highly unethical to isolate an intelligent and social being. Captivity is cruel and completely unnecessary. Captivity is known to cause stress, aggression and injury to other mammals and humans. This is not the way forward and I hope a ban will be approved.

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Antoinette Cardozo	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Please consider banning captive cetacean breeding and transfers in Hawaii. These species deserve to be free in the wild, and respected for their intelligence. Continuing this practice will only contribute to humans extinction at a much faster rate.

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Julieta Vahanian	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please put a stop to the breeding of captive cetaceans! These mammals are intelligent, sentient, and unique. If we could understand their language like they understand ours, they would plead for their freedom.

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Michael Dean Chesen	Individual	Support	No

Comments: • Cetaceans, which include dolphins, whales, and porpoises, are highly intelligent and social animals. • The County of Maui has prohibited the exhibition of captive cetaceans since 2002. • Public opposition to the keeping and display of captive cetaceans has increased in the United States and worldwide. • The dysfunctional social structure of captive cetaceans is known to cause unnatural aggression and stress, resulting in injury, illness, or death to the animals and to humans. • Educational content delivered by a captivity facility is often inaccurate and misleading, as animals are performing theatrical "tricks" rather than displaying natural behaviors. • It is unethical to isolate a highly intelligent and social animal from its natural environment.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Paola Castano	Individual	Support	No

Comments: We request that Hawaii State Legislature urge Hawaii facilities that hold captive cetaceans for entertainment purposes to discontinue breeding and to phase out captivity. Cetaceans, which include dolphins, whales, and porpoises, are highly intelligent and social animals. • The County of Maui has prohibited the exhibition of captive cetaceans since 2002. • Public opposition to the keeping and display of captive cetaceans has increased in the United States and worldwide. • The dysfunctional social structure of captive cetaceans is known to cause unnatural aggression and stress, resulting in injury, illness, or death to the animals and to humans. • Educational content delivered by a captivity facility is often inaccurate and misleading, as animals are performing theatrical "tricks" rather than displaying natural behaviors. • It is unethical to isolate a highly intelligent and social animal from its natural environment. thank you.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Teresa Tario	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: PLEASE cease the breeding of these intelligent animals for entertainment and money purposes. As a person who rehabilitates wildlife to RETURN to the wild, I DO NOT support these practices. Please do what is right for this species. DO NOT BREED. Thank You, T.Tario

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
ADRIENNE WILSON	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Animals are not for our entertainment. The breeding of any animal should be illegal. These poor animals should not have to live in such small and disgusting habitats to make a buck or to entertain humans. Please oppose!

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kathi Cooley	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I am in favor of the recently introduced legislation which would end the breeding and transport of cetaceans for entertainment purposes. Cetaceans (dolphins, whales, and porpoises) are highly intelligent and social animals. They are sentient beings. Public opposition to the keeping and display of captive cetaceans has increased in the United States and worldwide. The dysfunctional social structure of captive cetaceans is known to cause unnatural aggression and stress, resulting in injury, illness, or death to the animals and to humans. Educational content delivered by a captivity facility is often inaccurate and misleading, as animals are performing theatrical "tricks" rather than displaying natural behaviors. It is unethical and cruel to isolate a highly intelligent and social animal from its natural environment. For these reasons, please pass H.R. 136.

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Don Wiur	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Following much scientific study, Dolphins, Whales, & Porpoises, have been determined to be highly intelligent animals, & should not be held in captivity. There are examples of some of these animals even assisting humans to survive & assisting humans in fish catching. Dolphins, Whales, & Porpoises held in captivity have shown uncharacteristic aggression & stress, resulting in injury, illness, or death to the animals & to humans. It is unethical to prevent a highly intelligent animal from being in its natural environment. I urge the Hawaii State Legislature to put an end to the captivity of these highly intelligent animals.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Julie Junk	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Marine mammal captivity is an incredibly inhumane, completely unnecessary, heartbreaking practice. The abuse these highly intelligent, social creatures endure while trapped in tiny spaces and forced to perform ridiculous tricks, extends to irreversible psychological and physical damage. We need to stop this perpetual practice.

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Vienna Ray	Individual	Support	No

Comments: All cetaceans should be born and raised and live a long full life in the wild. It is unhumane and unethical to keep wild creatures in captivity when they long to be free.

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Jeannine Bloss	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Key Points • Cetaceans, which include dolphins, whales, and porpoises, are highly intelligent and social animals. • The County of Maui has prohibited the exhibition of captive cetaceans since 2002. • Public opposition to the keeping and display of captive cetaceans has increased in the United States and worldwide. • The dysfunctional social structure of captive cetaceans is known to cause unnatural aggression and stress, resulting in injury, illness, or death to the animals and to humans. • Educational content delivered by a captivity facility is often inaccurate and misleading, as animals are performing theatrical "tricks" rather than displaying natural behaviors. • It is unethical to isolate a highly intelligent and social animal from its natural environment.

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Linda T Avinger	Individual	Support	No

Comments: MAR 20, 2017 — Aloha from Hawaii, I write with exciting news! Great progress has been made in efforts to end dolphin captivity in Hawaii. Legislature has heard your petition and introduced a Resolution that would cease the breeding and transport of Hawaii's cetaceans in captivity for entertainment purposes. It is crucial that we have your continued help. Please SUBMIT A TESTIMONY expressing your SUPPORT of HR136 & HCR208 before Wednesday, March 22, 2017. To send your polite statement of support: 1.) Go to www.capitol.hawaii.gov and register. 2.) Search for measure HR136. 3.) Click "Submit Testimony" and select "Support." 4.) Express why you think Hawaii should phase out cetacean captivity. Key points are listed below for your reference. Your testimony and support are valuable as we request that Hawaii State Legislature urge Hawaii facilities that hold captive cetaceans for entertainment purposes to discontinue breeding and to phase out captivity. • Cetaceans, which include dolphins, whales, and porpoises, are highly intelligent and social animals. • The County of Maui has prohibited the exhibition of captive cetaceans since 2002. • Public opposition to the keeping and display of captive cetaceans has increased in the United States and worldwide. • The dysfunctional social structure of captive cetaceans is known to cause unnatural aggression and stress, resulting in injury, illness, or death to the animals and to humans. • Educational content delivered by a captivity facility is often inaccurate and misleading, as animals are performing theatrical "tricks" rather than displaying natural behaviors. • It is unethical to isolate a highly intelligent and social animal from its natural environment. Humans do not have a right to use animals for our amusement, it is immoral.

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Sharon Newman	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support Hawaii's phasing out of cetacean captivity for the following reasons: • Cetaceans, which include dolphins, whales, and porpoises, are highly intelligent and social animals. • The County of Maui has prohibited the exhibition of captive cetaceans since 2002. • Public opposition to the keeping and display of captive cetaceans has increased in the United States and worldwide. • The dysfunctional social structure of captive cetaceans is known to cause unnatural aggression and stress, resulting in injury, illness, or death to the animals and to humans. • Educational content delivered by a captivity facility is often inaccurate and misleading, as animals are performing theatrical "tricks" rather than displaying natural behaviors. • It is unethical to isolate a highly intelligent and social animal from its natural environment.

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

Comments: I support this bill. Cetaceans have feeling and emotions and deserve more than to be held captive for human amusement.

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21 March 2017

To: The Hawaii State Legislature

Re: Dolphin Quest Support

Dear Hawaii State Legislators,

I am writing with concern over the recent resolution (H.R. No. 136) regarding a proposed ban on captive breeding of cetaceans as well as a plan to phase out their public display in Hawaii. Animals at Dolphin Quest on Hawaii and Oahu receive exceptional care, led by world-renowned veterinarians who collaborate with scientists from around the world to share knowledge.

I have 25+ years experience studying behavior, acoustics, and communication of several delphinid species both in the wild and in captivity. I collect my data from the underwater perspective with support during the entirety of my career from eco-tourists. I have spent more than two decades studying wild Atlantic spotted dolphins (Bahamas) and Indo-Pacific bottlenose dolphins (Japan), and more than a 15 years in systematic comparative studies of three groups of captive bottlenose dolphins (Roatan Institute for Marine Sciences, Honduras; Dolphin Encounters at Blue Lagoon Island, Bahamas; Zoo Duisburg, Germany). I have also had the privilege to observe the dolphins at Dolphin Quest for an extended period of time. Although some claim that research in zoological parks is not relevant to wild populations, I find significantly more similarities in behaviors and vocal cues between individuals in all groups than I do differences. This assertion includes my observations of the dolphins at Dolphin Quest in Hawaii (both islands).

As a brief introduction, the Dolphin Communication Project (DCP) is the only organization to conduct direct comparative behavioral studies on both captive and wild dolphins – collecting our data via a focal follow, all occurrence sampling protocol in **exactly** the same manner at all of our field sites and then analyzing the data from all field sites also in **exactly** the same manner. We find no statistically significant differences between how dolphins exchange information – their signals as behaviors, postures, gestures or vocal cues, etc. – whether the dolphins are wild or captive. We have several papers published – see list below.

Specifically, my colleagues and I have examined whether individual dolphins from three wild and two captive groups exchange pectoral fin (aka flipper) contact in the same or different ways. Our results suggest that the messages dolphins share with each other via their pectoral fins (e.g., greetings via flipper to flipper touch, appeasement via flipper to body rubs, etc.) are conserved across dolphin species and study sites. The signals used and messages sent are roughly the same whether dolphins are wild or captive (natural lagoon or man-made pool), tropical or temperate in habitat.

Indeed, we are much closer to understanding dolphin cognitive comprehension precisely because of research with captive dolphins; Dr. Louis Herman and his colleagues at the Kewalo Basin Marine Mammal Laboratory in Hawaii spent several decades enlightening the scientific and public communities to the fact that dolphins can comprehend the

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components of language (syntax, semantics), that they have body awareness, can understand abstract labels, gestural pointing and human gaze directions. Similarly, the professional teams at Dolphin Quest are at the forefront of best practices in animal care, ocean research and direct action programs. Dolphin Quest is considered one of the top facilities in the world contributing to global knowledge on dolphin and ocean conservation and science. Dolphin Quest contributed more than \$3.5 million dollars in financial and in-the-field support of marine mammal studies that increases our collective knowledge of these animals providing an improved understanding of dolphin health, behavior, cognition and welfare, as well as how to protect them in the wild.

Conservation is a key issue in protecting our planet – both terrestrial and aquatic habitats and species. Presenting charismatic megafauna (e.g., dolphins) allows a facility to capture the attention of millions of people who will never visit the oceans. Facilities like Dolphin Quest allow people to connect to the animals and systems that drive our ocean planet. It is precisely because of these programs that many folks will become passionate about the oceans and protecting them.

Our understanding of dolphin physiology, behavior, and biology has increased dramatically, even exponentially, since the first marine park opened more than 70 years ago. This increased knowledge led to technological innovations that allowed facilities to greatly improve their husbandry practices as well as their enrichment, research, and educational programs. In fact, I believe that our understanding of dolphins would be a mere shadow of our current knowledge and collective expertise if we'd not been able to observe, study, care for, and maintain dolphins in captivity. We would know next to nothing of their physiology nor have any real insight into their mind or cognitive abilities. All of these arguments are relevant for other delphinids. Without a keen understanding of a species at both the group and individual levels, how could we even make informed decisions about conservation or management issues that would also benefit wild populations?

Conversely, there is no peer-reviewed scientific evidence to support the claims in this resolution (H.R. No. 136) that the animals in accredited, U.S. Government regulated facilities like Dolphin Quest are anything but healthy and thriving. Many of these claims are standard message points from animal extremist organizations that seek to break the animal-human bond and close all zoos and aquariums.

Our oceans are in peril. The number of people in cities greatly exceeds those in rural regions. These urbanites rarely get to interact with wild animals on land, much less visit the coastline or oceans. In fact, many residents of cities will only ever experience dolphins as a result of school trips or because of ready access to an aquarium. It would be the rare few who might ever see a wild dolphin or whale. Indeed, we have residents of cities join our eco-tours but we can accommodate 8-10 people per week program – and only are able to run a few programs each year to assist with our data collection field work! Yet, to protect these animals, the majority of the voices will come from cities and these people need a way to connect with these animals. They need an up-close and personal way to connect with our natural world and our oceans. Facilities like Dolphin Quest offer the personal connection to foster the next general of environmental stewards. Learning gained from working closely with cetaceans is used to help rescue, rehabilitate and release marine mammals.

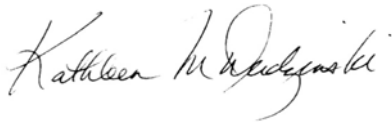
There are multiple layers involved in understanding another species; research results fuel and encourage a greater connection for humans as environmental stewards. All of the captive animals I have studied, including the dolphins at Dolphin Quest, are healthy, happy and enriched. The fact that captive and wild dolphin behaviors that I have studied are often statistically indistinguishable from each other supports my view. The benefits we gain from having these animals in human care, in captivity, are not just for research but also for conservation and education efforts.

In an effort to share what our community has learned from captive dolphins, John Anderson, Terramar Productions, and I produced a film titled *Understanding Dolphins*. Our film presents a fraction of what we have learned from studying captive dolphins. You can view this 26 minute film at the following link: <https://vimeo.com/92797184>

Please, please **do not support** this house resolution (H.R. NO. 136).

Thank you for your time and consideration. Please feel free to contact me with questions or comments.

Sincerely,



Kathleen M. Dudzinski, Ph.D.
Director, Dolphin Communication Project

Available Files:

List of Scientific Publications – captive versus wild dolphin comparisons

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PDFs available on request, and some are available for free download from the publications page on the DCP web site at: <http://dolphincommunicationproject.org/publications/scientific-publications.html>



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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Janet Kewley-Adam	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Supporting ban on future captive cetacean breeding and transfers in Hawaii. All cetaceans must be free to live in their oceans and not be held, or bred in captivity.

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A. Daum	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Please help put an end to captivity for dolphins and whales! These animals are too large and too intelligent to be able to thrive in a man-made tank of any sort. They should be free to live and roam the oceans as they are intended to do.

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Naomi Nicholson	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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Lauren Sheytanian	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please do the right this for these highly intelligent creatures. Be the voice for the voiceless. We are all part of the same planet.

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Brad Yoho	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I fully support HR136 based on the following key points: • Cetaceans, which include dolphins, whales, and porpoises, are highly intelligent and social animals. • The County of Maui has prohibited the exhibition of captive cetaceans since 2002. • Public opposition to the keeping and display of captive cetaceans has increased in the United States and worldwide. • The dysfunctional social structure of captive cetaceans is known to cause unnatural aggression and stress, resulting in injury, illness, or death to the animals and to humans. • Educational content delivered by a captivity facility is often inaccurate and misleading, as animals are performing theatrical "tricks" rather than displaying natural behaviors. • It is unethical to isolate a highly intelligent and social animal from its natural environment.

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Agnieszka	Individual	Support	No

Comments: End captivity and breeding of cetacean!!!

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Marie Louise Morandi Long Zwicker	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Captive Cetaceans must NOT continue to be held in captivity and must NOT be used for breeding purposes for the following reasons: Cetaceans, which include dolphins, whales, and porpoises, are highly intelligent and social animals. • The County of Maui has prohibited the exhibition of captive cetaceans since 2002. • Public opposition to the keeping and display of captive cetaceans has increased in the United States and worldwide. • The dysfunctional social structure of captive cetaceans is known to cause unnatural aggression and stress, resulting in injury, illness, or death to the animals and to humans. • Educational content delivered by a captivity facility is often inaccurate and misleading, as animals are performing theatrical "tricks" rather than displaying natural behaviors. • It is unethical to isolate a highly intelligent and social animal from its natural environment.

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Jana Pettinger	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: We abolished slavery in the United States years ago and this is no different. These wonderful creatures as well as so many animals are taken from their homes and put into captivity for the only reason to entertain and work for people. We must end this practice and bring back an ecological balance for now and the generations to come. Please take a stand and show an example to other States and countries to stop this practice. We need to live in harmony with each other and our surroundings. Thank you

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Ashley Cross	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I am against this type of animal cruelty, breeding, and captivity for these animals. Justice needs to be served & they need to be free. They do not need to be for entertainment. They should never have to be. This is horrible to do to such an intelligent creature. We need more compassion & we need to speak for these animals

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Dawn Sieger	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Please do not allow anymore cetaceans to be born in captivity. A few years ago I was blessed to be able to vacation on beautiful Oahu. At the time I bought my ticket to swim with and get pictures with dolphins. But about 1 year ago I was made aware of the devastating and traumatic way dolphins are captured for human entertainment. Unless they are mercilessly slaughtered for human consumption. Imagine being free with your family and then out of nowhere you are viciously captured and tortured with "training" forever separated from your loved ones. It's unimaginable. Please stop this horror now. Dolphins are beautiful and sweet cetaceans and should be beloved and treated with respect not forced to do tricks for us. Thank you.

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cindy walker	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: As a Maui County citizen, where our county has banned exhibitions of captive cetaceans since 2002, I strongly support HR 136 BAN on future captive cetacean's in Hawaii. As we know from scientific facts, whales and dolphins are highly intelligent, social animals. To hold these cetacean's captive for entertainment is not a positive message we want to promote in Hawaii. We are people of the land and sea and we should consider ourselves stewards of these animals. We need to educate & protect these magical wonders of our oceans, not imprison them to a life that, based on scientific facts, we know will condemn them to dysfunctional social behaviors, unnatural aggression, stress and in many cases death. It is against our culture and beliefs to steal these animals from their natural environment and in prison them in to isolation. Please do the right thing for these animals and for our culture and state of Hawaii. Mahalo nui loa

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In regards to the bill to end breeding and stop the transport of captive cetaceans I cannot voice my support enough. For decades we have held these animals in tiny areas for sole purpose of human entertainment. It is well known that these creatures travel hundreds of miles in a day and thousands within their life, yet they constantly swim in small circles all day long creating stress and depression in these animals. Studies have shown how intelligent cetaceans are, and yet we still confine them to these small spaces and force them to do tricks for us. To do these tricks often times trainers deprive the animals of food to get them to do a trick. So the animals are starved until they can no longer take it and succumb to doing these tricks.

It is also common knowledge of how dolphins and other marine mammals communicate. Dolphins also use echolocation to help find food or know what is around them. Both of these ways of “vocalizations” are high pitched and travel so far. Can you imagine those noises bouncing off the walls continuing to travel around the pen and cause confusion and destruction of their hearing?

Many people argue that it is viewing these animals that brings children wonderment and teaches them to love the animals. If that is the only way that children can learn to love a creature, how do we explain the fascination with dinosaurs that children have? We don't have them locked up in cages, yet still there is curiosity and love from people for these extinct animals. There are far too many other ways in today's society to learn about these animals and appreciate them. It is far beyond our time to stop this cruelty and end captivity, especially here in Hawai'i where we can go out to sea and see them playing freely in the wild.

I urge you all to seriously consider this bill and support it with all that you have. In a time where we have finally realized just how smart and social and playful these animals are, we must now stop their exploitation for our own entertainment. End captive breeding and transportation and help ensure healthy and happy lives for the future generations of our wild cetacean friends.

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Mandakini Ghai	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Ban future captive cetacean breeding and transfer in Hawaii. They deserve to live in their natural habitat and we have no right to hold them captive.

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Kimberly Young	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: These beautiful beings are meant to be free, the way God intended them to be. They are not here for human entertainment....so please free and release them into the world they are meant to be in the ocean. Thank you for you time.

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Gary Novosel	Raw Dog Hawaii	Support	No

Comments: I am a certified master scuba diver and absolutely in support of this measure. Gary Novosel. 3860 Round Top Dr Honolulu, HI 96822

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Cynthia Skandis	Individual	Support	No

Comments: • Cetaceans, which include dolphins, whales, and porpoises, are highly intelligent and social animals. • The County of Maui has prohibited the exhibition of captive cetaceans since 2002. • Public opposition to the keeping and display of captive cetaceans has increased in the United States and worldwide. • The dysfunctional social structure of captive cetaceans is known to cause unnatural aggression and stress, resulting in injury, illness, or death to the animals and to humans. • Educational content delivered by a captivity facility is often inaccurate and misleading, as animals are performing theatrical "tricks" rather than displaying natural behaviors. • It is unethical to isolate a highly intelligent and social animal from its natural environment.

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Janice M Hoffman	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am writing to support HR136. I wish I could be there to testify in person. Unfortunately, I'm stuck in the snow at home in Pennsylvania. One of my favorite places to vacation is Hawaii, and it is my hope that your reverence for the ecology of the state ALSO applies to its wild animals and sea creatures. I have been so disappointed with various companies and "tourist trade" organizations proposing capture / breeding and display of the wild creatures when they can (and should) be viewed by tourists from a boat in the ocean....in their OWN environment! I'm sure you're all aware of the reasons for supporting HR 136: • Cetaceans, which include dolphins, whales, and porpoises, are highly intelligent and social animals. • The County of Maui has prohibited the exhibition of captive cetaceans since 2002. • Public opposition to the keeping and display of captive cetaceans has increased in the United States and worldwide. • The dysfunctional social structure of captive cetaceans is known to cause unnatural aggression and stress, resulting in injury, illness, or death to the animals and to humans. • Educational content delivered by a captivity facility is often inaccurate and misleading, as animals are performing theatrical "tricks" rather than displaying natural behaviors. • It is unethical to isolate a highly intelligent and social animal from its natural environment. Please take these facts into consideration when you vote to SUPPORT HR 136 - for the animals, for Hawaii's outstanding reputation for caring for its environment and wildlife, and ultimately for the tourists like me who come on a regular basis to enjoy the beauty of your wonderful state! Thank you! Mrs. Jan Hoffman 16 Frosty Hills Drive Danville, PA 17821-9144 cell: 570-204-6823 email: janhoffman5@gmail.com

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Samantha Turetsky	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Cetaceans, which include dolphins, whales, and porpoises, are highly intelligent and social animals. The County of Maui has prohibited the exhibition of captive cetaceans since 2002. Public opposition to the keeping and display of captive cetaceans has increased in the United States and worldwide. Furthermore, the dysfunctional social structure of captive cetaceans is known to cause unnatural aggression and stress, resulting in injury, illness, or death to the animals and to humans. I believe, and science supports, that it is unethical to isolate a highly intelligent and social animal from its natural environment. Please do the right thing and ban captivity!

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Ellen Wertheim	Individual	Support	No

Comments: • Cetaceans, which include dolphins, whales, and porpoises, are highly intelligent and social animals. • The County of Maui has prohibited the exhibition of captive cetaceans since 2002. • Public opposition to the keeping and display of captive cetaceans has increased in the United States and worldwide. • The dysfunctional social structure of captive cetaceans is known to cause unnatural aggression and stress, resulting in injury, illness, or death to the animals and to humans. • Educational content delivered by a captivity facility is often inaccurate and misleading, as animals are performing theatrical "tricks" rather than displaying natural behaviors. • It is unethical to isolate a highly intelligent and social animal from its natural environment.

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Lisa Capozzi	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Please recognize these sentient creatures as deserving of the same freedoms that other intelligent beings enjoy. They breathe and bleed as we do and feel fear and pain as we do and thus deserve humane treatment. Please phase out the inhumane practice of cetacean captivity. Thank you.

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Susan Churella	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Everyone should see the documentary "Blackfish." It shows how the dysfunctional social structure of captive cetaceans is known to cause unnatural aggression and stress, resulting in injury, illness, or death to the animals and to humans. For example, Dawn Brancheau, an orca trainer at SeaWorld working with Tillicum, who had demonstrated aggression with humans before, was killed in the tank by Tillicum. In the wild, orcas do not intentionally harm humans.

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Autumn Penfold	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Cetaceans, which include dolphins, whales and porpoises, are highly intelligent and social animals. The dysfunctional social structure of captive cetaceans is known to cause unnatural aggression and stress, therefore resulting in injury, illness or death to the animals and sometimes humans. The so called "educational content" these animals are forced to deliver during shows does not demonstrate their natural behaviors, instead they are trained (not always nicely) to perform tricks that please a crowd. It is completely unethical to capture, relocate and isolate highly intelligent and incredibly social animals. They deserve to live freely within their natural environment not be forced to live for human entertainment.

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Jim Conroy	Individual	Support	No

Comments: The captivity of wild animals and cetaceans are despicable! I request that Hawaii State Legislature urge Hawaii facilities that hold captive cetaceans for entertainment purposes to discontinue breeding and to phase out captivity. Please do the right thing for the following reasons: • Cetaceans, which include dolphins, whales, and porpoises, are highly intelligent and social animals. • The County of Maui has prohibited the exhibition of captive cetaceans since 2002. • Public opposition to the keeping and display of captive cetaceans has increased in the United States and worldwide. • The dysfunctional social structure of captive cetaceans is known to cause unnatural aggression and stress, resulting in injury, illness, or death to the animals and to humans. • Educational content delivered by a captivity facility is often inaccurate and misleading, as animals are performing theatrical "tricks" rather than displaying natural behaviors. • It is unethical to isolate a highly intelligent and social animal from its natural environment.

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As highly intelligent and social animals, dolphins, whales and porpoises do not belong in captivity. The trauma of captivity is known to cause unnatural aggression and stress which results in injury, illness and death to animals and even the humans around them. It's unethical to isolate highly intelligent and social animals. The physical and psychological damage to these beautiful, feeling creatures is unconscionable. They employ cruel and painful tactics to "train" animals, forcing them to perform in an unnatural way in a tense environment. There is a growing and undeniable distaste for the display of captive sea animals of all kinds. These facilities tend to mislead the public; however documentaries and the internet have made the suffering of cetaceans public knowledge. And the public is decidedly against it. The County of Maui has lead the way by prohibiting the exhibition of captive cetaceans since 2002. Please follow their example by banning the breeding and transportation of cetaceans and vow to phase out all captivity of Hawaii's cetaceans for entertainment purposes.

Thank you for listening,

Shanna Cardea

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Banu Jini	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Dolphin captivity does not belong in Hawaii ! Time to end this cruelty.

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

Comments: Cetaceans and all other creatures deserve to live freely. They should not be forced in captivity for their whole life. You wouldn't like it, so how do you think they feel? I support this testimony!

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Wes Headley	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I believe you know the salient reasons why this bill should be signed into law. Here are my to three: 1. Cetaceans, which include dolphins, whales, and porpoises, are highly intelligent and social animals. 2. The dysfunctional social structure of captive cetaceans is known to cause unnatural aggression and stress, resulting in injury, illness, or death to the animals and to humans. 3. It is therefore both unnatural and unethical to isolate a highly intelligent and social animal from its natural environment. What other considerations outweigh all of the above? Please pass this bill.

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Hayley	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Ryan Miller	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: It is unethical to isolate a highly intelligent and social animal from its natural environment

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Belinda Eubank	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I support this.please keep animals out of captivity and entertainment use. Animals should not be used for any type of entertainment please do not allow their exploitation

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Carrie Trujillo	Maui Island Mermaids LLC	Support	No

Comments:

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Janet McDonagh	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Marine mammals that routinely swim hundreds of miles each day are poor candidates for confinement for any reason. Greed and only greed is the motivating factor behind the forced captivity of cetaceans especially for entertainment purposes. Any member of legislature who approves of cetacean captivity should designate a member of their family to experience the same horror of captive life for the rest of their life.

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jesse trujillo	Individual	Support	No

Comments: There comes a time when we need to take a look at our actions. Whether tradition or a practice by society when that action starts to cause more harm than good to our selves and and our environment it is time to stop and find smarter ways to move forward.

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Carolynn Huerta	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please pass this and help end cruel captivity of cetaceans! Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Annika	Individual	Support	No

Comments: The dysfunctional social structure of captive cetaceans is known to cause unnatural aggression and stress, resulting in injury, illness, or death to the animals and to humans. Educational content delivered by a captivity facility is often inaccurate and misleading, as animals are performing theatrical "tricks" rather than displaying natural behaviors. It is unethical to isolate a highly intelligent and social animal from its natural environment.

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nikki	Individual	Support	No

Comments: How would you like to be not only held captive, but born into captivity and exploited for entertainment purposes... probably not. Well, greed begets suffering. Dolphins and all cetaceans feel so much and suffer so much when in captivity. please have compassion and ban future captive cetacean breeding and transfers anywhere. Human beings should see and learn about animals in their native habitats where they live natural and happy lives. Not in some closed artificial aquarium where their echolocation just bounces off the walls and makes them feel lonely and depressed. There's something wrong with you in you feel no empathy towards them.

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Mandy White	Individual	Support	No

Comments: These animals are highly intelligent and it is cruel to keep them in captivity away from their natural environment.

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Stephanie McLaughlin	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Sally Lauder	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please consider the dysfunctional social structure of captive cetaceans is known to cause unnatural aggression and stress, resulting in injury, illness, or death to the animals and to humans. Please help support the move to end captivity. This movement is not going away. Kindest regards, Sally

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Hannah Apricot Eckberg	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support this measure and hope that as our elected representatives, you will head our call to support HR136. No animal deserves to live in a cage for the amusement of another, especially animals as intelligent as cetaceans! They are 100% better to see in the wild, and that is where they should stay! Don't let a few profit by the misery of others! Thank you for reading and heeding my testimony.

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Margarita Zabolotskaya	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Please, Ban future captive cetacean breeding and import/export dolphins in Hawaii! Thank you

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Nikola	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Save the dolphins!!!

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Maryrose Markham	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Confinement of cetaceans is wrong they need the freedom of the ocean and as such should not be held in captivity I believe the only place to view and enjoy cetaceans is in a natural environment the open sea.

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Lyndsay	Individual	Support	No

Comments: It is unethical to isolate a highly intelligent and social animal from its natural environment. Educational content delivered by a captive facility is often inaccurate and misleading, as animals are performing theatrical "tricks" rather than displaying natural behaviours.

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Natali Rivera	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Please ban definately the use of any cetaceans in entertainment. You know they belong to wild. This practice dont contribute at any matter to our society

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tanner mansell	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support this action.

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Sapna Patel	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Educational content delivered by a captivity facility is often inaccurate and misleading, as animals are performing theatrical "tricks" rather than displaying natural behaviors. It is unethical to isolate a highly intelligent and social animal from its natural environment. contact email: sapsandthecity@gmail.com

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Vanessa	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: It is unethical to isolate a highly intelligent and social animal from its natural environment. Please consider carefully what you are doing; would you allow a human to be treated the same way?

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From: ROB TILLER <r.tiller1@btinternet.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 21, 2017 7:41 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: Support HR 136

Dear Sir or Madam,

Please support HR 136 at the hearing on Wednesday 22nd March.

Dolphins are highly intelligent, complex beings and do not do well in captivity. It is therefore not good for them to be bred while being held in captivity.

Thank you.

Yours faithfully

Paula Dyer

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From: heleneobarry <heleneobarry@bellsouth.net>
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From: Linda Russell <linda.may.russ@gmail.com>
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Please do not breed dolphins, they cannot thrive in tiny concrete tanks, and don't deserve to be entertainment for humans. It's time to recognize this and stop keeping them. Regards Linda Russell.

AGRtestimony

From: Shergill <sherg@optusnet.com.au>
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2017 8:28 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: Measure HR136

Dear Sirs,

I am a resident of Australia and would like to submit my testimony in support of Measure HR136.

The main reason for my support to ban cetacean breeding and transfers in Hawaii is that i think it is very cruel to use these social and intelligent animals to perform tricks for the entertainment of humans, and give the impression that the animals are enjoying it. Please also note that i feel it is unethical to isolate animals from their natural environments where they are free to swim many miles a day instead of around in circles in a tank. I think these animals are far more important in their natural habitat than in captivity, and furthermore, tourists mainly enjoy seeing them wild.

Many thanks for listening to my concerns and considering whether to ban this practice.

Yours sincerely

Sandra Shergill
NSW
AUSTRALIA

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From: karen ashley <karen_ashley@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2017 1:45 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: HR136 and HCR308

Hi, my name is Karen Ashley and I am a private citizen living on Molokai. This testimony is for the dolphins being held in captivity. I ask that you will support measures to free them especially if they are not sick. They are brilliant and beautiful creatures and I have seen a school of one thousand in the wild. They protect their children by herding them in the middle with their mothers. The school travels at the speed of the baby dolphins and they all jump through the waves in unison, smiling as they go. They are notorious for saving humans from sharks, which is more than we have done for them as a rule.

I ask your compassion on these mammals who protect our interests in so many ways. I entreat you to act on their behalf as you would to free any human from enslavement so they can give of their joy freely as they always have once more. I feel that we will be rewarded with much goodwill from the ocean for recognizing their sovereignty.

Thank you for your aloha. Mahalo Nui Loa.

karen

AGRtestimony

From: aryn roth <arynroth1@me.com>
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2017 1:31 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: HR136

Discontinue the containment of Hawaii's cetaceans. Please realize cetaceans are not folly, for the entertainment of humans.

This measure is of utmost importance in order to continue natural breeding habits of these intelligent mammals in their natural habitat, the ocean.

If all goes well the cetaceans will continue on in time, long after political entities have interfered with peace on earth as it should be.

Thank you for the opportunity to speak on behalf of those with a different language.

AGRtestimony

From: Rochelle Maloy <rochelle1131@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2017 12:28 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: Support HR136

I support Hawaii House Resolution 136 which asks facilities that house dolphins for entertainment purposes to discontinue breeding, which keeps hundreds of these highly intelligent wild animals in captivity in perpetuity!

Mrs. Rochelle Maloy

AGRtestimony

From: Alexis Jamison <aejamison@mail.fhsu.edu>
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2017 12:16 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: Support HR136

Please support House Resolution 136. Marine mammals do not deserve to live their lives in captivity for our entertainment.

Thank you,

Alexis

Testimony on HR 136, Resolution on Captive Cetaceans
By Naomi A. Rose, Ph.D.
Animal Welfare Institute
22 March 2017

Good morning. I am Naomi A. Rose, Ph.D. and I am the marine mammal scientist for the Animal Welfare Institute, based in Washington, DC. I would like to thank you for allowing me to testify on HR 136, a resolution urging Hawaii facilities that hold captive cetaceans for entertainment purposes to discontinue breeding them and to phase out their display.

The toothed whales and dolphins are among the most intelligent, wide-ranging and socially complex mammals. Several species, including bottlenose dolphins, false killer whales, orcas, and belugas, are commonly displayed in captive facilities (also called dolphinariums). As a cetacean biologist, I believe that these species inherently cannot fully adapt to confinement in the small enclosures they are provided in most dolphinariums. All of these species share certain biological and ecological characteristics that do not allow them to *thrive* in captivity.

When dolphins were first commercially displayed to the public some 80 years ago, the world knew little about their ecology and behavior. Much of what researchers learned about them in the following decades came from studying them in captivity. However, studies on free-ranging animals, starting in the 1960s and early 1970s and continuing to today, have greatly expanded knowledge on their biology and ecology. At a minimum, the maintenance of these species in facilities for entertainment purposes is no longer supported or justified by the growing body of science on their biological needs.

Professionally, I have been addressing the welfare of whales and dolphins in captivity for almost 25 years. I have approached the question as a scientist and I have formulated arguments against the practice of displaying these species in dolphinariums that are science-based. When I first started my career as a marine mammal protection advocate, there was only a small amount of research, both from captive and free-ranging animals, supporting the position that the welfare of whales and dolphins is compromised by captive conditions and therefore my arguments were underpinned more by logic than data. When I first started and certainly for the years before then, whether the welfare of whales and dolphins in captivity was appropriately safeguarded was fundamentally an ethical question and often an emotional one.

Today, the arguments are much more solidly based in science and, quite frankly, common sense, given how much more we know about how these animals go about their daily lives in the wild. When the best a dolphinarium can provide these species is a space that is 1/10,000th of a percent the size of their natural home ranges, it should be obvious that they cannot make natural behavioral and postural adjustments, which is a fundamental requirement for good welfare. They cannot even swim in a straight line in a captive enclosure for more than a handful of body lengths, whereas in the wild, they do so for dozens – up to a hundred or more – miles every day.

Dolphinariums (indeed, the entire zoo community) often argue that people will only protect and love what they know. By this, they mean that people have to see and hear and even touch the real

animal to care enough to conserve it in the wild, hence the need for the public display of wildlife. In my direct experience watching the visitors at these attractions, most seem to be enjoying themselves, but I don't really observe a developing conservation ethic. As far as I can tell, the ethic doesn't arise at the zoo, aquarium or dolphinarium; either they were motivated to aid conservation before they came through the gate or they weren't and their visit didn't change either condition. There is, in fact, research to support my perception (1, 2).

Regardless, this argument is rather disturbing, if you look at it closely. If this "must see to protect" mantra is correct, then captive display facilities are condemning all the many species they don't display to extinction, which I don't think is where they mean their logic to lead. And of course there are many species no zoo, aquarium, or dolphinarium displays – for example, humpback whales, great white sharks, and all the dinosaurs – that are beloved by many an eight-year-old. So this argument seems sensible, but doesn't hold up to scrutiny. Thankfully, seeing a living individual isn't necessary to foster fascination with a species.

Zoos, aquariums, and dolphinariums should be promoting biodiversity, but simply by virtue of the limited number of species they display – species that will draw in visitors and "sell" a visit to them – they are downplaying its importance. An obvious example of this occurred when the Smithsonian's National Zoo in Washington, D.C., closed its invertebrate house. The zoo allowed lack of visitor interest to degrade its educational message about the importance of biodiversity, rather than work harder to make that educational message effective and compelling.

This focus on the "hard sell" is never truer than with species held in commercial facilities, as is the case for the vast majority of whales and dolphins in dolphinariums. People will pay a lot to see a whale or dolphin perform – although perhaps less than they would have only 5-6 years ago – due to the extraordinary interest the general public has for these most charismatic and "mega" of charismatic megafauna. But where profit is involved, issues such as species protection are clearly and obviously going to be secondary to customer enjoyment.

Captive displays may inspire awe in visitors when they come face-to-face with the world's amazing wildlife. But I don't believe they are creating empathy. I accept that *some* zoos and aquariums intend to foster empathy and connection in their visitors, but despite these intentions, not even the best state-of-the-art facility is creating respect for the animals as individuals who deserve to exist in nature, as part of the intricate tapestry of biodiversity. They really aren't connecting humans with nature. They are capturing a snapshot of a tiny corner of nature for humans to enjoy, which is not the same thing.

It's time for zoos, aquariums, and dolphinariums to take stock and decide on their future direction. They must stop displaying animals because they are cute, awe-inspiring, or beautiful, and start designing displays that showcase ecosystems, the food web building blocks, the little brown jobs that make the biosphere go 'round. They must make their invertebrate exhibits compelling. They need to come up with innovative and clever ways of making biodiversity and uncharismatic meso- and microfauna a strong draw. And most importantly from an animal welfare standpoint, they need to end the exhibition of large, wide-ranging species that do not thrive in confinement (3), like whales and dolphins.

I fully support HR 136, a progressive resolution that is consistent with society's changing views regarding captive whales and dolphins. Virgin Holidays and TripAdvisor, two behemoths in the tourism industry, have decided to restrict or end their promotion of certain human-wildlife interactions, including swim-with-dolphin encounters. When the world's business community starts responding to societal trends, you know the trends are real. Countries such as Costa Rica and India, states such as California and South Carolina, and even Hawaii's own island of Maui have come to the conclusion that the captive display of whales and dolphins for entertainment purposes should end. HR 136 describes a reasonable pathway toward this goal, through gradually phasing out the display of the whales and dolphins in captivity in Hawaii through ending their breeding in captivity.

This is not a draconian demand for all whales and dolphins to be released to the wild tomorrow. In fact, most of the whales and dolphins in captivity world-wide are not good candidates for a return to the wild and would need to remain under human care for the rest of their lives. Several projects to establish seaside sanctuaries – modeled after long-established terrestrial wildlife sanctuaries – are underway, in North America and Europe. Times truly are changing. The tide of history is turning – indeed, it has turned. Dolphinariums can voluntarily get on the right side of history and emerge as heroes – as the National Aquarium in Maryland has done, with the decision to close its dolphin exhibit and establish its own seaside sanctuary for them. Or they can stubbornly refuse to do so and be swept along, with all the chaos and damage such resistance to a swiftly rising tide can cause. One way or the other, the display of captive whales and dolphins will recede and eventually disappear, a relic of the past.

Thank you again for the opportunity to offer my testimony on this important measure.

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From: ju jo <jujoinflo@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2017 5:37 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: My Testimony for HR136

To all Concerned.

I am writing to plead that Hawaii be a leader, the compassionate empathic country that I know it is. I ask that you take the lead today and make the humane decision to end dolphin /cetacean captivity, to end breeding and phase out the completely the barbaric and outdated system of keeping these beautiful intelligent beings captive from their families, from the ocean and from their soul paths. It is totally unethical to keep these beings for entertainment purposes, it creates fear, stress, unnatural and aggressive behavior which is not natural in cetaceans, only brought about again at the hands of mans cruelty.

I am a animal healer and communicator, and reiki master, I can provide years of experience from working with these beings and detailed documentation supporting the facts that if we are looking for higher intelligence we do not need to look any further than our oceans and the life with in it. Please let them be free and protected, please take the lead so the rest of the world follow, and one day I feel Humanity may be taught again by them what we once knew, compassion, love and empathy for all beings.

Thank you for your time and for taking on board my comments.
Yours Sincerely,

Julie L. Johnson

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From: Shirley Massenzo <trixiegirl06@verizon.net>
Sent: Tuesday, March 21, 2017 8:04 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: "Support HR136"

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing on the issues of holding dolphins in captivity. As, you may know, there are many people in social media talking about the concerns of unethical isolation of a highly intelligent marine mammal and social animal from its natural environment.

Educational content delivered by a captivity facility is often misleading and inaccurate, as these animals are doing "theatrical tricks rather than displaying "natural" behaviors. When we visit to Hawaii, we do not bother to go see such facilities. My relatives on the islands are reminded by me of the negative impacts that the dolphins suffer, everyday. Their "signature smiles" are deceiving. They are not happy spending the rest of their lives enslaved to entertain ticket buyers.

I can go on. But, I am sure you have other letters of concerns to read. Thank you for taking your time to read mine.

** OHANA...means a lot to these dolphins. They belong to a sea sanctuary. Hopefully, they can move on out to the sea and start a new family. Mahalo.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dana Brunette	Individual	Support	No

Comments: It is unethical to isolate a highly social and intelligent animal from its natural environment.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
auggie michaelle	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: We have entered a new era of knowledge & understanding when it comes to our wildlife & environment. We need to continue to be forward-thinking & abolish placing wild animals in captivity for human entertainment. We've already learned that eco-tourism holds more economical prosperity while allowing our animals/environment to be safe, free, clean & healthy. British Columbia, Canada has passed a bill to end cetacean captivity. Let's not fall behind, end up as another Taiji, Japan or be the lead in a Blackfish type documentary. It's time to stop the barbaric & ignorant treatment of our fellow creatures we share this beautiful planet with. Auggie

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
MaríaGracia González	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Cetaceans do not develop well in captivity, and the actual dolphin captivity facilities they operate today on Hawaii have a history of animal abuse and illegal actions. Here are some examples: Sea Life Park (SLP), owned by Parques Reunidos & PALACE ENTERTAINMENT (also the owners of Lolita's Miami Seaquarium), is a marine park that has been open since the 60's. There have been 124 cetacean deaths of nearly 10 different species, many of which were wild captures in Hawaii, some from Japanese drive fisheries. Five of their current remaining dolphins were wild caught with an additional 13 captive bred. This park has a serious history of abuse (dolphins beat with poles, sea lions being dragged down stairs to name a few), unaddressed USDA violations, and has been holding a false killer whale (the last surviving cetacean from a Japanese drive fishery in the USA) named Kina hidden behind the scenes in a small shallow tub over a year and a half. Sea Life Park has moved away from shows only and now overwhelms their dolphin population with Swim with Programs (\$\$\$). This park is located on the island we reside on, Oahu. This is where the hearing will be held. Dolphin Quest (DQ) They breed and trade often to mainland. DQ recently FedEx-ed three bottlenose to the new Arizona Dolphinaris. They house 6-8 males at the Oahu location. They use them for Swim With Programs until sexual maturity, then will frequently transfer them over to their facility on the Big Island for breeding and continued Swim With Programs. This company was co-founded by Jay Sweeney, a well known "dolphin trafficker" in the 1980s. After catching over 80 wild captures while being a middle man for some of the Taiji captures and purchases on the side, he forfeited his capture permit and opened up DQ. Dolphin Quest has two locations, one on Oahu at Kahala Resort and one on The Big Island at Hilton Waikoloa. They own one other which is located in Bermuda.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Melody Lengenberg	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: It is unethical to isolate and keep those kind of extremely social and family oriented animals captive in small tanks, locked away from their natural environment. The need to swim free and should not be abused for mankind's entertainment in sea life shows and big aquariums. This only leads to stress, aggressions, disturbance and mental and physical illness. Captivating dolphins in aquariums, taking their freedom away is equally to locking innocent people away in prison and executing testings on them. No judge in the world would agree to this. Especially in Hawaii there is no need for those kind of marine attractions, since there's the open Pacific. Children may explore and experience the specialty of cetaceans, on dolphin or whale watching tours, which are already very popular and will even gain more popularity, as soon as aquariums do close. A focus on whale and dolphin watching tours will lead to more sustainability and will state a perfect example for substantial animal treatment. Please make an end to breeding and transfer of captive cetaceans.

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Katherine Cedro	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I agreee

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emily garibay	Individual	Support	No

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

Comments: Banning captive cetacean breeding and transfers is necessary in Hawaii. 124 dolphins have died at Sea Life Park alone and many, many more will die without the ban. Isolating a highly intelligent and extremely social creature from its natural environment is cruel and unethical. Though many people believe that the cetaceans are being kept for educational purposes, educational content provided by captivity facilities is oftentimes misleading and/or inaccurate. The animals are taught to perform rather than behave naturally, and thus any educational benefit is lost. Since the only real benefit from the captive breeding and transfers of cetaceans is human amusement, the only ethical thing to do would be to enact the ban. Please, benefit both the people and the animals around you, and ban the captive breeding and transfers of cetaceans.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Xavier Grenier-Legault	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Please please please stop breeding and holding dolphins captive in Hawaii, there is no beauty in captivity. Every animal and species has the right to be free just as me and you and others in the room. We wonder why they get angry and lash out at us but we already know the answer to their anger and that is to be free. Imagine yourselves in the same position as them. Do you like it? Please end this and show them that you really care and set them free. Thanks

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Please consider moving forward with plans to ban captive breeding of cetaceans, as well as ending the use of marine mammals as entertainment in aquariums and marine parks.

Marine mammals such as dolphins and whales thrive in wide open environments. These beautiful creatures thrive in marine ecosystems and are at risk of disease that they normally would not get if left alone in the oceans. They also need social interaction and constant stimulation so that they do not suffer from mental disorders and boredom.

I remember volunteering at a local aquarium and was assigned to the sea lion attraction. Part of my duties involved preparing the fish for their daily feeding schedules. In order to make sure the sea lions received the minimal amount of salt in their diets, the fish would be stuffed with salt tablets. I would also help clean the chlorine filters because the implementation of salt water tanks was not an option for monetary reasons, or so I was told. Sadly, every week at least one sea lion would be in the med tank, suffering from eye infections caused by chlorine. There was also very little room for these sea lions to really interact and it was quite normal for them to stay still until feeding time.

Imagine if humans were forced to live underwater. Instead of receiving clean air, we would need to live on recycled or manufactured air. This would be considered cruel. So why are we allowing marine animals to be forced to live in unnatural settings?

Hawaii can become one of the first states in our country to put animal welfare before money. Please do the morally right thing and ban marine mammal captive breeding programs and entertainment. Our society will receive more benefits from learning about these wonderful animals in their natural environments instead of in tanks.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Carol Ann Swan

Guilford Connecticut

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Cara Urabe-Rasoul	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Please discontinue caption emergency breeding & the use of animals for entertainment. These facilities are far too small, isolating & inhumane.

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cynthia	Individual	Support	No

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jessic steen	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: It is with great I hope I write this restamonial. These intelligent, social and wide-ranging creatures are forced to live in artificial, confined conditions, away from their natural family groups. Many die very young during capture, transport or in their tanks or enclosures. This is all needless and for our own mindless and selfish claim on a world and on another living creature that is not for us to claim. Please please make the right decision and help to take the steps to change our world into a better more peaceful and just place.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sunshine Eckstrom	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Cetaceans (which include dolphins, whales, and porpoises) are highly intelligent social animals. Keeping them in captivity (and often in isolation) is unethical and often results in such unnatural levels of stress that they suffer injury, illness, and death. Their life in captivity is so dysfunctional they may even show unnatural aggression which can be dangerous to their fellow captives and humans alike.

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Jonathan Doane	Individual	Support	No

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Cindi Buzzell	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: All Cetaceans belong wild and free. Not to be used for human entertainment purposes. I believe there should be sanctuaries set up for injured or non releases. All must be Sea pens, no tanks with artificial water. Better research is conducted in the ocean, not in a concrete environment. Please no more captures of any kind. We have plenty of captive Cetaceans all over the world and they are dieing at an alarming rate! Thank you in advance

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Zoë Galeano Lambert	Individual	Support	No

Comments: The dysfunctional social structure of cetaceans is known to cause unnatural aggression and stress, resulting in injury, illness, or death to the animals and to the humans. It is unethical to isolate a highly intelligent and social animal from its natural environment.

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April A West	Individual	Support	No

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Olga Bracamontes	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Cetaceans, which include dolphins, whales, and porpoises, are highly intelligent and social animals. I believe that these animals belong in their natural habitat, and not captured to the point where their well being is highly affected.

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Dale Slater	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am in support of measure HR136.

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HR136 & HCR208 – URGING HAWAII FACILITIES THAT HOLD CAPTIVE
CETACEANS FOR ENTERTAINMENT PURPOSES TO DISCONTINUE BREEDING
AND TO PHASE OUT CAPTIVITY.

Aloha,

Thank you for considering my testimony in SUPPORT of HR136 to phase out cetacean captivity for entertainment purposes.

While the confinement of cetaceans for entertainment purposes can be sufficiently opposed due to the educational, ethical, and ecological implications, I would like to offer another principle for disputing this unjust practice. Although not always the popular prospective, it is my personal reason for advocating against cetacean captivity.

Please consider the Biblical support of why Hawaii State Legislature should urge Hawaii facilities that hold captive cetaceans for entertainment purposes to discontinue breeding and phase out captivity.

As a Christian, I serve a God of freedom and deliverance. Through Jesus, my advocate, I have been freed from a life in captivity. I am no longer in bondage to my sins, but I am free in Him. As His follower, I have been commissioned to, “go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.” (Mar 16:15) I take this instruction both literally and figuratively and desire to see freedom for all whether it be physical or spiritual freedom. For me, these efforts are in step with the gospel message.

It's clear in Scripture that these creatures were formed to be in the sea. They are God's (Job 41:11; Ps 104:26) and we are to steward (Prov 12:10) them in a way that honors the Creator. Cetaceans do not perform “tricks” in the wild. In captivity, they must perform tricks to receive food, which not only denies them of natural behaviors like cooperative feeding, but also denies their Creator of the praise He is worthy (Ps 145:10; Ps 150:6).

I am convinced that God's mercy extends not only beyond the Jew to the Gentile, but also into all of creation. The Lord has compassion on all He has made (Ps 145:9) and He even pitied the cattle of Nineveh (Jonah 4:11). As the most valuable ones made in His image (Gen 1:27; Matt 5:26; Eph 2:10), may we do our part in reflecting His great love and mercy.

O LORD, what a variety of things you have made! In wisdom you have made them all. The earth is full of your creatures.

Here is the ocean, vast and wide, teeming with life of every kind, both large and small.

See the ships sailing along, and Leviathan, which you made to play in the sea.

(Psalm104:24-26 NLT)

Thank you for allowing me to share.

Sincerely,

Lendy Leslie

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Olga Bracamontes	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Cetaceans, which include dolphins, whales, and porpoises, are highly intelligent and social animals. I believe that these animals belong in their natural habitat, and not captured to the point where their well being is highly affected.

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Megan Rowe	Individual	Support	No

Comments: It is unethical to isolate a highly social and intelligent animal from it's environment. It is becoming increasingly unpopular throughout the world to participate in the captivity of these amazing mammals. Everything that can be done should be attempted to stop current captivity and end the perpetuation of new generations of captive cetaceans.

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chaskoyoung	Individual	Support	No

Comments: The unnatural social structure of captive cetaceans is known to cause stress and aggression, resulting in injury, illness, or death to the animals and to humans.

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Brian Whitlock	Individual	Support	No

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Nicole Thibault	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Aloha, Please ban dolphin captivity & breeding. Dolphins, like whales are complex social animals and are not well suited for a life in captivity. When confined, they are prevented from carrying out natural behaviors, which include roaming up to 100 miles per day, hunting live prey, and interacting with their pod mates—who also suffer when pod members are removed. Thank you for reading my comment. Mahalo

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Rachel Arias	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I FULLY SUPPORT THIS MEASURE!

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Marisol	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Free them all!!

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I support HR 136 that urges **all of Hawaii's Facilities**, places such as Sea Life Park and Dolphin Quest, that hold captive cetaceans for entertainment purposes to discontinue breeding and to phase out captivity. Cetaceans are highly intelligent and social animals. Being trapped in a tank or small man-made lagoons, strips their natural behaviors while they are forced to do silly tricks that misguides the public to believing these places are good and healthy for cetaceans. They completely mislead the public into believing that cetaceans are happy swimming around in circles without any type of stimulation when they are not performing or floating lifeless known as logging. It is quite the opposite. These types of behaviors are signs of stress and depression from living in an environment inadequate for their needs. The dysfunctional social structure of captive cetaceans is known to cause unnatural aggression and stress, resulting in injury, illness, or death to the animals and to humans. It is unethical and wrong to isolate a highly intelligent and social animal from its natural environment.

I personally have witnessed how dolphins end up in marine parks. They are torn away from their families to be forced into a life of slavery which is the captive industry. I volunteered and went to Taiji, Japan to help document the captivity/slaughter process, where they terrorize pods and force them into a shallow **cove, picking out the "prettiest" dolphins for marine parks and those who are not "suitable" are** slaughtered or are dumped back out to sea to fend for themselves without their family members. Many who are dumped are babies and juveniles who most likely would never survive without the adults. The **documentary "The Cove" explains the process that** ALL marine parks represent whether or not they are directly linked to Taiji. A documentary that many marine parks do not want their customers to know about. The captive industry is what promotes this dolphin hunt in the first place. These establishments hide the fact that many dolphins have come from this little dark town. I witnessed on the last day of my trip, 13 bottlenose dolphins taken from their family for a life of captivity. One family member died from the stress alone of watching their family being torn apart. I watched with my own eyes, two dolphins being held up in the water, forcing them to breathe, in their tiny little sea pen that they would now call home, until they were sold off to the highest bidder. Those two dolphins would rather be dead than live in a tiny sea pen without their family but they were forced to breathe, by the very same men who took them from their family. Family is important to many dolphin species and they rely on each other daily.

The State of Hawaii has a chance to be another leader by taking a stand and being a voice of all captive cetaceans. To show the world that Hawaii respects the lives of all cetaceans and that the captive industry is no longer welcome within all the island chains. The County of Maui has prohibited the exhibition of captive cetaceans since 2002. Now is the time for all other counties to follow in their footsteps. The more people learn about the dark truths behind this industry, more are opposing keeping and displaying captive cetaceans. The time is now for Hawaii to join this movement. Man was the first to take away freedom from so many innocent cetaceans, for our species to be entertained. It is now time to change that wrongdoing and do what is right for all cetaceans. Putting their needs first and letting them live out the rest of their lives in as natural setting as possible. Their lives are just as important as ours and it is time to take make a difference and be their voices.

I strongly support this measure to ban and eliminate the breeding and display of cetaceans.

Kirsten Ramirez

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Gloria Sharp	Individual	Support	No

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natasha exner	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Dolphins are so intelligent they don't deserve the absie of people held in captivity! Please STOP the breeding in captivity. Hawaii is such a beautiful place where dolphins swim free in the wild. Hawaii should set the example for the rest of the world.

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Matthew Habib	Individual	Support	No

Comments: These creatures, as said in the planned legislation, are highly intuitive and intelligent. There is absolutely no need for captive breeding or captivity in general, especially as its aim is to make money off of the exploitation of these beautiful creatures. We will really step forth to a new age once this legislation is passed, and it will serve as an example for other states and even countries all around Gods green earth.

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ashley perkins	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Please ban this.

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Emilee	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: No animal should ever be held captive. They were not given to us just for us to stare and gawk at them all day. They are beautiful creatures that deserve just as much freedom as anyone else.

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Ksana	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am against the abuse of dolphins and other cetaceans I am against the abuse of dolphins and other cetaceans. I am against keeping them in captivity for entertainment

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Emily Sepeta	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha. My name is Emily Sepeta and I fully support any and all efforts being made to end the barbaric practice of keeping cetaceans in captivity for profit and entertainment. It is difficult for me to find the words to express how important this is for animals rights and well-being. I moved to Hilo, HI in 2007 to study marine mammals at the University of Hawaii, Hilo. I chose to study wild spinner dolphin behaviors and humpback whale population dynamics. After extensive academic and field research, it becomes apparent that these animals are intelligent and complex in ways that us humans will never fully understand. Cetaceans have long been regarded as intelligent, curious, and playful animals. There are so many reasons why keeping them confined in a concrete prison cell is detrimental to not only their physical health, but (perhaps most importantly) their mental health. It has been widely documented in the scientific community that cetaceans (mostly bottlenose dolphins and orcas) possess an incredible sense of self, perhaps similar to our own consciousness. They recognize themselves in mirrors, have different names for each other, and even have different languages that vary depending on the location of the population. An argument is often made that keeping a cetacean in captivity is parallel to keeping a human in captivity. In extreme cases when an individual cetacean is kept in solitary confinement, the animal exhibits marked "stereotypic behavior" such as neurotic movements, scraping teeth against metal, chewing on concrete fixtures, ramming metal bars, spy-hopping, excessive logging, circular swimming, etc. The list literally goes on and on. These are behaviors that are not documented in the wild and can only be attributed to the animals extreme boredom and loneliness. Due to a poor diet and stereotypic behaviors many captive cetaceans need extensive dental procedures to kept their roots from getting infected. their teeth are ground down to nubs and the root is exposed. When this happens to a human we know it causes immense pain. Even when cetaceans are kept together in captivity, it is akin to forcing humans from different societies/cultures/languages to live within the confines of a prison cell. The animals speak different languages and have different societal hierarchies. They cannot understand one another and will frequently fight. In the wild, the submissive animal could simply swim away to safety. In captivity, the submissive animal has no choice but to try and defend itself. This leads to excessive scarring and rake marks, far more prevalent than what is seen in the wild. In extreme

cases (orcas at SeaWorld) the animals have killed each other during these dominance battles. I have personally worked with NOAA contracted marine mammal vets Greg Levine and David Schofield in Kona, HI at the Hilton Dolphin Quest. We performed ultrasounds to try and determine why the pregnant females were so regularly terminating their pregnancies. I know from **FIRSTHAND** experience that these animals are borderline psychotic and have to be medicated for their own safety. They are given antibiotics, antacids, anti-depressants, and anti-anxiety meds. They are fed dead fish with vitamins and supplement pills stuffed into the gills. They are also fed ice cubes and plain gelatin cubes to rehydrate the dolphins. **NONE OF THIS IS NATURAL**. In the wild, dolphins don't have to deal with the stress of unavoidable physical contact, social pressure, unnatural concrete living quarters, and they certainly don't have to perform for their food. Dolphins will spend their whole lives in family groups, with the exception of some young male "gangs" that travel between populations as sub-adult nomads. The real root of the problem here is that this industry still supports that capture of wild cetaceans. The animals are taken at a very young age under extremely stressful conditions. The dolphins that are not chosen for a life of imprisonment are often killed and sold for cheap meat. Even if a dolphin is born in captivity, it has roots back to this horrific wild-capture industry. Artificial breeding programs are not any better. The young dolphins are regularly taken away from their mothers' side. The dolphins/orcas are then documented emitting long-range frequency sounds, calling and crying out for their young. Even a dolphin who has never known the freedom of swimming in the wild still exhibits stereotypic behavior. **NONE OF THIS IS NATURAL**. India was the first country to classify cetaceans as "non-human persons." Cetaceans are granted similar rights as humans and will never be taken from the wild or forced to a life of captivity. At the end of the day, you really have to ask yourself: Would you treat your family pet like this? Your dog or cat? Knowing it is stressed and unhealthy, would you keep the conditions the same and just medicate the hell out of it? Would you force it to mate to reproduce more animals for a profit? Would you force it to perform for food? Would you rip them away from their mothers' side in the wild and then keep it contained in an artificial environment, just a tiny fraction of the size of its natural environment? Now....would you ever treat a human like this? Just because we can't understand their language does not mean they cannot understand us. It doesn't mean that they don't understand what is happening to them. I truly cannot believe that, in this day and age with all of our liberal advances, **THIS STILL HAPPENS**. It is animal cruelty of such a horrific and barbaric magnitude. It is time that we step up and **END** this madness. We need to protect these non-human persons.

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Eva Karpati	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Xxxxxx

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isabel	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Please! Save the cetaceans, stop capitivity!

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Parinita Singh	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: These creatures do not deserve to be kept in captivity. Want to see dolphins? Go to their world, their habitat where they live and prosper. How would humans like it if they were kept in captivity for entertainment - they wouldn't. Dolphins are some of the smartest mammals in the world (some times even more than humans) and doing this is not only wrong, but unethical. Free the dolphins!

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Natalia Nguyen	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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mary shabbott	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Cetaceans, which include dolphins and porpoises are highly intelligent and social animals. Public opposition to the captivity and display of these animals has increased. County of Maui has prohibited the exhibition of captive cetaceans since 2002.

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Ralph Toivonen	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Protection of cetaceans is critical for the health of our oceans and seas.

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Linda Rose Slater	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Having close family on Maui and Oah'u, we always want to preserve the beautiful ocean animals in their natural state--free--and in a healthy natural environment. Our family enthusiastically supports this measure--thank you soo much--Mahalo!!

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jacqueline okamura	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please, as humans we need to stop the abuse of dolphins, whales and other animals. If you see the Taiji hunts in how poor dolphins are captured and taken into captivity for entertainment, it will break your heart and make you cry. As the aloha state , we are better than this, we need to close sea life park and end dolphins and whales for entertainment purposes. We don't need this. Please and we need to free kina! Sea life park has been hiding her and she's needs to be freed! Thank you for your time.

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alina balitskaya	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Bella Spadafora	Individual	Support	No

Comments: These wild creatures do not belong in captivity. Give them the chance to live a fulfilling and wild life.

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Veronica Pickett	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Change is needed. End future captivity. Soon crustaceans will be on the risk of extinction. Certain populations are already at extremely low numbers.

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Loren Lieberthal	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Mahatma Gandhi said, The greatness of a nation can be judged by the way its animals are treated. As you know, these creatures are highly intelligent and social, and suffer dearly in captivity. Let us be the best we can aspire to. Thank you for allowing me to comment.

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Laura Wertheimer	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am pleased to see that this bill has been brought forward. We are all earthlings and we all deserve respect. No earthling, whether human or animal deserves to be brought up in a toxic environment. Captivity is cruel. No one should be forced to do tricks for entertainment purposes. Dolphins and other sea creatures that are forced to perform for entertainment live in chlorinated water which is toxic to them. This is not only cruel, but inhumane. Future generations will look at us in disgust when they realize the inhumanity of captivity. Please pass this bill and be the change that marine life needs. Animals don't belong behind bars or in tanks. They should be just as free as you and me.

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Francesca G	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Please help keep cetaceans out of tanks. They belong in the ocean, with all the other beautiful wildlife nature has to offer. I visited Hawaii recently (from England) and it is such a beautiful place. I was lucky enough to go snorkelling in Hanauma Bay and it was magical. Marine parks are completely unnecessary.

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Zedika Potek	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: To whom it may concern, which is all of us who care about our oceans and the living being who call it their home. The barbaric and greedy practice/business of the stealing of some and the brutal murdering of others to traffick the lives for profit, of highly intelligent and emotionally complex dolphins into captivity for entertainment and profit, must be stoped. This is a brutal slave trade for the profit of corperations. Is the audiences at sea world and other cirvus prisons , understood that theses beings were kidnapoed, stolen from their homes and families and forced into incarnation and slavery for the profiling corperations, they wouldn't support theses circus prisons for profit. The ancestors if theses great island would be appauled at this evil practice. Ecologists estimate that our oceans will be empty by 2048, if we continue to allow the raping and pillaging of the oceans. This imhumane, unfair, barbaric slave trafficking of dolphins needs to stop, and ypu are the ones who can say, BO, Hawaii will not take part in this barbaric and evil practice any longer. It's up to you. Please be a voice for theses creatures, thonk if what it would be like if this happend to you and your family. There is no difference. All lives matter.

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Tina Stouch	Individual	Support	No

Comments: These are highly intelligent and social mammals. It is unethical to force them to live in unnatural habitats and force them to do unnatural behaviors. They should live free as we do. Thank you!

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Chris Cuffee	Individual	Support	No

Comments: The County of Maui has prohibited the exhibition of captive cetaceans since 2002 and public opposition to the keeping and display of captive cetaceans has increased I'm the United States and worldwide. These are highly intelligent and social animals and it is unethical to isolate such an animal from it's natural environment. Not only that, but the educational content delivered by a captivity facility is often inaccurate and misleading, as animals are performing theatrical "tricks" rather than displaying natural behaviors. For these reasons, facilities that hold captive cetaceans for entertainment purposes should absolutely discontinue breeding and phase out captivity.

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Katie	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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lauren	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I visited Sea Life Park a year ago and it was a very sad experience. The penguins were huddled in a 3x3 area of shade. There were a large amount of sea turtles in an extremely small enclosure. I thought a sea lion was dead in its enclosure. He wasn't but it was a very small enclosure with a very small amount of water in it. The dolphin pool was also very small. It just didn't seem like a terribly safe or good environment for these creatures. They definitely deserve better.

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I have a deep passion for the ocean and all its inhabitants. I personally am planning to dedicating my life to protect it and its living inhabitants.

That is why I am making this testimony.

Cetaceans are amazing animals. They are brilliant and social and they have a higher intelligence than a common sea creature. Dolphins specifically help where they can, they are not just fish, they are much more. Breeding them and keeping them captive from where they belong is insensitive to these amazing creatures.

They are meant to be shared. No matter how entertaining they are to human beings, it is not right to keep them away from their place in the ocean when they have no reason to stay away. Captivity can be painful for these animals; it creates stress, anger, and illness for these animals when they are meant to be free spirited.

Their role on this earth is not meant to be on human territory, it is meant to be freely in the ocean.

Please let them be.

We, as humans, have the choice to take the higher road and this is exactly where that ability is useful.

Let them be.

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Marina	Marine Intelligent Action ILC	Support	No

Comments: Marine mammal captivity should be banned , its unethical and unnecessary.
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Angela Rupar	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am in favor of HR136. The intelligence of these beings has been scientifically proven. Captivity is sheer torture to these social animals who swim hundreds of miles in the wild. Technology is such now that these animals can be studied undisturbed in the wild. There are also places like the Cove in Taiji, Japan who drive and rip innocent dolphins and whales away from their families and sell them to the captive industry around the world. The captive industry fuels these drives. Phasing out captivity is a logical step. It is the 21st Century after all. Please see our website for more information. www.wowvstaiji.com

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Dana	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: It is unethical to isolate a highly intelligent and social animal from its natural environment. I helped with a study on Oahu in 1971 with University of Hawaii and Kea the dolphin. She was going slowly crazy in isolation. Please stop. Dana cozyhouse2@aol.com

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Barb Schmidt	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: We have seen how they are dying suffering in a tank. Drugs hydration by tubes shoved down their throats, injuries because they are placed in pods that are not compatible, and they can not get away. How they get diseases wild do not get. How they have to intermix with people or they do not eat. How can we continue to do this to a species who science has shown us they are more intelligent than us. We are driving them crazy in these places.. we care encouraging the hunts in Taiji Japan so more parks can open and make money. I am a housewife following the science and I know it is no longer the right thing to do. We must move on evolve show the world we might have started this but it is time to end this cruel entertainment. No more dolphins/whales in tanks to suffer for peoples entertainment. Thank you

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Beverlee McCourt	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I support HR136 because I feel it is unethical to isolate highly intelligent and social animals such as whales, dolphins, and porpoises from their natural environment. They are not displaying natural behaviors when "performing" in some show. It is time to phase out captivity. Thank you.

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lya wodraska	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Please do not allow the captivity or capture of dolphins and whales. I do not visit states/countries that support animals in captivity, I would like to visit Hawaii one day, when these animals are free!

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Lusi Perry	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Supporting HR136. Ban cetacean captivity!

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Tanja Rieger	Individual	Comments Only	Yes

Comments: URGING HAWAII FACILITIES THAT HOLD CAPTIVE CETACEANS FOR ENTERTAINMENT PURPOSES TO DISCONTINUE BREEDING AND TO PHASE OUT CAPTIVITY.

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susan ballarini	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Cetaceans suffer greatly in captivity, often developing pneumonia from breathing air that is nowhere near as clean as out at sea, they breathe in the fumes of ammonia from their own urine instead. They are too intelligent and will become aggressive or psychotic from the inability to swim the hundreds of miles they would swim in the wild daily. In the wild, their senses would be bombarded with the sights and sounds of their lifelong families living in the rich and abundant ocean, but in the concrete prison of captivity, their sonar doesn't work right, they don't get enough exercise or stimulation and they become depressed, sick and often aggressive, during their descent into madness. Cetaceans in captivity show absolutely NOTHING to the public about a wild animals life in the ocean. On the contrary, it makes a mockery of these majestic creatures' suffering while her captors make lots of money off her. Separated Mothers and babies are grief stricken just as a bonded human mother and infant would be. We learn nothing from captivity, please do not allow any more prisoners to be taken. Thank you for your time.

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Heather Rubino	Individual	Support	No

Comments: We need to start listening to science and do the right thing. Keeping mammals captive of any kind is wrong, mammals are highly intelligent. The pain and stress these mammals suffer due to captivity cause illnesses death etc. It is completely unethical to keep wild mammals in a captive environment. Thank you, Heather

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3/21/2017

I am a wildlife veterinarian with specific training in marine mammal medicine. I have worked with a number of marine mammal rescue and rehabilitation clinics along the California coast and have conducted wild cetacean research. Over the past 8 years I have worked alongside the Oceanic Preservation Society (OPS) to document and expose environmental crimes and animal welfare violations on multiple continents. I currently work as a veterinarian with the Captive Animal Law Enforcement Department of the PETA Foundation where I review, advise, and intervene in cases involving the abuse and neglect of captive exotic wildlife. I travel around the country to assess potential cruelty cases, develop and secure improvements in care, and assist in rescuing and relocating animals to forever homes at reputable sanctuaries. I currently serve as a veterinary advisor to the Whale Sanctuary Project, a group that is working to establish the first cetacean sanctuary for retired whales and dolphins in North America. I also serve as an advisor to several animal welfare and marine research groups in Italy and the Caribbean who are working to establish their country's first dolphin sanctuaries for animals retired from entertainment.

I support resolution HR136 as it is poised to not only have a dramatic positive impact on the health and wellbeing of dolphins and whales in Hawaii, but also to set an admirable precedent for the rest of our country and the world to follow. Dolphins and whales are far-ranging, cognitively complex, and emotionally sophisticated animals. As a result, they have unique needs that cannot be met in the barren, concrete tanks to which they are routinely confined in dolphinariums around the world. Their advanced intelligence, sensory capabilities, and social awareness make them perfectly adapted to life in the open-ocean, but serve as a terrible detriment to their wellbeing in captive environments. As a result, captive dolphins are subject to chronic stress, predisposed to illness, and frequently die well before their natural life expectancy.

Hawaii is a treasure to the world, not because it holds dolphins captive, but because it is the sacred gateway to the Pacific Ocean. A place where people from across the globe come to reconnect with nature and delve into the ocean world. Hawaii offers unparalleled marine beauty and life-changing encounters with wild whales, on their own terms. Dolphinariums are a cruel spectacle of the past, and Hawaii is the ideal candidate to carry this particular torch of progress forward. I am proud to have grown up between Hawaii and California and I continue to spend significant time in the islands today. I consider the islands my home, sanctuary, and inspiration. Please do the right thing.

Sincerely,
Dr. Heather Rally



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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Melanie Clark	Individual	Support	No

Comments: • Cetaceans, which include dolphins, whales, and porpoises, are highly intelligent and social animals. • The County of Maui has prohibited the exhibition of captive cetaceans since 2002. • Public opposition to the keeping and display of captive cetaceans has increased in the United States and worldwide. • The dysfunctional social structure of captive cetaceans is known to cause unnatural aggression and stress, resulting in injury, illness, or death to the animals and to humans. • Educational content delivered by a captivity facility is often inaccurate and misleading, as animals are performing theatrical "tricks" rather than displaying natural behaviors. • It is unethical to isolate a highly intelligent and social animal from its natural environment. #CaptiveKills #EmptyTheTanks #TheCove #Blackfish

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Madison Dennis	Individual	Support	No

Comments: The captivity and breeding of any animal, for any reason other than conservation purposes, should be prohibited. These creatures are far too intelligent to be kept in such harsh and small environments. To continue to breed dolphins in captivity, is far beyond what anyone should see as acceptable.

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Yulia Vasilenko	Individual	Support	No

Comments: We all got one planet! And very few think about protecting it for us and our children! Let the animals live where they live! If people are so curios to see the real creatures, travel! Dolphins are amazing beautiful creatures! Stop their suffering!

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shannon	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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vitaliy gorbachyk	Individual	Support	No

Comments: We need to save our aquatic animals and let them live where they belong.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Zedika Potek	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please be advised that I submitted prviously but I made a mistake in my submission. I am in full support of "Discontinuing" this barbaric practice Of taking part in the stealing, slavery and trafficking of theses beautifil sentient beings for profit.

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philip cothran	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Whales and dolphins do not need to be in captivity so cut it out would ya?!?!?

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Peggy Alm	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please respect these animals and set them free from our human influence... the are not meant to be captive animals...

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Rochelle Maloy	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I support HR136. Please discontinue breeding dolphins in captivity.

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Julian Yount	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kyler Badten	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha and thank you for the consideration to ban future captive cetacean breeding and transfers in Hawaii. This is a great step in the direction for a future of compassion and understanding for life on earth and that coexistence is not just subject to humans. All life on the planet is important and respecting all life is important as well. I hope to see the cruelty of captive exploitation of cetaceans come to an end in Hawaii. Thank you for your time.

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Mark Sullivan	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Animal captivity is unnecessary and immoral unless in a rehabilitation capacity.

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kassandra moustakis	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: In support of this measure

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Mindy Roberts	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Public opinion has long since decried that using captive cetaceans for entertainment purposes is cruel. Cetaceans are intelligent, sensitive, self-aware and social and keeping them in a contained, artificial environment not only has a negative affect on their health, the stress and frustration creates a tendency towards violence, directed towards human trainers. Hawaii, with its indigenous dolphin pods, should lead the way in legislation towards preserving cetaceans. I fully support this measure, and hope that are collective conscience will urge you to do the same. Animals do not exist so that we may exploit them by any means possible. Thank you for your time.

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Maddie B	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kimberly Eller	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Dolphins are highly intelligent mammals with family groups just like humans. They should not be captive or breed for captivity. Hawaii should protect dolphins and could profit off safe sight seeing tours of wild dolphins instead of keeping these amazing creatures captive. Noone likes to be held prisoner and we should treat others, including other mammals, how we want to be treated. Please end dolphin captivity and breeding! Thank you.

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House of Representatives

Twenty –Ninth Legislature, 2017

State of Hawaii



RE: Oppose Hawaii House Resolution 136

The Animal Behavior Management Alliance (ABMA) is a member-based professional organization that fully opposes Hawaii House Resolution 136.

The Animal Behavior Management Alliance, (ABMA) is a not-for-profit corporation with a membership comprised of animal care professionals and other individuals interested in enhancing animal care through training and enrichment. The ABMA is intended to be nurturing and informative, and was created to serve trainers, handlers, and keepers of animals, irrespective of species, with information and assistance in the behavior management of their charges.

ABMA's mission is to continually strive to advance intentional and enlightened behavior management to improve the lives and welfare of all animals.

The ABMA fully supports cetacean facilities that are accredited by the Associations of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA) and or The Alliance of Marine Mammal Parks & Aquariums. Those that are opposed to accredited cetacean facilities are largely misguided by inaccurate, outdated, out of context, and or completely false information. The few scientists that oppose accredited cetacean facilities are most often motivated to advance their own agendas or the agendas of their activist employers. The misleading information commonly forwarded by these groups is not reflective of current practices used by animal care professionals and not supported by the vast majority of the general public. These so-called scientists often cherry pick data that will advance their agendas while ignoring data that may disprove their personal views. The truth is that it is impossible to know what an animal is thinking or what an animal feels. We can, however draw conclusions based on real, factual science. Most of these activist scientists know cetaceans by reading data and observing them from a boat. Professionals at accredited facilities continuously work to ensure that cetaceans under their care lead physically and mentally healthy, well-rounded lives that contribute educationally to the understanding and betterment of their counterparts in the open ocean. These zoological professionals know and

understand these animals in ways that others cannot. The proposed (Hawaii House Resolution 136) fails to mention or lend credence to any proven educational or scientific value in housing captive cetaceans. Concurrently, this proposed resolution would have you believe that all of the stressors that are endemic to a life in the open ocean are somehow non-existent. Professionals working daily to care for cetaceans in accredited facilities and build intimate relationships with these animals witness first-hand the high level of physical and mental care given to these animals. They also witness the impact these animals can have to increase understanding and empathy for wild animals and wild places. The National Science Teachers Association (NSTA) recognizes the strong educational role of accredited zoos and aquariums and references a growing body of research that documents how informal learning experiences spark curiosity and engage interest in the sciences during the school years and throughout a lifetime. ABMA urges you to listen to the animal care specialists, trainers, veterinarians and scientists that care for these animals everyday. We also urge you to understand the positive impact that cetaceans in accredited facilities can provide to the education of our youth and the inspiration they provide to tomorrow's conservationists.

Cetaceans under human care/captivity thrive and many live longer than those in the wild. For example, a dolphin born at Marine Land's Dolphin Adventure in Florida in 1953 lived to be 61 (this is more than four times the average life expectancy of wild bottlenose dolphins). The vast majority of cetaceans in captivity have been born in captivity. This is proof that they are thriving under human care. Many other captive cetaceans have been deemed "non-releasable" by the United States Government. The government has recognized accredited facilities as being more than adequate housing for non-releasable animals. Taking care of rescued and non-releasable animals is left in the hands of the experts that know them the best. Part of a well-rounded animal care regime is allowing the animals to be able to have and care for young. The fact that breeding programs are so successful should allude to the fact that the animals are comfortable in these environments as well as point out that the need to collect wild animals has been unnecessary for decades. It is imperative that breeding programs and cetacean facilities remain in place so that non-releasable cetaceans have a permanent home, are cared for by knowledgeable staff, and are housed with conspecifics. The opportunity to breed and raise young is a crucial part maintaining the best animal welfare. In fact, breeding programs are law in many European zoos & aquariums.

The days of "circus style" entertainment have come and gone. Accredited facilities utilize the animal's natural behavioral repertoire to create entertaining, educational,

and inspirational shows. Often times the success of a facility's educational goals is measured by how much natural history and conservation information is given to guests. The real education is connecting with real life animals, learning their story, and leaving wanting to learn more about them and to protect them in the wild. This inspiration and motivation cannot be measured and only can come from interacting with or observing cetaceans at accredited zoological facilities. Observing them in the wild usually only allows you to see an exhale (blow) or a tail fluke. Zoological facilities can realistically accommodate more people than any whale watching tour can. In fact, The Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 strictly prohibits interacting with or harassing wild cetaceans. The MMPA defines harassment as "any act of pursuit, torment or annoyance which has the potential to either. a. injure a marine mammal in the wild or b. disturb a marine mammal by causing disruption of behavioral patterns, which includes, but is not limited to migration, breathing, nursing, breeding, feeding or sheltering." Cetaceans under the care of man, living in accredited facilities that have proven standards of care allow the public an avenue to observe these animals in a way that inspires them to care more about their conspecifics in the open ocean without harassing wild cetaceans. The millions of people attending zoological facilities can make much more of a positive impact for wildlife and wild places than all of the whale watching tours put together. In addition, zoological facilities can realistically accommodate more people than any whale watching operation can. The more people that visit these animals in the wild, the more negative impacts on the habitat and animals themselves will be seen. The National Science Teachers Association (NSTA) recognizes the strong educational role of accredited zoos and aquariums and understands that if it were not for these facilities

ABMA urges you to continue to support the current and future public display and breeding of cetaceans in Hawaii. ABMA also approves the use of our logo in online and print publications directly associated with our opposition of HR 136.

Sincerely,

The Animal Behavior Management Alliance

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Alysha Frame	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Cetaceans, such as whales and dolphins are highly intelligent, pod (family) based individuals. They belong in the wild where they have the freedom to swim freely with their pods. When these beauties are placed in concrete barriers they experience a depression which causes them to self mutalate (i.e break their teeth by chewing on their enclosures). It is also not uncommon for these wild animals to cause harm to other individuals by racking their teeth against other individuals who reside with them. Both self mutalation and racking cause serious health problems for these cetaceans. Please take this time to show the rest of the world that we need to put an end to cetacean captivity. Thank you.

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mark	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Dolphins are sensitive emotional smart and endangered. Please be bold and decisive in caring about the state of these great animals in Hawaii and pass HR 136. The world and other states in the U.S. is watching for your leadership in this realm. Thanks

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adel donegan	Individual	Support	No

Comments: There are many ways to experience hawaii's beautiful marine life then visiting them in confined spaces purely for the entertainment of tourists. There is evidence that this confinement and interaction with humans is detrimental to the animals behavior and livelihood. Dolphins are especially intelligent creatures that deserve to live in the wild. Please stop the breeding of marine mammals in captivity. Thank you

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Tina Hieb	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Cetaceans are highly intelligent and social. Keeping them in captivity is cruel. It is not our right to exploit other creatures, nor is it an accurate or compassionate way to teach our children how animals live and survive in the wild. Our family is against keeping Whakes, Dolphins, and Porpoises in captivity and we choose our travel and destination choices based on this. Thank you for your consideration on this very important matter. Tina, Mark, Owan Hieb Calgary,AB

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Keri Califano	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I'm writing in support of this bill for many reasons: • Cetaceans, which include dolphins, whales, and porpoises, are highly intelligent and social animals. • The County of Maui has prohibited the exhibition of captive cetaceans since 2002. • Public opposition to the keeping and display of captive cetaceans has increased in the United States and worldwide. • The dysfunctional social structure of captive cetaceans is known to cause unnatural aggression and stress, resulting in injury, illness, or death to the animals and to humans. • Educational content delivered by a captivity facility is often inaccurate and misleading, as animals are performing theatrical "tricks" rather than displaying natural behaviors. • It is unethical to isolate a highly intelligent and social animal from its natural environment. These key points are critical in protecting and appreciating these beautiful creatures. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Kristin	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Thank you to whoever is reading this. I normally don't speak out on something unless I'm really passionate about it and this is one of them. I just find it unethical to isolate a highly intelligent and social animal from it's natural environment for the sake of entertainment puprposes. It just breaks my heart. Now as the time of circus animals is finally coming to it's end, it is now the time for the exhibition of captive cetaceans as well. It is just dated, people now know better, we now know better.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
David Bryan	Individual	Support	No

Comments: -Cetaceans, which include dolphins, whales, and porpoises, are highly intelligent and social animals. -The County of Maui has prohibited the exhibition of captive cetaceans since 2002. -Public opposition to the keeping and display of captive cetaceans has increased in the United States and worldwide. -The dysfunctional social structure of captive cetaceans is known to cause unnatural aggression and stress, resulting in injury, illness, or death to the animals and to humans. -Educational content delivered by a captivity facility is often inaccurate and misleading, as animals are performing theatrical "tricks" rather than displaying natural behaviors. -It is unethical to isolate a highly intelligent and social animal from its natural environment.

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Nicholas Renella	Individual	Support	No

Comments: This is a great measure. It shows compassion to these beautiful intelligent animals. This measure has my 100% support.

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Annie Wilson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please ban the captivity and breeding of cetaceans in Hawaii. The cruelty these animals go through being captured and/or being bred and kept in pools for human enjoyment is horrendous. Hawaii should be a state that bans this cruelty especially because of their history with the ocean and ocean life.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
michelle kelly	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Please let dolphins be free

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Georgia Prosser Lawrence	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Whales and dolphins are complex social animals and are not well suited for a life in captivity. When confined, they are prevented from carrying out natural behaviors, which include roaming up to 100 miles per day, hunting live prey, and interacting with their pod mates—who also suffer when pod members are removed. When forced to interact with humans in a captive situation they have been known to behave aggressively. By manipulating animals in such a way, we are not only affecting their lives but are also distorting our belief system and that of our children - promoting the view that these wild animals should be taken from their homes and "tamed" not merely for utilitarian purposes, but for our entertainment. The cetaceans most commonly held in captivity for human entertainment are orcas, beluga whales, bottlenose dolphins and Pacific white-sided dolphins. Dolphins and other cetaceans suffer stress and anxiety when kept in captivity, particularly when there is no enrichment or when housed with incompatible animals. Medications are routinely given to dolphins to treat ulcers and other medical conditions associated with mental and physical stress. Orcas (also known as killer whales) are inherently unsuited to being held in captivity, due to their longevity, intelligence, sociality, acoustic needs, ranging habits, and size. Orca sociality is complex and family-oriented – when a mother is separated from her calf or family units are otherwise disrupted, as is common in captivity, the animals experience profound suffering. No tank offers orcas enough space or ever could. Tanks are usually only 100-140 feet long and 25-35 feet deep. In the wild, orcas—which are 6000-12,000 lbs and 18-24 feet long—can travel 100 miles in a day and dive up to 300 feet deep. Captivity is necessary for breeding/conservation programs. There are no self-sustaining captive populations and animals are needed from the wild to maintain genetic viability. Bottlenose dolphins, orcas and beluga whales are the only cetaceans who have been bred with some success, but even these do not have self-sustaining captive populations. Also, captive-bred offspring are never returned to the wild, a required step for any breeding program claiming a conservation purpose. Captive animals teach people about conservation. The education offered at dolphinariums often lacks a discussion of threats facing wild cetaceans beyond “pollution,” as information about threats such as hunting, marine noise, or oil and gas exploration and extraction might

offend some visitors from other countries or who work for the military or certain industries. Certainly, the threat live capture poses to targeted cetacean populations is never discussed. Claims that captive cetacean performances provide educational benefits to the public and advance conservation science are also false. For example, viewing orcas that are held in concrete tanks that in no way resemble their natural environments, and that are trained to behave in ways that they would not in the wild, does not provide any insight into wild orca biology, behavior, or ecological role. If anything, it promotes misinformation about orcas. Similarly, scientific research involving captive orcas has done little to advance scientists' understanding of wild orcas. Most of the published scientific research from captive orca facilities addresses captive breeding practices, such as artificial insemination. This research has no conservation benefit, as this technology is used only in captivity. I have read all these facts from expert sources and find them to be true. Captivity is inhumane and we as evolved humans demand an end to captivity.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Aurelie Vintze Geoffrion	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: The dysfunctional social structure of captive cetaceans is known to cause unnatural aggression and stress, resulting in injury, illness, or death to the animals and to humans.

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VIKI MERJOS	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: PLEASE RELEASE ALL THE DOLPHINS TO THE WILD THEY DID NOTHING TO BE PUT IN JAIL FOR LIFE? HOW WOULD YOU FEEL IF THEY PUT YOU IN JAIL FOR LIFE FOR NO REASON :(

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Debbie Bryson	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Dolphins and Whales should not be kept in captivity, we need to move ahead and put a stop to Aquariums. That being said The Vancouver Aquarium in Vancouver B.C will not be allowed to have Cetaceans in their facility. The parks board and the people have spoke up and have won the war against captivity. I would hope that The State of Hawaii will follow suit.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lucy Barry	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Educational content delivered by a captivity facility is often inaccurate and misleading, as animals are performing theatrical "tricks" rather than displaying natural behaviors. It is unethical to isolate a highly intelligent and social animal from its natural environment.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Chloe mccann	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Please please ban future captive breeding and transfers of cetaceans. It's cruel and unfair to those animals. They deserve freedom as much as the next animal does. Their home is in the sea, please don't restrict them to paddling pools.

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Debra Mandli	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly believe that facilities in Hawaii that hold captive cetaceans for entertainment purposes should be mandated to discontinue breeding and captivity. Cetaceans, which include dolphins, whales and porpoises, are highly intelligent and social animals. It is unethical to isolate a highly intelligent and social animal from its natural environment. I was born in Hawaii and think my empathic nature is a result of my birth state. I want to cry every time I think of those kind, innocent, independent creatures swimming in circles in a literal fish bowl.

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Amy Jamieson	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: The dysfunctional social structure of captive cetaceans is known to cause unnatural aggression and stress, resulting in injury, illness, or death to the animals and to humans

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
rahat chaudry	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I would like to show my support for ending cetacean breeding and captivity. As I'm sure you know, cetaceans are incredibly complex, intelligent and social beings. They thrive in their natural environment, with their families. Any form of captivity, no matter how 'extravagant ' the enclosure, just can not provide what they need in order to stay happy and same. Imagine how cooped up you feel if you don't leave your house for a day, or how bad you feel if you don't get to take your dog for a walk one day. Now imagine being confined to the same tiny tank for life, when in reality you should have the whole ocean to roam....thanks, but no tanks. It's just not moral. It's just not right.

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sata s	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Hawaii is rapidly becoming a place for righteous progression of American values. Freedom is one of those American values. We place legal value on fundamental freedom and liberty, from the constitution to today. Captive cetaceans in Hawaii are a product of a time when we lost sight of what made us US. These animals are captured in bloody drives far from our coasts, in Taiji Japan most notably. Their shipment to our shores dips into animal trafficking and illegal fishing. The cetacean traffic relied on people who use the same routes and tricks as human and drug traffickers. Animal trafficking is a massive financier of illegal activity, from stolen Amazonian parrots to orangutans used as exotic pets in Arab countries, to Dolphins sold for thousands so they can be put on display. We all know how intelligent dolphins are. But did you know, that cetaceans like dolphins and pilot whales form very strong family groups. Netted creatures in captive Japanese drives won't leave their young calves. Old dolphins and whales can rely on their pods for feeding. Dolphins use unique hunting methods for eating fish and shelled seafood, hunting tactics that some believe indigenous people watched and emulated: from chasing fish to shallow water to quickly catch it, to group based hunting methods, to delving into sand to catch crabs or shellfish. Captivity creates massive stress on cetaceans: many die much quicker than they would in the wild. Excessive sun and not enough deep water can give dolphins a painful skin pox. The chlorine in the captivity pools can cause blindness, eye pain and other ailments in cetaceans. Cetaceans often need to have costly treatments that can cause unneeded inter species interaction, where many dolphins have to have their teeth unnaturally shaved down or cut to avoid incidence. Artificial insemination of the captive dolphins is very different and unnatural from their complex mating habits and parental roles (they are mammals, after all). Please please uphold your lovely mantle as a protector of unique species and ban cetaceans in captivity!!! Thank you.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Nancy McKenna	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Hello Legislators, I urge you to support HR136. Dolphins are beautiful, wild creatures and deserve to live a life in the oceans which are their home. They should not be kept in captivity for the purpose of entertaining humans. Please show compassion for dolphins and support this bill. Sincerely, Nancy McKenna Longmont, CO

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jen potter	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I like many other people think it's time to end cetacean captivity. Dolphins and other cetaceans suffer greatly in captivity. They want to swim freely in the Ocean, like many Hawaiians. Keeping them from in concrete prisons for human entertainment is not only selfish it's inhumane. People think they are having this magical experience with these captive dolphins, it is meaningless to these dolphins, be on the right side of history, let Hawaii be the leader in the anti captive industry. Lead the way for other states to follow suite. The National Aquarium in Baltimore Maryland will be releasing their captive dolphins to seapen sanctuaries. No dolphin wants to live in these concrete pools when the ocean is where they belong. Breeding these highly intelligent beings is careless, inhumane and frankly shameful especially when we know captivity kills dolphins many years before they would in the wild. Please use your hearts and listen to people who have the dolphins and other cetaceans best interests at hand. They don't want to be in captivity and I don't want to see them there. Promote seeing them in the Ocean, that is an experience, seeing them in the wild is the only way to gain respect, and understanding. There is no education in stolen freedom. End the breeding, no mother would ever want her child to suffer the way they do. Thank you for taking the time to read my words.

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Shaylene Dornan	Individual	Comments Only	No

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I strongly believe that it is wrong to keep any cetacean in captivity. These animals are social and very intelligent. The trend in the U.S. is moving away from captivity and/or displaying these magnificent animals. This is because the opinion of more and more people in the U.S. is turning against this practice. Asking animals to perform tricks for an audience is not part of the animal's natural behavior. Let us please respect them enough to let them live in their natural environments. Thank you.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
carolyn bassin	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please consider my testimony in support of the ban on captive cetaceans in Hawaii. The world is waking up to the horror of dolphin and whale use in the entertainment industry. Educational content delivered by a captivity facility is often inaccurate and misleading, as animals are performing theatrical "tricks" rather than displaying natural behaviors. It is unethical to isolate these intelligent and social creatures from their natural environment. When you are fortunate enough to have these beautiful creatures swimming freely off of your beaches in Hawaii, why would you feel the need to keep them in a small tank? It just doesn't make sense and certainly seems beyond cruel. Please empty the tanks! Thank you!

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Faruk Yetiker	Individual	Support	No

Comments: News of the suffering of dolphins kept in captivity have flooded the internet, news stations, and publications for many years now. As more people become aware of this, the boycotting of aquariums and venues such as seaworld are taking place across not just USA, but other countries as well. We fully support rescue and rehabs focused on marine animals, including dolphins, but places such as those must be separated from the monetary gain by exploiting dolphins at tourist attractions. Please become one of the first, revolutionary states to outlaw dolphin captivity from tourist attractions. Other states will start following your example. Thank you.

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Javier Mendez-Alvarez	Individual	Support	No

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Christy Pacionek	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: The dysfunctional social structure of captive cetaceans is known to cause unnatural aggression and stress, resulting in injury, illness, or death to the animals and to humans. Educational content delivered by a captivity facility is often inaccurate and misleading, as animals are performing theatrical "tricks" rather than displaying natural behaviors. It is unethical to isolate a highly intelligent and social animal from its natural environment. It is Not Right! Please Leave them Free

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I fully support resolution HR136. The intelligence of cetaceans like dolphins and orcas has long been known and documented. Their cognitive abilities are comparable to our own. They can think, feel, problem solve and are even self-aware, something only thought to be capable by humans. In Shark Bay Australia, the scientist observed a female bottlenose dolphin scratch her nose on the reef while trying to look for food, she then found a sea sponge to cover the nose and prevent further damage. This process was not only repeated but it was taught to her entire pod. Soon the entire pod began covering their nose with sponges when looking for food. The bottlenose pod from Shark Bay, first recognized pain, found a way to prevent it by problem-solving and found a tool to prevent further injury. This is a clear display of their intelligence and should be noted when considering their captivity.

They are highly social animals living in pods that can range from a few to thousands. They communicate with each other and even have different dialects, they create lifelong friendships, and they often stay with their families for life. They feel sadness, happiness, love, depression, curiosity, compassion, all traits we as humans can relate to. Cetaceans in captivity are often drawn to insanity and have been documented displaying psychotic behavior like smacking their jaws repetitively, ramming into walls, gnawing on poles or the edges of their tank until teeth are worn away, and have even attempted suicide. All of which have been documented at Oahu's Sea Life Park and Dolphin Quest at Kahala. There has been est. 124 cetacean deaths at Hawai'i's Sea Life Park alone. The conditions of Sea Life Park have deteriorated. The pools are often seen brown and full of algae. The dolphins in the park are scraped up, and many of them are missing teeth. They subject each dolphin to hundreds of touches and rides from customers, which often leave the dolphins with wounds and have even permanently damaged their noses.

Subjecting them to live in a pool for human amusement is morally wrong and unethical. Forcing them to do unnatural and unwilling tricks for food is in its own right a form of slavery. We would not subject a human to this level of cruelty and

injustice. Hawaii has a history of sticking up for what is right and being some of the first to pave the way to a brighter more compassionate future. Torturing animals for money is not the Aloha way, so I urge the council to move forward with this resolution. Now is the time to let compassion win.

Hannah Gabrielson

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ashley cappiello	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: my entire life I wanted to be a dolphin trainer because of my Love for them. That love is what is killing them. Release the Dolphins, love the wild for being wild. Please stop the breeding and captivity of these marine mammals. I recently visited Hawaii. We swam with wild dolphins, amazing - let's keep it that way. The resort we stayed at also had dolphins on site. It was heartbreaking.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mercedes Baldwin	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Every being wants their freedom. Let them be wild. Empty the tanks. Let them swim in the beautiful waters of aloha where they belong.

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Water Inspried Conservation Group	Water Inspried Conservation Group	Support	No

Comments: Dear State Representatives, On behalf of Water Inspired Conservation Group we write to you in support of HR 136 on the banning of breeding and transportation of captive cetaceans in phasing out cetacean captivity. Cetaceans are highly intelligent and social animals and those living in captivity are confronted by a wide range of challenges daily. High mortality rates, starvation, debilitation and abnormal and aggressive behaviors among each other are occurring because captivity is unable to meet their mental and physical needs. Since the mid1950s we have struggled to properly keep these animals in captivity. Regulations regarding care and husbandry for captive cetaceans have proven unsuccessful over the years in reducing high mortality, unnatural stress and inadequate living conditions (Brown & Norris). Due to the artificial elements of captivity, cetaceans experience high levels of stress. According to Morgan & Tromborg these stressors include exposure to loud sounds, restricted movement due to confinement, forced proximity to humans, reduced feeding opportunities and the disruption of their social groups (2007). A study conducted by Waples & Gales suggests that stress from abnormal social settings and aggressive behavior among cetaceans plays a role in increasing their susceptibility to disease (2002). There is a growing awareness among the general public regarding the ethical implications and health problems surrounding cetacean captivity. Laws banning breeding of cetaceans have already been passed in other states and parks. In 2014 Vancouver Aquarium’s board prohibited the breeding of all cetaceans in Vancouver parks. Two years later California State Legislature approved a bill that banned the breeding of captive whales and orca performances within California. Thank you for taking the time to read this and we urge you to support this bill in phasing out captivity. Thank you for your time, Water Inspired Conservation Group

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

Comments: Testimony in Support of Bill HR 136 Aloha Senators, On behalf of One Ocean Diving we write to you in support of HR 136 on the banning of breeding and transportation of captive cetaceans in moving towards phasing out dolphin captivity. Cetaceans are intelligent and social animals and those living in captivity are confronted by a wide range of challenges daily. These animals are highly complex and captivity is unable to meet their mental and physical needs and as a result is leading to high mortality rates, malnutrition, debilitation and abnormal and aggressive behaviors. Half the dolphins in captivity die every year, unlike their counterparts in the wild (Morgan & Tromborg, 2007). As far back as the 1950s we knew we had issues keeping these animals in captivity. Regulations regarding tank size and properly caring for captive cetaceans have proven unsuccessful over the years in reducing high mortality, unnatural stress and inadequate living conditions (Brown & Norris). Due to the unnatural elements of captivity, cetaceans experience high levels of stress. According to Morgan & Tromborg these stressors include exposure to loud sounds, restricted movement due to confinement, forced proximity to humans, reduced feeding opportunities and the disruption of their social groups (2007). Continual stress associated with their confined environment increases susceptibility to disease and results in high mortality (Waples & Gales, 2002). There is a growing awareness among the general public regarding the ethical implications surrounding cetacean captivity. In 2014 Vancouver Aquarium’s board prohibited the breeding of all cetaceans in Vancouver parks. Two years later California State Legislature approved a bill that banned the breeding of captive whales and orca performances within California. Thank you for taking the time to read this and we urge you to support this bill in phasing out captivity. Mahalo, One Ocean Diving mailto:OneOceandiving@gmail.com

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Leslie Cunningham	Individual	Support	No

Comments: The dysfunctional social structure of captive cetaceans is known to cause unnatural aggression and stress, resulting in injury, illness, or death to the animals and to humans. Please pass this bill.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Stacie Hensley	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I feel as though we should leave all the wildlife in the original habitats. I disagree 100% that we enable others to take these special animals from the ocean for our pleasure just to watch them. It's so unhealthy for them physically and mentally. They also never leave and we steal them from their mothers, grandmothers and so on. It's not ok for us as humans to do this, so why is it ok for us to do it to these more mammals that can't speak for themselves.

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Theresa Vuolo	Individual	Support	No

Comments: These creatures are highly social and intelligent and the public does not want them to be used in this manner. Thank you for doing what you can to make this world a better place for the creatures that are in our care.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Iris Craig	Individual	Support	No

Comments: • Cetaceans, which include dolphins, whales, and porpoises, are highly intelligent and social animals. • The County of Maui has prohibited the exhibition of captive cetaceans since 2002. • Public opposition to the keeping and display of captive cetaceans has increased in the United States and worldwide. • The dysfunctional social structure of captive cetaceans is known to cause unnatural aggression and stress, resulting in injury, illness, or death to the animals and to humans. • Educational content delivered by a captivity facility is often inaccurate and misleading, as animals are performing theatrical "tricks" rather than displaying natural behaviors. • It is unethical to isolate a highly intelligent and social animal from its natural environment.

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Yan Vasilenko	Individual	Support	No

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Dear Hawaii Legislature,

I am a master's student studying Marine Science at the Oceanic Institute (HPU) that shares land with Sea life Park. I spend a lot of my time at OI and pass the dolphin enclosures on a daily basis. They are always doing encounters with tourists, and if not, they are still in a small-enclosed tank. I know first-hand what this does to the psychology, sociability, and functionality of these creatures. Hawaii generates enough money with sustainable, eco-friendly whale-watching and wild dolphin encounter businesses, Sea Life park does not need cetaceans anymore.

As islanders we interact closely with the ocean and understand how our actions affect the health and wellbeing of the ecosystem as a whole. By disrespecting such important top-trophic level species like cetaceans, we are saying more about own own hypocrisy than pretending we are stewards the environment. By ending captive breeding of cetaceans we can set an example for the rest of the country, something we desperately need to do right now.

Mahalo,
Carissa Cabrera

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Michael Amrhein	Individual	Support	No

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le lewis	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Our wave of change and heart here is for those in all great things to be freed from ignorance and wake of false destruction. Its time to join in the future and let all the animals be free and us to go home to our family finally I do not support the coralling or captive breeding

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Yan Vasilenko	Individual	Support	No

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amin ladak	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please show leadership in the world for the protection of sentient feeling animals. They are intelligent, from families and innocent. In doing so, many of us will be more willing to come to hawaii and live and work. Natural beauty is the most important beauty of the great state of hawaii and is in the history of the people that live there. Please do not harm animals amd free those that you have. Please make it illegal.

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I am writing in support of the resolution HR 136. I feel that we need to join Maui, Kauai, Molokai, and Lanai in starting to phase out captive facilities. Not only are cetaceans one of the most intelligent animals found in the ocean, but they are vital to the oceanic ecosystem and food chain. Without the full presence of dolphins and whales in the oceans, there becomes a significant and detrimental imbalance. The conditions in the marine parks on the island of Oahu are extremely unsuitable and harmful for cetaceans. Speaking as an Environmental Scientist who specializes in water quality monitoring, the marine parks on the Island of Oahu are extremely unhealthy and unlivable for marine cetaceans. After visiting both captive dolphin parks on Oahu, I was shocked to see the levels of green film present in most of the tanks. This indicates unhealthy levels of nitrogen in the water, which generally comes from a lack of proper filtration. These conditions are abnormal for cetaceans, seeing as most dolphins swim more than 100 km per day and are not sitting in a small pool of non-flowing water. Lastly, I feel that this an extremely invaluable educational tool for not only adults, but children as well. Captive marine parks show patrons that it is okay to take an animal from its natural environment and manipulate this animal to act a certain way for the viewing pleasure of others. On the island of Oahu, there are many viable alternatives to visiting a marine park. Over 124 cetaceans have died at Sea Life Park since this facility opened. I urge the Hawaiian council to stop the breeding and containment of captive cetaceans. Thank you for your time.

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fran poulin	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: With all due respect, I am so saddened and disappointed in your decision to continue holding cetaceans in captivity, and using them for breeding purposes. These beautiful, intelligent, sentient, loving, playful beings belong in the oceans where they can swim freely with their pods, their families. Keeping them in captivity removes them from their natural environment, breaks their family bonds, and forces them to live in environments not suited to their free-spirited lives. Also, performing for audiences is not a normal behaviour for these beautiful animals. Instead, please consider other options such as offering boat tours, where the public can see these cetaceans in their natural playful environment. I am certain this would provide a beautiful experience to your park visitors. Thank you for considering my comments.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lisa M Aquino	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: There have been countless examples of deaths of dolphin and orca held in captivity, along with their trainers, most notably from Sea World Organizations. Many states have already agreed to no longer breed these mammal in captivity due to the amount of deaths that have occurred and short life span of these poor mammals. Stand up and join the other states and nations that are upholding this agreement to no longer breed dolphin and orca in captivity, and no longer keep them in captivity. Do not purchase these mammals from Russia and Taiji, Japan where they brutalize families of dolphin, separating young from their mothers, just to keep them in captivity. It would be better for this program to stop all together. Make a stand, educate the public by having whale watching and dolphin watching tours in their natural habitat, the ocean! The Queen and our native ancestors would be turning over in their graves to witness the brutality and slavery of these poor captive mammals. Be humane!!

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March 21, 2017

Hawaii State Legislature

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Dear State Representatives,

My name is Andrea Ferriera and I am writing on behalf of Extinct Global in support of HR136, which is the banning of the breeding and transportation of captive dolphins in the state of Hawaii. This also supports phasing out the dolphins already held in captivity for the purpose of human entertainment.

I grew up believing that dolphins in captivity were an accurate representation of how they are in the wild. Throughout my childhood I took part in dolphin trainer for a day programs thinking that I was helping them thrive and live out their best lives. Looking back, I wish I was given the truth, which is that captivity is cruel, dangerous and inhumane. Captivity has been proven to cause a plethora of health issues among dolphins, not to mention many tragic deaths. The reason we continue to carry out this practice is for nothing other than human entertainment. As the only creatures on this planet with a voice, we must use this to be better stewards and caretakers of all living things around us. In the wild, dolphins are constantly moving, even while they are at rest. They travel hundreds of miles and are extremely social. In a tank, both of these normalities are taken away. We don't put humans in bathtubs for the entertainment of others, so why should we continue to do this to such intelligent creatures like dolphins?

In Hawaii, we are extremely lucky to experience the true meaning of Aloha and Ohana. We are surrounded by such beauty, and it is our duty to protect it for future generations to come.

Sincerely,
Andrea Ferriera

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malorie musulin	Individual	Support	No

Comments: All sea creatures should be free.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Brianna Gries	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: The dysfunctional social structure of captive cetaceans is known to cause unnatural aggression and stress, resulting in injury, illness, or death to the animals and humans. Educational content delivered by a captivity facility is often inaccurate and misleading, as animals are performing theatrical tricks rather than displaying natural behaviors.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jacquelyn Schoppe	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: To the rest of the world, Hawaii represents the tropical wild and the diversity of marine life that thrives in it. It is embarrassing to the people of this state to allow this, knowing the harm it does to the creatures that this state should honor. Captive dolphins is simply not what Hawaiian culture represents and it does not do its citizens justice to allow it.

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Lois Crozer	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Dolphins shouldn't be bred in captivity for displays or performances. I know at Sea Life Park they take in rescued dolphins, and many of them need to go on medication. I can understand rescuing but not breeding.

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Dave Brown	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Captivity of cetaceans is unethical and Hawaii has a great opportunity to be a leader in ending captivity. I hope to see Hawaii take a stand for what is right and signal to the next generation of Hawaiians and Americans that this type of treatment towards animals will not be tolerated. Thanks for your time and consideration, Dave Brown

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Representative Richard Creagan, Chair
Representative Lynn DeCoite, Vice Chair
House Committee on Agriculture

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Wednesday, March 22, 2017; 9:30 AM
Hawaii State Capitol; Conference room 312

RE: HCR 208/HR 136 - Urging Hawaii Facilities that Hold Captive Cetaceans for Entertainment Purposes to Discontinue Breeding and to Phase Out Captivity – IN OPPOSITION

Aloha Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite and Members of the Committee:

Sea Life Park Hawaii is in opposition to HCR 208/HR 136, which urges Hawaii facilities that hold captive cetaceans for entertainment purposes to discontinue breeding and to phase out captivity.

Sea Life Park Hawaii's mission from its inception as part of the Oceanic Institute is to provide a place to educate and promote conversation and preservation of marine life. Education is extremely important to our organization, and we host roughly 12,000 to 15,000 school groups a year, while also doing in classroom outreach, weeklong programs with various institutions. Furthermore, the Park has an ongoing internship program for college students and graduates seeking credits in marine studies.

While the resolutions imply a growing public opposition to dolphin programs, Sea Life Park Hawaii has had a special fellowship within the local community for over 50 years, and we also inspire audiences from around the globe with our world-class educational programs and immersive experiences. Our swim programs are always popular—but most importantly, they provide guests a deeper appreciation for these magnificent marine mammals.

Sea Life Park Hawaii has an extremely responsible breeding program already in place. To phase out breeding programs altogether would prevent future generations from engaging in the kinds of educational experiences our park provides. Encounters in the wild do not always take the welfare of animals into account. NOAA is looking to restrict tour boats from taking visitors out to see spinner dolphins in the wild, as important daytime sleep patterns may be disrupted.

At Sea Life Park Hawaii our animals are engaged in stimulating activities throughout the day. In fact, the USDA/APHIS is proposing to increase dolphin interactive program time allotments. No one at our facility would ever subject an animal to any activity that would compromise their health and well-being. The Park stands by numerous studies that indicate that animals living in world-class parks such as ours live as long as those in the wild, contrary to claims in the resolutions.

We respectfully request that the Committee hold these resolutions.

Valerie King, General Manager
Sea Life Park Hawaii

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Alice Guinova	Individual	Support	No

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Kerri Savage	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Good morning, I am writing to implore you to support HR136. Cetaceans are very intelligent and social animals who need to be allowed to live and thrive in their natural habitat. The dysfunctional social structure of captive cetaceans is known to cause unnatural stress and aggression in these otherwise gentle animals, which can result in sickness, injury and death to both the animals and humans. It is unethical to isolate a highly intelligent and social animal from its natural environment, and I am strongly urging you to support this bill and continue to protect these animals before it is too late. Their lives are in your hands. Thank you so much for your time and consideration.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Steven Rose	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Facilities like those references in this bill support education and conservation of ocean life and ecosystems which is intrigal in trying to conserve this resource that is facing many challenges due to human influence.

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Susan Huffman	Individual	Support	No

Comments: To whom it may concern, I am testifying in support of bill HR136 to rule against captivity of marine mammals. Being held captive for entertainment value is an unjust way of life for such smart and remarkable creatures that have the cognitive ability to feel emotion and pain the way we humans do. I hope that by my sharing that we can stand together to protect these animals that do not have the ability to protect themselves from our selfish and inexcusable reasons of exploitation. Thank you for your consideration, Susan Huffman

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Statement by Thomas I. White, Ph.D. in support of HI HR 136
21 March 2017

I should begin this statement by describing my expertise in the matter at hand. My name is Dr. Thomas White. I hold the Conrad N. Hilton Chair in Business Ethics at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles and serve as the Director of the Center for Ethics and Business there. I am also a Fellow of the Oxford Centre for Animal Ethics and a Scientific Advisor to the Wild Dolphin Project of Jupiter, Florida. I served as U.S. Ambassador for the United Nations Year of the Dolphin in 2007. I have been working on the ethical implications of the scientific research on dolphins since 1988. I have published one book (*In Defense of Dolphins: The New Moral Frontier* [Oxford: Blackwell, 2007]) and 14 scholarly articles on the topic. I have also made numerous presentations on ethical issues related to cetaceans at professional conferences, including the International Conference of the American Cetacean Society, the Biennial Conference of the Biology of Marine Mammals and the American Association for the Advancement of Science. As far as I know, my work with the Wild Dolphin Project means that I am the only professional ethicist who has extensive experience observing scientific research on dolphins in their natural habitat.

My position on the topic of the captivity of dolphins and their use in captive breeding is clear. Both are ethically indefensible. Therefore, I strongly urge you to enact HR 136.

Captivity is wrong primarily because of the harm experienced by the dolphins involved—that is, the kind of harm that self-aware beings who are both intellectually and emotionally complex are vulnerable to. Scientific research on wild dolphins demonstrates that captivity cannot provide the conditions necessary for dolphins to grow, develop and flourish in a full and healthy way so that they have even the opportunity for a satisfying and successful life. The sophistication of their brains and social lives show that they need far more than the conditions that allow them to

survive physically in order to be judged ‘healthy’ in every regard. In this way, their capacities rival our own.

An extension of this argument is that captive breeding is wrong because it simply leads to harming future dolphins.

A second ground for arguing that captivity and captive breeding are ethically indefensible is the fact that dolphins are ‘nonhuman persons.’ That is, scientific research has established that dolphins are beings who are: alive; aware; experience physical and emotional pleasure and pain; have individual self-consciousness and a personality; demonstrate self-controlled behavior; recognize and treat other persons appropriately; and possess a series of higher order intellectual abilities (abstract thought, learning, complex problem solving and communication that suggests thought). Humans use the fact that we are ‘persons’ to establishing that certain actions are *intrinsically* wrong, for example, being owned by another individual. If these criteria mean that owning another human is wrong, the same argument must apply to dolphins.

I am aware that there are those—especially in the business world—who may mock the idea that dolphins are anything but ‘just animals.’ In my experience, such executives lack either the necessary familiarity with the relevant scientific literature or any significant field experience with wild dolphins on which to make this judgment. As someone who for nearly 30 years has taught in business schools and consulted for Fortune 500 companies, I cannot be accused of having any sort of bias against business. However, my experience has taught me that when anyone either mocks or dismisses a position out of hand, it means either that they’re out of their depth or know their position is untenable. My position is a serious one based on years of research. Anyone challenging it should do so on the merits of my argument.

This statement of my position on HR 136 obviously does not provide the details that support my claims. All of my work, however, is publicly available for anyone to examine.

Mahalo for the opportunity to express my point of view on this important matter.

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To whom it may concern,

I am a current student attending the University of Hawaii at Manoa and the stories of Sea Life park and the neglect that is shown there has been talked about for years. The evidence supporting the neglect that is being inflicted on the cetaceans being held captive at Sea Life Park on the Island of Oahu, Hawaii is undisputable. This is my testimony on behalf of the beautiful, highly intelligent, fully cognitive beings wasting their lives away in dirty bath tubs on the east side of the Island. It is completely unethical and impractical to separate such beautiful creatures from their natural environment.

Has the incident with Tillikum, the Orca who killed his trainer, Dawn, not taught us the mental instability that captivity causes to cetaceans? Did you know that there is no recorded attack on a human by any kind of cetacean in the wild ever in history? Did you know that the IQ of a dolphin is comparable to that of a human? So to put it in perspective, a dolphin is just as intelligent and conscious as a human being. Would you ever consider it legal to keep humans in captivity for show and entertainment? What about keeping humans locked away for research? What about the lives of the 124 dolphins that have already died inside the park's walls? Were those deaths caused by old age or by diseases and illnesses that are preventable and nonexistent in the wild?

I am not going to answer these questions for you because at the end of the day, it's your choice whether you want to save these creatures or whether you deem them as not in a state of being that needs immediate action to be taken. I want you test and research these facts and answer these questions truthfully to yourself. What you will find if you haven't already are nothing but blatant evidence supporting not only my claims, but the claims of the hundreds of testimonies I know you are receiving about this issue. These reasons to relocate the animals and put Sea Life park's cetacean exhibits to rest are as undeniable as the torment that the creatures go through every day. It's up to you to make a difference.

Thank you for your consideration,

Claire Strand



March 21, 2017

Hawaii State Legislature

Dear State Representatives,

I am in full support of the measure HR 136. As captive facilities continue to exploit cetaceans for human entertainment, public opposition has become increasingly popular and has raised major controversial concern. We have now seen many facilities phase out captivity, including the once popular Seaworld. At least 14 countries have banned and restricted the exhibition and trade of cetaceans, including our neighbor Island of Maui in 2002.

Current research provides evidence on the harmful effects captivity has on the cetacean's mental and physical attributes. We now know that captive cetaceans have no correlation and cannot benefit their wild counterparts, as they do not share the same natural lifestyle and cannot be compared. Facilities such as Sea Life Park and Dolphin Quest hold these highly evolved animals in small, isolated areas which then leads to large amounts of stress and strange behavior. A customer visiting the park will observe the animal's strange behavior and receive a false education. Unnatural behavior witnessed at Sea Life Park includes aggression between the animals, because the animals are forced into dysfunctional social structures due to their close proximity. In the wild, dolphins

avoid confrontation when aggressive behavior is present among different species by simply swimming away and evading the area.

A quite obvious defect in captivity is their lack of physical health, which is visible to any observer. Cataracts develop on nearly every dolphin's eyes and you can notice a lack of teeth, even on the younger dolphins. In the wild, dolphins have only one set of teeth and it is unnatural for them to lose them at such early ages. Cataracts develop from the constant exposure to sun rays that the dolphins at Sea Life Park experience due to their lack of shade. The park has failed to give their animals proper shading, even since being cited by APHIS several times. These citations also included concerns of the number of people the dolphins were forced to interact with on a daily basis. Nearly 48 people, 3-4 times a day were seen in the pool with four bottlenose dolphins who were only aloud short breaks between interactions. The citation by APHIS also included that these types on interactions can lead to increased stress on the animals and medical issues including, head pressing, aggression, stomach ulcers, regurgitation, inappetance and weight loss. These are all issues correlated to the death of 124 dolphins at Sea Life Park. Sea Life Park has failed to fix any of these problems and have shown no intent to do so.

In August of 2015, Kina, a False Killer Whale, and two bottlenose dolphins, BJ and Boris were transported to Sea Life Parks quarantine area without proper approval or any form of legal action. Since this date, the three cetaceans have been kept in the shallow quarantine area for 19 months. False Killer Whales in the wild are known for their "active nature, fast swimming, and breaching"...however in equivalence, Kina has not moved in these 19 months. She is simply "logging", or displaying captive dolphin depression syndrome when not occasionally accompanied by a trainer or animal curator

Jeff Pawloski. Sea Life Park is a proud member of the Alliance of Marine Mammal Parks and Aquariums and this is their statement through their public relations firm: "As a member of the Alliance of Marine Mammal Parks and Aquariums <<http://www.ammpa.org/>>... None of our dolphins on display at Sea Life Park have been acquired through drive hunts. The majority of our dolphins were born in captivity through a responsible breeding program." The Alliance's statement: "The Alliance and its members strongly condemn the Japanese drive fisheries. Alliance members do not support, fund, or acquire animals from the Japanese drive fisheries. NOT ONE ANIMAL in an Alliance member facility or interactive program is from Japan." Sea Life Park must have forgotten about their newest purchase, Kina. With lots of research and thanks to Ceta-Base.org, a paper by Reeves et al, (p. 117) and a post by Richard O'Barry, Kina was a product of the Japanese drive in Ito, Japan captured in 1987.

Kina, who was once in a sea pen, used for scientific research and known for her remarkable sonar and cognitive capabilities, is now a product of human exploitation. She is a valid example of what happens in the wild animal trade, and the result of a life in captivity where animals are not treated ethically to high standards of care. BJ and Boris on the other hand, like many of the dolphins held at the different facilities, are the perfect example of what happens in the breeding program. At a young age, Sea Life Park purchased their son Ho'olono who would have kept a lifelong relationship with his parents in the wild. Instead, he was taken away to be put in a concrete tank with no social structure. He began to lose his teeth, develop cataracts at age 10, and now depends on his trainers to feed him dead fish through a pump shoved down his throat because he cannot receive proper nutrients.

Unfortunately, Ho'olono is considered a positive case of captive breeding, where a high percentage of the forced artificial inseminations of dolphins at Sea Life Park have ended negatively. Babies have died due to stillborn, heart failure, malnutrition, dystocia, multifocal diffuse, pneumonia, debilitation, sudden death, organ failure, abnormal growths, trauma from acute pancreatitis, complications with pregnancies, intestinal distortion, trauma, rejected by mother, and cases that were not identified. The problem with these deaths is that unlike wild born dolphin babies who die due to pollution, lack of prey, or entanglements, is that in captivity the dolphins are constantly monitored before, during, and after birth. So if they are dying frequently, or rejected by a parent who would naturally form a life long emotional relationship, there is something unusual happening that can't be controlled.

The results of unexplained and unnatural deaths in these captive facility can only be explained by the unnatural and physical demands of a job in the entertainment industry, where animals are forced to breed, and forced out of family bonds. A highly intelligent, self aware, cognitive, emotional being should not forced into social structures that are uncommon to its natural world, where millions of years of evolution have shaped an animal so perfect to survive in the wild, that we can not even fathom its magnificence. Traveling hundreds of miles a day, in lifelong family structures and friend groups, with individual languages, culture, and intelligence that we may find quite similar to our own species.

Thank you for your time,

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Q Zande	Individual	Support	No

Comments: To whomever it may concern, I support measure HR136 It has been evident, how there little or no, educational value in having cetaceans in captivity, let alone continuing this act of cruelty. Captive breeding has shown, a lot of mental and physical issues within the time period of this procedure, with the cetaceans of this matter. These cetaceans normally in the wild, live in complex social societies and roam over 100 miles a day, which is impossible to mimic in captivity. The stress that such socially driven animals have to endure in a lifetime of a small tank as its prison, is incomprehensible. and is something that shouldn't be continued. There is a lot evidence of such stress in the behavior of captive dolphins and whales. The importation of cetaceans, should be banned, as there is a direct link with the atrocity of the Taji hunt. There where hundreds of dolphins get slaughtered and some (mostly juveniles) captured to be trained and sold, exported allover the world. This importation and exportation again, is extremely stressful and extremely unhealthy. To train a cetacean, they have to unlearn all what their instincts are about. They have to unlearn to be social with their own kind, unlearn how to hunt for live fish. They will be trained by becoming dependent of food, thus if they don't perform they will not be fed dead fish (of which they normally will not feed on). This not only mingles with their physical health but also their mental health. Hawaii's oceans have so much life to offer, whales and dolphins roam freely, there where ecotourism is able and is making a lot of profit yearly. Thus having so many dolphinaria facilities, with captive breeding and importation of cetaceans is quite redundant, outdated and proof of unnecessary cruelty solely for profits. With all that said, including proof to be found. The captive holding, breeding, importation and exportation of cetaceans should be discontinued. Thank you for your time, Best, QZ, New York

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linda	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Cetaceans, which include dolphins, whales, and porpoises, are highly intelligent and social animals. The dysfunctional social structure of captive cetaceans is known to cause unnatural aggression and stress, resulting in injury, illness, or death to the animals and to humans. Educational content delivered by a captivity facility is often inaccurate and misleading, as animals are performing theatrical "tricks" rather than displaying natural behaviors. It is unethical to isolate a highly intelligent and social animal from its natural environment. Animals are not our toys, sacrificing their livelihood for the sake of our entertainment and employer greed. How would we humans feel if we were trapped inside a window glass/tank like most of these wildlife are today? Being taken away from our family and strippednout of our human nature to behave in a way that is out of our nature...just like these poor animals are forced to do tricks on top of being captivated since the beggining of their life. This cruelty needs to stop. No one should pay money to go watch a suffering animal perform tricks and exhaust and drive them to an even more madness. Please bring this to a halt.

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Daphne Endress	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Cetaceans are intelligent, beautiful creatures that swim for miles in the ocean daily. To capture them and force them to entertain is animal cruelty. It is not entertaining at all. Our family spends thousands of dollars to see animals in their natural habitat, wild and free (ie. going to Norway next year to see orcas). Please phase out cetacean breeding and captivity. We do not spend a single dollar on captive animal facilities. We do love to support tourism to see wild animals.

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Sage	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Cetaceans are wild animals.

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Sherry McCullough	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Around the world, people are coming to understand that dolphin captivity is animal cruelty. The dolphin is an extremely intelligent mammal, regarded by scientists as being very close in brain aptitude levels to humans, and is both self-aware and highly emotional. They live in complex social structures with family members often staying together throughout their lives. In every way, they are completely unsuited to captivity and life imprisonment in a tank.

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Lisa DeMetsenaere	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am requesting that Hawaii State Legislature urge Hawaii facilities that hold captive cetaceans (dolphins) for entertainment purposes to discontinue breeding and cease captivity. The dysfunctional social structure of captive cetaceans (dolphins) is known to cause unnatural stressful behavior leading to injury, illness and death to both the dolphins and people. It is unethical to isolate a highly intelligent and social animal from it's natural environment. The County of Maui has also prohibited the exhibition of captive cetaceans (dolphins) since 2002.

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Nipunika Kabadi	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Dear Sir/Madam, I support HR136 in support of the cetaceans. • Cetaceans, which include dolphins, whales, and porpoises, are highly intelligent and social animals. • The County of Maui has prohibited the exhibition of captive cetaceans since 2002. • Public opposition to the keeping and display of captive cetaceans has increased in the United States and worldwide. • The dysfunctional social structure of captive cetaceans is known to cause unnatural aggression and stress, resulting in injury, illness, or death to the animals and to humans. • Educational content delivered by a captivity facility is often inaccurate and misleading, as animals are performing theatrical "tricks" rather than displaying natural behaviors. • It is unethical to isolate a highly intelligent and social animal from its natural environment. Please help end this unethical practice and cruelty. Sincerely, Nipunika Kabadi

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Pauline Valestin	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Cetaceans, which include dolphins, whales, and porpoises, are highly intelligent and social animals and the County of Maui has prohibited the exhibition of captive cetaceans since 2002. • Public opposition to the keeping and display of captive cetaceans has increased in the United States and worldwide. • The dysfunctional social structure of captive cetaceans is known to cause unnatural aggression and stress, resulting in injury, illness, or death to the animals and to humans. • Educational content delivered by a captivity facility is often inaccurate and misleading, as animals are performing theatrical "tricks" rather than displaying natural behaviors. • It is unethical to isolate a highly intelligent and social animal from its natural environment.

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Bobbi Parke	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I am writing to you from Concord, NC. I am sure you're hearing from folks from across the nation and from around the world. We know you know that cetaceans are highly intelligent and social animals and are sure you understand the dysfunctional social structure of captive cetaceans is known to cause unnatural aggression and stress, resulting in injury, illness, or death to the animals and to humans. And, you know it is unethical to isolate a highly intelligent and social animal from its natural environment. If none of that matters, I'm sure you do understand that consumers are waking up to the fact that educational content delivered by a captivity facility is often inaccurate and misleading, as animals are performing theatrical "tricks" rather than displaying natural behaviors. In fact, public opposition to the keeping and display of captive cetaceans has increased in the United States and worldwide – and will continue to increase. So, why don't you do the right thing and halt breeding and transport of Hawaii's cetaceans in captivity for entertainment purposes? You will have much support and will become a favorite politician among your constituents. Bobbi Parke 175 Farmer St., Concord NC 28027, 704-699-4031

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The Honorable Dr. Richard P. Creagan, Chair
House Committee on Agriculture
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Dear Dr. Creagan:

American Humane has been the voice for animals in the United States and around the world for 140 years. We protect, defend and elevate the welfare of all animal species. We are this country's first national humane organization and we strongly oppose H.R. NO. 136.

The proposed legislation paints with far too broad a brush. It inaccurately assumes that it is inhumane to keep cetaceans in human care. While there are undoubtedly some facilities that afford these remarkable creatures substandard care, there are others like Dolphin Quest that have led the way in advancing humane care and opened their doors to an American Humane audit team offering unprecedented transparency into their facility and welfare protocols.

American Humane announced in January that Dolphin Quest had passed a rigorous third-party audit to achieve certification under the global, first-of-its-kind American Humane Conservation program. Dolphin Quest, which operates two locations in Hawaii, on the Big Island and Oahu, joins an elite group of fewer than a dozen institutions worldwide to earn the program's Humane Certified™ seal. The program enforces rigorous, evidence-based standards of comprehensive animal welfare, developed by an independent Scientific Advisory Committee of world-renowned leaders in the fields of animal science, animal behavior, animal ethics, and conservation.

It would be wrong for the legislature to unfairly target an organization that has recently achieved such an honor from the country's oldest national humane organization.

Additionally, the resolution is filled with various inaccuracies about cetaceans in human care that could have been lifted directly from propaganda by PETA. These assertions are not grounded in science, are not supported by the broader veterinary community, and represent the worst kind of misinformation.

Zoos, aquariums and interactive facilities educate millions of Americans every year to become stewards of the environment and our wild creatures. We need more education and

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exposure, not less, as an unprecedented number of species face what scientists are calling a “Sixth Mass Extinction.” Global warming, habitat loss, pollution, and plastics in our oceans are wreaking havoc on wild animal populations. Humane Certified facilities like Dolphin Quest are educating and recruiting a new army of conservationists and advocates to protect these incredible creatures who are facing unprecedented pressure in the wild.

American Humane and our millions of supporters strongly urge you to oppose this proposed legislation.

Kind regards,

Robin R. Ganzert, Ph.D.

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William Rossiter	Cetacean Society International	Support	No

Comments: Cetacean Society International welcomes this opportunity to support HR136, in keeping with our 1995 position that "it is no longer justifiable for cetaceans to be captured or maintained in captivity for purposes of exhibition, research, or education. There exists a moral imperative for cetaceans in captivity to be maintained in optimal conditions for their physical and social well-being, and for efforts to be made for their rehabilitation and release." The empirical evidence supporting this position has accumulated substantially in the decades since, supported by significant scientific research demonstrating the cognitive capacities and awareness of cetaceans. HR136 is the result of lessons learned from the exploitation of cetaceans for entertainment and profit. Thank you for the opportunity to support HR136. William Rossiter Executive Director for Advocacy, Science and Grants Cetacean Society International rossiter@csiwhalesalive.org

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ejbernath	Individual	Support	No

Comments: It is unethical to isolate a highly intelligent and social animal from its natural environment. I support HR136!

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Hella Hölzer	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Please stop capturing cetacean breeding and Transfers in Hawaii!

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Stacey Olphin	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Hawaii should phase out cetacean captivity. Key Points as follows: * Cetaceans, which include dolphins, whales, and porpoises, are highly intelligent and social animals. • The County of Maui has prohibited the exhibition of captive cetaceans since 2002. • Public opposition to the keeping and display of captive cetaceans has increased in the United States and worldwide. • The dysfunctional social structure of captive cetaceans is known to cause unnatural aggression and stress, resulting in injury, illness, or death to the animals and to humans. • Educational content delivered by a captivity facility is often inaccurate and misleading, as animals are performing theatrical "tricks" rather than displaying natural behaviors. • It is unethical to isolate a highly intelligent and social animal from its natural environment. THANK YOU for your consideration!

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Fahad Hamdan	Individual	Support	No

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Fahad Hamdan	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Cecelia Tabellione	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Pleas find a Resolution that would cease the breeding and transport of Hawaii's cetaceans in captivity for entertainment purposes. This is cruel and inhumane. There is no need for this materialistic entertainment. Thank you kindly

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Michael Mah	Individual	Support	No

Comments: My family are longtime residents of Hawaii. We strongly oppose the breeding and display of intelligent, self-aware, and sentient cetaceans in Hawaii for human entertainment. It is cruel and inhumane, and a form of slavery. As a thought and ethics leader, Hawaii must join the movement also initiated by the State of California and the Vancouver Canada Parks Commission to ban cetacean breeding and captivity. I personally traveled to Taiji Japan to witness the source of dolphin captivity for myself after watching the Oscar-winning documentary, The Cove. Millions of followers of this film and then some, have now joined to support a powerful, global collective voice in this cause. Entire families and generations are ambushed at sea, with the most "beautiful" young adolescents taken for a life of slavery. Beforehand, they endure watching their families butchered before their eyes, while hearing their screams. Those killed are eaten. This "ground zero" of the dolphin trade nets the killers millions. Yakuza, Japanese organized crime, is widely known to be a part of this. Captives in Hawaii moreover, trace their origins to Taiji. This is tragic. It is vital that Hawaii send a message that it will discontinue profiting from this atrocity. Hawaii allowing this to continue sends the wrong message that these marine parks are morally and socially acceptable. In that manner, Hawaii promotes these practices. It is wrong. I support this measure to ban and eliminate the breeding and display of cetaceans. Michael Mah

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Michelle Holland	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Cetaceans, which include dolphins, whales, and porpoises, are highly intelligent and social animals. • The County of Maui has prohibited the exhibition of captive cetaceans since 2002. • Public opposition to the keeping and display of captive cetaceans has increased in the United States and worldwide. • The dysfunctional social structure of captive cetaceans is known to cause unnatural aggression and stress, resulting in injury, illness, or death to the animals and to humans. • Educational content delivered by a captivity facility is often inaccurate and misleading, as animals are performing theatrical "tricks" rather than displaying natural behaviors. • It is unethical to isolate a highly intelligent and social animal from its natural environment.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Elaine o'sullivan	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: It is so important, now more than ever to protect the life in our oceans!! I beg you to end the captivity of cetaceans! Intelligent, sentient beings like cetaceans belong in the ocean!! Be the leading light for others and show them all it is time to act in a way that will save our oceans, thus saving mankind!! If the oceans die, we die xx.
Thanking you x

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S. Barnes	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Please note the actions of the National Aquarium in Baltimore. They are building a seaside sanctuary for their captive dolphins because they realize that the needs of dolphins can not be met in a small concrete tank. It is cruel to confine intelligent sentient beings and subject them to abuse. They are starved in order to perform. Being kept captive is a mere form of forced existence. They need their own families, not ones we create for them. They need their freedom to be alive. It has been proven that captivity kills!! See the documentary "Blackfish"!

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Joann Palladino	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I am submitting testimony from my home state of Florida. Born and raised here I've watched over many decades the exploitation of marine life, in particular dolphins. I have been an opponent of breeding and keeping in captivity any marine life for entertainment purposes. The human race does not have the right to interfere with nature or any of it's inhabitants of our planet Earth. For far too long a select group of greedy business people have profited from the cruel captivity of marine life in concrete swimming pools instead of the open waters of the oceans, etc. Sea World is guilty of the most egregious crime of keeping Tillicum a prisoner his entire life. He recently died under mysterious circumstances, but I think he just longed to be free and died of a broken heart. We do not have the right to take these animals and make trained pets out of them. Let them live the life that our creator meant them to have. Not in captivity for the entertainment pleasure of man. Thank you for considering my comment. I hope you'll do the right thing.

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Danielle Enright	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Dolphins should be free in the ocean! They are not created for humans entertainment. They are intelligent living beings that deserve a life in the wild!

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Dario Endara	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Educational content delivered by a captivity facility is often inaccurate and misleading, as animals are performing theatrical "tricks" rather than displaying natural behaviors. It is unethical to isolate a highly intelligent and social animal from its natural environment.

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rachel	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: It's time to put this cruelty to an end. What gives you the right to take away these beautiful intelligent creatures life for your own sick selfish money hungry act? How would you like to be kidnapped, knocked around, beaten and locked up for the rest of your life without a choice? How would you like to only be fed if you did a trick? How would you like to be caged up for the rest of your life? Why is it any different to doing it to a human being? Well it's not and it's time to empty the tanks. Once and for all. No human or creature, especially without a voice deserves to be treated like this.

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samantha vega	Individual	Oppose	No

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Aaliyah Caballero	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
josie perrone	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Dolphins are incredibly smart, family oriented creatures that must not continue to live out terrible lives for the entertainment of humans. Public support is waning, groups like Sea World have seen dramatic attendance decreases and increased criticism. Experience them as they should be...in the wild. It is inhumane, archaic, and unacceptable in today's age to continue to make dolphins suffer.

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Kathy Sperling	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Bring home the sweet dog that was reported to be part wolf. This charge is ludicrous . The DNA test verified he is NOT part wolf. He should be allowed to come home IMMEDIATELY to live with the family he loves. THANK YOU
kappykidlet@aol.com

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Patrick Longworth	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I wish to make known my opposition to the keeping of dolphins and other wild animals for entertainment or breeding purposes, unless it is done with the animal's welfare as the highest priority. Sometimes animals no longer have proper habitat, that is perhaps the only argument for providing captive enclosures for them as long as they are an appropriate size for them and nature must be the measure for that.

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Malvin	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: They have soul as humans so they have rights just as humans

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Vikrant Sharma	Individual	Support	No

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Alice Petruccelli	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Triumph Donnelly Studios LLC Donnelly	Triumph Donnelly Studios LLC	Support	No

Comments: To The Committee, March 21, 2017 My office signed the original petition on Change.org to set free the dolphins now being held in entertainment cages in your State. My office totally supports to end the dolphin captivity now under said Bill HR136. Please add my testimony in support o end this horror now. Thank you DJ Donnelly, Exec Chairman Triumph Donnelly Studios LLC <http://triumphgroupstudios.vpweb.com>

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To The Hawaii House of Representatives,

I would like to preface this entire testimony by saying I **used to not believe in animals under human care**. As a child I loved Sea World, and the San Diego Zoo, and other zoos and aquariums across the US.

As I got older however, the thought of animals under human care began to become distasteful to me.

It wasn't long before I went to University of California to study Environmental Science, still under the slight impression that animals in 'captivity' was wrong, hoping to change the world.

One day I had a professor offer this question to a class:

"Who here loves pandas?"

Everyone raised their hands.

"Everyone wants to protect pandas, correct?"

A chorus of affirmatives rang out in the lecture hall.

"And no one minds that we step in and help pandas breed and take care of them, correct?"

Again, a chorus of yes's responded.

"So", he said, "Tell me why sea animals are any different? Why is it that we are ok with having pandas or seals, or even dogs and cats in human care, but the thought of a cetacean, like a killer whale, drives us insane?"

Silence. He switched veins.

"What is the number one reason animals need to change locations? Tell me, what is it biologically? Instinctually. It's for food. And if there is no need to hunt for food, then why is there a need to move?"

The class remained silent, pondering. I've since forgotten the rest of the conversation but that beginning part has always stuck with me.

Activists and environmentalists are always asserting that lagoons and pools are not adequate enough spaces, are not adequate for living. That these animals NEED to move. But the reality is they don't. If they are being fed on a regular basis, are checked daily for their health and are stimulated mentally and physically through human interaction, then what other needs are there really to address?

I find that in the wake of Blackfish, there has been a surge of anti-human care activity that is backed by no science whatsoever. Beyond personal feelings and emotion, there is no peer-reviewed scientific evidence to support the claims that animals in accredited, US Government regulated facilities are anything but healthy and thriving.

Just reading some of the claims in this resolution, coming from a person who dedicated an entire career and more to environmentalism and science, frankly makes me doubt whoever drafted it.

Many of these claims are standard message points from animal extremist organizations that don't do research. Survivorship of SOME cetacean species is indeed reduced under human care, take for example

a gray whale. However, other cetaceans, like dolphins and porpoises absolutely thrive under human care.

“WHEREAS, cetacean facilities have multiple animals exhibiting unaddressed yet documented stereotypical behaviors, such as floating motionless at the surface for prolonged periods (known as “logging”) and swimming in repetitive circles, indication of depression due to the stress of inadequate living conditions.”

This statement above not only shows ignorance. It shows lack of understanding of dolphin behavior. It shows lack of observation and study of dolphins in the wild. And it shows lack of integrity. This is a blatant lie.

To the House of Representatives, if you were not aware, then please allow me to tell you now. Just from personal experience, from swimming with wild dolphins off the coast of California, to snorkeling with them here in Hawaii, **dolphins swim in circles when they are resting**. This is VERY, very common knowledge. And it is also backed by science. It is not an indication of depression, it is an indication of sleep.

Touching on the subject of sleep, peer reviewed science has coined the term “logging” to describe a dolphin resting at the surface of the water. That is true. What the author of this resolution fails to mention is that this is well documented and well addressed. Dolphin sleep half of their brain at a time, something called unihemispheric slow wave sleep. Since they are conscious breathers, and their brain has to process each breath, they “log” at the surface of the water in order to make breathing easier while one half of their brain sleep.

The fact that the author, or the authors, of this resolution do not know this and have the nerve to draft it and send it to you all and make you all look like fools absolutely blows my mind.

It is claims like the above that really put in jeopardy the integrity of this resolution, and shows me, as a concerned citizen of the state of Hawaii that the draftees of this resolution and either incredibly ununiformed, or don't do their own research. Either of these is damning.

That said, I urge you to reject this resolution, just based on the science alone.

When I was a child I loved seeing animals up close and personal at places like Sea World.

And that is the reason I love and cherish them now. So if not based on science alone, then how about based on the fact that if you take away these types of facilities, people will never get to touch or see or experience these wonderful animals, and as such they will begin to lose their connection to them.

How can you cherish something you've never met?

Mahalo,

Alex Y.

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Hawaii has some of the most spacious and beautiful exhibits for captive cetaceans. The statements made in proposal 136 are unfounded and unscientific. The role the three facilities in Hawaii play is pivotal! The waters surrounding Hawaii are full of an abundant number of cetacean species. Their survival is dependent on those who live on the Hawaiian islands and those who are connected to all of its oceans. Places like Dolphin Quest and Sea Life Park teach people and give them an up close encounter to inspire and educate those to save the threaten cetaceans that call Hawaii home.

It is impractical and unwise to expect everyone to view cetaceans in the wild. This would increase boat traffic, pollution, and stress on already vulnerable populations. Having a small number of cetaceans in zoological settings serving as ambassadors give the opportunity to a much bigger group of the public. These parks provide an amazing service of tourism, employment, and most important education. They help conserve not just cetaceans but also pinnipeds. This is a slippery slope. Phasing out all captive cetaceans would mean rescued individuals as well. Without facilities to take in stranded cetaceans they would die on the beach and that supports no ecosystem. If facilities can no longer hold any cetaceans, this could lead to pinnipeds. Monk seals are critically endangered and every individual counts. Without the support of these parks monk seals would have gone extinct long ago. Every park that supports conservation, education, and research is very important to the survival of not just cetaceans but all marine life in Hawaii.

<http://www.sealifeparkhawaii.com/sites/sealife.com/files/SLP%20Hawaiian%20Monk%20Seal%20Program%20Backgrounder%20-%20Updated%2011-10-11.pdf>

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Quotes from the proposal with rebuttals and/or sources to published scientific journals.

"the dysfunctional social structure of captive cetaceans is known to cause unnatural aggression and stress, resulting in injury, illness, or death to the animals and to humans"

There is no case of social structures causing a death to any human or animal in Hawaii.

"cetacean facilities have multiple animals exhibiting unaddressed yet documented stereotypical behaviors, such as floating motionless at the surface for prolonged periods (known as "logging")"

Logging is sleeping. Cetaceans sleep periodical during the day and night. They do not sleep like humans, but must remain close to the surface to breathe, even while sleeping.

<https://www.semel.ucla.edu/sites/all/files/08%20cetacean%20review%20lyamin%20manger.pdf>

"survivorship of cetaceans is reduced, sometimes drastically, in a captive environment"

Bottlenose dolphins, which account for 99% of the captive cetaceans held in Hawaii live well beyond their normal life expectancy and have a higher survival rate in captive environments.

https://swfsc.noaa.gov/uploadedFiles/Divisions/PRD/Programs/Coastal_Marine_Mammal/StolenandBarlow.pdf
http://rosmarus.com/Survival/Surv_3.htm
<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/25835174>

"animals are injured or deformed due to the ongoing unnatural and physical demands of a job in the entertainment industry"
An unfounded and an emotional opinion. In the wild, dolphins face the threat of hunger, predators, and debris. In captive environments, they receive around the clock health care and have a prolonged life because of it. The same diseases and genetic predispositions are treated and/or cured, which would otherwise kill a wild dolphin.
http://aquaticmammalsjournal.org/share/AquaticMammalsIssueArchives/1997/AquaticMammals_23-01/23-01_Harzen.pdf
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https://marinedebris.noaa.gov/sites/default/files/mdp_entanglement.pdf

"conflicting messages of stewardship are communicated because the Marine Mammal Protection Act forbids feeding or attempting to feed marine mammal species in the wild, but captive facilities incorporate feeding the animals as a part of the "encounter" experience"
Hawaii does not have a problem with wild cetaceans being fed by humans. Giving the opportunity to have people meet captive dolphins discourages feeding in the wild as they are provided an outlet to meet dolphins in a safe and controlled manner.

"educational content delivered by a captivity facility is often inaccurate and misleading, as animals are performing theatrical "tricks" rather than displaying natural behavior"
It is common knowledge that wild cetaceans, especially bottlenose, jump, spin, and do many acrobatic activities to communicate and socialize with individuals. Labeling a jump as a trick, is an opinion. A jump in the wild and the jump in a zoological environment are the same thing, the only difference is the background.

"the United States Marine Mammal Inventory Report in November 2013 indicates that the causes of death for Hawaii's captive cetaceans include food poisoning, capture-related incidents, malnutrition, debilitation, drowning, jumping out of enclosures, trauma, and failure to thrive;"
This is discounting any and all rescued animals, where the facility in question tried to save a wild individual.

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Lauren	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Free dolphins

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Anna	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I oppose the breeding and captivity of dolphins for entertainment, I agree that this should be phased out and banned.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Andrea Nandoskar	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha, I strongly and respectfully urge you to support this bill. Let Hawaii lead the way in compassion for our fellow sea creatures who have repeatedly been deemed as (or more) intelligent than humans. Let's show the world that we, as an island nation, respect, revere and honor our fellow cetaceans, by making it morally unfavorable to hold these noble creatures in captivity for something so banal and selfish as human entertainment. And to discontinue the unethical practice of breeding cetaceans for a life of imprisonment. Mahalo for your consideration.

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Testimony against HR136 and HCR208

As a resident of Oahu I am opposed to this measure.

The majority of the statements presented in this measure are not rooted in science, are unsubstantiated, and are mere conjecture. On that basis alone this measure should not pass. I implore the legislature to please see through the emotions in this measure and make their decision based on facts.

The facts are, organizations exhibiting cetaceans in Hawaii provide a service to residents and visitors to our state that encourages a connection to the environment and supports conservation. The health and well-being of the animals in these facilities is well documented and is regularly reviewed by the United States Department of Agriculture. Furthermore two facilities are accredited by the American Humane organization. Evidence of all of this is publicly available.

There is no peer-reviewed scientific evidence supporting the claims presented in this measure.

Should you have the opportunity to speak with leaders of the organizations caring for these animals, you will understand the depth of care they provide the animals, their passion for educating the community about the oceans, and preserving both for the future.

Please do not support HR136 or its companion HCR 208.

Mahalo,

Ben Haffner
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Anne McManus	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: In the interests of a better world , in the interest of kindness and humanity, education and conservation, with the knowledge that cetaceans do NOT fare well in captivity and are sentient beings, in the interest of reducing crime, cruelty and barbarism - it is not right or possible to continue this horrendous practise. Hawaii is a paradise of the sea and land , and honours nature in its true form of wildness and freedom to thrive. This is totally against your nature and an abhorrent legacy to be passing down the generations when preservation and respect of the earth is at your core beliefs. Please correct this and developer a more all inclusive care for your cetacean friends in order to retain the ethos of your ancestors. Win win then.

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Esteemed Legislators,

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My name is Caitlin Carrington, and I am a concerned Honolulu County resident strongly opposing Bill HR 136. I hold a Bachelor's degree in Marine Biology and a minor in Psychology, and care greatly about the future of animals, especially cetaceans, in human care. I have visited Dolphin Quest and participated in their programs many times, so I have seen firsthand the excellent care the animals receive and heard the strong education and conservation messaging that the company gives its guests.

Bill HR 136 is not founded in science and truth. It makes many emotionally-charged, misled and uneducated statements about the lives of cetaceans in human care that I would like to individually address and bring to your attention.

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7. Because of certain movies that have come out in the past, some members of the public have become misinformed on the goals of companies that have cetaceans in their care, as well as the care that those animals get, both mentally and physically. A Harris poll in 2012 actually states that 97% of people believe that marine life parks, aquariums and zoos are important because they educate children about marine mammals, and give them the opportunity to see those animals up-close and personal that they would otherwise not see in the wild. In the case of cetaceans, it is illegal by the Marine Mammal Protection Act to approach a dolphin in the wild, thus highlighting the importance of caring for the species in a safe environment that allows people to come very close. I encourage you to review the other highlights from that year's Harris poll: http://www.ammpa.org/doc_harris2012nr.html

22. Bill HR 136 refers to the social structure of cetaceans in human care as "dysfunctional". This is absolutely not the case. Staff at Dolphin Quest closely manage the dolphin's social structure according to the species' natural history and each individual dolphin's behavior. The bill goes on to say that this causes "unnatural aggression and stress". First, I would like to point out that dolphins in the wild can be highly aggressive and show aggressive precursors to tourists swimming with them that is interpreted by those tourists as playfulness. Dolphin Quest has never had a serious guest injury or death as a result of dolphin aggression. The bill states that this "unnatural aggression" has resulted in "death to the animals and to humans". There has not been a death in the state of Hawai'i inflicted by a cetacean in human care. Second, I would like to address the "stress" the bill proposes the animals experience in human care. Dolphins at Dolphin Quest are never forced to do anything; they are always given a yes or no choice to every behavior asked of them. The dolphins are aware of their position to make their own decision, thus eliminating stress and increasing a sense of trust in their caretakers. Swim with the dolphins programs here are safe for both humans and dolphins.

27. "Floating motionless at the surface for long periods (known as 'logging')" is indeed a behavior that one will see exhibited in wild dolphins as well as dolphins in human care. The Bill guides you to believe that this behavior is an indicator of "depression" whereas it is actually an indicator that the dolphin is sleeping. Common Bottlenose Dolphins engage in unihemispheric slow-wave sleep, meaning that only one half of their brain shuts down to go to sleep at a time. While some dolphins do swim while they sleep, others will exhibit this natural, logging behavior that allows them to keep their blowhole above the water at all times.

1. This bill proposes that cetaceans in the state of Hawai'i have "inadequate living conditions". This is false. Dolphin Quest is certified by the USDA and the AMMPA which sets habitat regulations - all of which are exceeded at their sites. Common Bottlenose Dolphins in the wild of the same ecotype at Dolphin Quest (inshore ecotype) spend the majority of their time in water that is three meters deep or less and are not a migratory species; thus, the lagoons fit the natural history of the animals. The home for these animals is a dynamic one, with tropical fish, toys, engaging programs and novel sessions. It is not inadequate, it is extraordinary.

4. Survivorship of dolphins in the wild is, on average, less than that of dolphins in human care. Dolphins live longer in human care due to cooperative healthcare that is both preventative and proactive, the absence of predators and very importantly the absence of pollution. I believe that people become more inspired to care for our earth and oceans after meeting a dolphin at a marine park, zoo or aquarium and learning about how they can make a difference.

7. Dolphins in human care are certainly not "malnourished". Their diets are closely monitored, taking into consideration the species types and calories they are consuming. This is all overseen by a veterinarian, who ensures that they are at the perfect weight for their body size, metabolic rate, age, etc. All of the dolphins at Dolphin Quest are thriving.

13. The animal's wellness comes first in any human care situation. If a situation was too physically demanding and it was not in the individual animal's best interest, caretakers would not ask the animal to participate in that. The animals are well-loved and are never demanded anything of.

17. There are no conflicting messages of stewardship regarding the Marine Mammal Protection Act's clause on feeding wild dolphins. First, dolphins in human care are not wild and are non-releasable, therefore it is perfectly fine that they are being fed by humans. Second, a message that I have heard staff members share is to not feed wild dolphins.

23. Information that is shared by the staff members at Dolphin Quest comes from peer-reviewed scientific studies. It is not "inaccurate and misleading". Dolphins in human care display a wide range of natural behaviors such as breaching, playing, vocalizing and swimming fast in addition to the behaviors that have been taught to them.

28. The Common Bottlenose Dolphin is listed as a species of Least Concern by the IUCN Red List. They are not "prevented from playing their critical role in an ecosystem". In fact, Dolphin Quest has donated millions of dollars to scientific study to increase knowledge of dolphins and how to better protect them in the wild.

31. Dolphin Quest treats their dolphins ethically, and with the utmost respect. It is important to note that in the present day, the vast majority of cetaceans in human care have been born with humans, and have never been in the ocean. Being put into the ocean would mean certain death for them as they do not have the skills necessary for survival in the wild.

34. Hawaiian values are promoted by facilities that have cetaceans in human care. These facilities encourage caring for the land and the ocean, respecting animal life, and passing down knowledge

through the generations. If we lose these facilities, we steal that educational experience from our children, grandchildren, and the rest of our descendants.

I urge you to oppose HR 136. By opposing, you will have chosen to listen to the voices of reason and science, rather than succumbing to the misinformed, emotional argument presented to you. Most importantly, I urge you to visit Dolphin Quest yourself so you can see firsthand how well-loved and well cared for those dolphins are.

Mahalo nui loa,

Caitlin Carrington

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michel dos santos	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Cetaceans, which include dolphins, whales and porpoises, are highly intelligent and social animals. Public opposition to the keeping and display of captive cetaceans has increased worldwide. The dysfunctional and social structure of captive cetaceans is known to cause unnatural aggression and stress, resulting in illness, or death to the animals and to humans. Educational content delivered by a captivity facility is often incarnate and misleading as animals are performing theatrical tricks rather than displaying natural behaviors. It is unethical to isolate a highly intelligent and social animal from it's natural environment.

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Levi Theusch	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am writing as a concerned voter from the Ewa Beach State House of Representatives District 41. I have two young children and I have been to both Dolphin Quest Oahu and Hawaii as a guest and an animal lover over a dozen times. One thing I can say for certain is the only people who care more for the dolphins than the guests are the trainers and staff of Dolphin Quest. On almost every occasion, Dolphin Quest members went out of their way to discuss preservation and wildlife protection efforts with me. I have seen nothing at these facilities that makes me concerned for the well being of these animals. The educational experience these facilities provide is second to none, and provides a learning experience offered no where else. To close these facilities or hinder their mission would be to deny this learning opportunity for future generations. In conclusion, I request no members of the house offer support to H.R. NO. 136.

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briant	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Support this measure

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Brittany Arvizu	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: In comment to HR136, I urge the House of Representatives, twenty-ninth legislator, 2017, State of Hawaii to oppose such resolution. In a time where facts are being challenged and scientific research criticized, I urge you to make any decisions for such proposal based on scientific facts as opposed to decisions based on human emotion. Is there enough scientific evidence to prove the claims that are being made in HR136? Public opposition and statements made to elicit human emotion, such as: "the dysfunctional social structure" and "unnatural aggression and stress", surely cannot be the basis Hawaii uses to make policy decisions. I have studied animal behavior, marine mammal physiology, and have worked in such facilities that this measure aims to 'resolve'. I have never once witnessed cruelty to any animal. I do not think there is adequate research to show that the quality of life and health of cetaceans in human care, while certainly different, is significantly lower than those cetaceans in the wild. Alternatively, science has gained a remarkable insight into cetacean behavior due to animal training and research in captive settings. This only contributes to aiding in the survival of cetacean species in the wild, many of which are endangered and facing extinction in our lifetime. One cannot simply suggest "the survivorship of cetaceans is reduced [drastically] in a captive environment", when there is little evidence and few examples documenting the age of such cetaceans in the wild. Additionally, there needs to be a comparison of data which measures 'stress' between wild and captive dolphins, and a clear understanding of what the indicators of stress are. Be it resolved that the House of Representatives chooses to encourage and promote the use of robust science by supporting and recognizing Hawaii facilities that maintain the highest health standards for cetaceans in captivity which lead to promoting all biodiversity in our Hawaiian waters.

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krystal bell	Individual	Support	No

Comments: End captivity for dolphins and other water mammals. I support HR136

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cecilie getz	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Stop the animal abuse, all animals included us were born free, and that's the only way any living being will have quality of life. Stop interfering and stop captivity and breeding of cetaceans. Leave animals alone, and also stop the ivory trade- Hawaii is one of the worst in the trading and it will cause extinction on elephants. Show Compassionate and that you will make a change for the animals. Cecilie

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Representative Lynn DeCoite
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Dear Chair Richard Creagan, Vice Chair Lynn DeCoite, and the Agriculture Committee:

My name is Taylor Gray and I am writing in strong opposition to House Resolution 136 (HR 136). From my reading of HR 136, the Resolution is grossly inaccurate, biased, and ill-informed. Having lived in Hawaii my entire life, I have learned to love the ocean and the marine mammals that call it their home. My passion and support for marine mammal conservation began at the tender age of ten, when I first interacted with dolphins at Sea Life Park. I was enthralled by these magnificent animals. It was from this experience that I became an avid and zealous supporter of marine mammal conservation.

Without this experience, I am not sure if I would have developed the love and interest that I have for dolphins and other marine mammals. Facilities like Sea Life Park and Dolphin Quest Oahu give people the opportunity to interact and learn about dolphins. As such, these dolphins are ambassadors for their relatives in the ocean. These ambassadors allow people to establish meaningful connections that spark awareness for the necessity of conservation and custodianship. Removing dolphins from these facilities would ultimately rob future generations of the opportunity to interact, fall in love, and become inspired to protect dolphins and other marine mammals that are being threatened with extinction in the wild.

Dolphins living at these facilities are not being ill-treated, as inferred by the misinformed language contained in HR 136. In fact, Dolphins housed at facilities accredited by the Alliance of Marine Mammal Parks and Aquariums live significantly longer in human care than they do in the wild. See Willis, K. *Life Expectancy of Bottlenose Dolphins in Alliance of Marine Mammal Parks and Aquariums' North American Member Facilities: 1990-Present*. (2007) (available at http://www.ammppa.org/doc_dolphin_factsheet.html) (stating current scientific data show that the average lifespan of bottlenose dolphins in Alliance of Marine Mammal Parks and Aquariums member facilities is considerably longer than their counterparts in the wild). These dolphins are cared for by loving, dedicated trainers and experienced veterinarians.

Dolphins housed in facilities like Dolphin Quest Oahu and Sea Life Park serve a vital purpose, which is to motivate people to engage in the conservation of marine mammals found

in the wild. Passing HR 136 would result in a horrendous disservice to captive and wild dolphins alike. Therefore, I strongly oppose HR 136 in its entirety.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Taylor Gray", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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Meidiana Zafirah	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I support this measure.

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denise haughian	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Responsible breeding is the most humane way to maintain these animals who are treated with the utmost care while helping further human understanding.

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Re: HR 136

I submit the testimony in opposition of HR 136.

Accredited and veterinarian managed marine life parks such as Dolphin Quest are critical to the survival of the species, because they inspire the public to care about and protect dolphins in the wild.

These programs provide an educational experience that is safe and mutually beneficial for the dolphins and humans. This experience is much more impactful than reading about dolphins in a book, watching them on TV or seeing them on the internet.

Dolphin Quest has contributed over \$3.5 million dollars in financial and in-the-field support of marine mammal scientific study which increases our collective knowledge of these animals and how to protect them in the wild. This is private sector funding, not reliant on government programs. In an era of potential funding cuts to federal programs, it is unconscionable to attack private sector organizations such as Dolphin Quest which act in the interest of the public and the marine mammals under their care.

There is no peer-reviewed scientific evidence to support the claims in this resolution that the animals in accredited, US Government regulated facilities like Dolphin Quest are anything, but healthy and thriving. Many of these claims are standard message points from animal extremist organizations that seek to break the animal-human bond and close all zoos and aquariums.

To phase out dolphins under professional human care and discontinue breeding would rob future generations of the opportunity to see, experience, and learn about these animals up close and cause harm to our tourist industry, particularly on Hawai'i Island.

My ohana and I have been to Dolphin Quest multiple times at the Hilton Waikoloa Village and have seen first-hand that these animals are absolutely adored and well cared for by their animal caregivers. In fact, I personally participated in a 6 hour plus behind the scenes program where I assisted the highly trained and experienced Dolphin Quest Marine Biology interns as they prepared food, administered daily health checks, and interacted with the dolphins in their care in a most caring, nurturing, and supportive way. It was readily evident that the well-being of the marine mammals under their care was their most important responsibility.

It is deeply disturbing that some of our legislators continue to propose supposedly “feel good” legislation based on pseudo-science, not scientific evidence. Please do not support HR 136.
Mahalo!

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sylvia Dolena	Aloha Animal Advocates Org.	Support	No

Comments: We support the phasing out of captivity all CETACEANS. These are highly intelligent beings and deserve to live free.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
jennie Justice	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Please I urge you to thoroughly review the dolphin captivity situation. This is a cause that is growing widely throughout the world and I truly believe that in the not to distant future keeping dolphins and other large marine mammals in confinement will be outlawed. Many of these creatures are captured very brutally in Taiji Japan, trained for many months in grueling conditions to be shipped across the world. Dolphins live in pods and have close family bonds, to rip them from the ocean and train them to entertain humans is wrong, they pine for their family members and to be free in the ocean. I urge you to review this very carefully. You can watch ' the Cove' and 'Backfish' on You tube this explains more what is happening. Thank you

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Jeffery	Individual	Oppose	No

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Danielle Logan	Individual	Oppose	No

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BOUAZIZ	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Set them free!

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

Comments: Aloha legislators, Please support phasing out of dolphin captivity. No person would want to live the way captive dolphins are forced to live. mahalo, Cory Harden

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

Comments: No Dolphins captivity, no Dolphins entertainment, Empty the tanks

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

Comments: I support this measure. Records via NOAA and NMFS show that there have been dozens of stillbirths and miscarriages at Dolphin Quest and Sea Life Park due to the artificial, unnatural environment in which they are bred. The ones that do survive the breeding are sent to other facilities which is highly stressful for both the mother and her offspring. Cetaceans are highly intelligent and social beings with close family bonds who are aware of the loss of their offspring and separation from their mothers. Captivity is not aloha. Please support this measure. Respectfully, Alexis M. Thomas

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Alessandra Arcangeletti	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Hawaii is such a beautiful country with a wild and amazing blue backyard. As a turist we can see animals swimming free in a deep blue ocean. Please stop keeping and breeding animals in captivity. Sea safaris brings more profit than silly tanks attractions! It's 21st century for God's sake! Thank you!

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Elaine Becker	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support phasing out captive dolphins. • Cetaceans, which include dolphins, whales, and porpoises, are highly intelligent and social animals. • The County of Maui has prohibited the exhibition of captive cetaceans since 2002. • Public opposition to the keeping and display of captive cetaceans has increased in the United States and worldwide. • The dysfunctional social structure of captive cetaceans is known to cause unnatural aggression and stress, resulting in injury, illness, or death to the animals and to humans. • Educational content delivered by a captivity facility is often inaccurate and misleading, as animals are performing theatrical "tricks" rather than displaying natural behaviors. • It is unethical to isolate a highly intelligent and social animal from its natural environment.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Alexa Miller	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am writing this in opposition to bill HR136. My name is Alexa Miller and I strongly oppose bill HR136. The claims from HR136 are commonly found on social media posts from animal extremists that seek to break the animal-human bond and close all zoos and aquariums. Zoos and aquariums are crucial for people to make a connection with nature and to be educated and inspired to make a difference for our planet. These facilities are also crucial for the survival of so many species that are on the verge of extinction. To ban cetaceans from breeding would not only rob future generations of people to learn and connect with these animals, but it was also be detrimental to the animals. Dolphins are one of the few species that engage in sexual behavior not only for reproduction but also to strengthen their social bonds as well as for pleasure. To take that natural right away from them would be unjust. This bill also says that cetaceans do not thrive under human care and that is very far from the truth. Dolphins under human care generally out-live their counterparts in the ocean and are given the highest standard of care and are well-loved. The cetacean facilities here in Hawaii also support scientific studies to help wild populations both through donations as well as onsite research. There is still so much to learn from these amazing animals and some of that research cannot be done out in the ocean. I have been apart of and have hands on experience with the programs offered as these facilities and it has changed my life. The information I learned while I was there and the connection I made with that dolphin is not something I could have learned from a book. Living here in Hawaii I am very fortunate to be surrounded by this beautiful ocean and to see a lot of marine life, but to visitors that have never even seen an ocean, let alone a marine mammal, an up-close encounter is just what they need to be inspired. Some might argue that to get that experience they should swim with wild dolphins and marine life, but this goes against the Marine Mammal Protection Act. There have already been a lot of discussions about the negative effects that tour boats are having on our spinner dolphin populations around the islands from disruption of their resting time which is during the day (because they are nocturnal) as well as harassment. If you support this bill to eventually ban cetaceans from breeding, therefore phasing our marine mammals under human care, there will be more visitors that will try to get that experience with wild populations which is dangerous for both humans and animals. I urge you to please do research and look at

the true facts about the success and importance of marine mammals under human care and not to listen to extremists with misguided information.

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marina kulakova	keiko conservation	Support	No

Comments:

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Jessica Morris	Individual	Support	No

Comments: We are livestock farmers and have witnessed first-hand the changes in an animal's personality when they are not allowed to live naturally--from dairy calves taken from their moms to pigs farrowing in crates. I can believe the negative changes that are described regarding dolphins and other mammals held in captivity. Please consider this when making your decision about this bill.

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Leanne Farrell	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I visited sea world in Hawaii 8 years ago and I was appalled at the conditions the animals were kept in, the tanks are so small and the breeding is un natural they had a cross whale and dolphin. The visit compelled me to actively campaign against captivity, previous to this visit I had no idea how awful these places were. • Cetaceans, which include dolphins, whales, and porpoises, are highly intelligent and social animals. • The County of Maui has prohibited the exhibition of captive cetaceans since 2002. • Public opposition to the keeping and display of captive cetaceans has increased in the United States and worldwide. • The dysfunctional social structure of captive cetaceans is known to cause unnatural aggression and stress, resulting in injury, illness, or death to the animals and to humans. • Educational content delivered by a captivity facility is often inaccurate and misleading, as animals are performing theatrical "tricks" rather than displaying natural behaviors. • It is unethical to isolate a highly intelligent and social animal from its natural environment.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Michelle Hayward	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I fully support HR136 & HCR208 Phasing out captivity is the morally right thing to do. We know deep down that these animals are deeply unhappy and stressed. A concrete cell; no matter how big; can never fulfill the needs of highly intelligent and social whales and dolphins; no matter how young they were when stolen from the wild, or even when born into captivity. This is evident in the high mortality rate of many young cetaceans. Many people are disgusted with the use of animals for entertainment. This is evident in the continued crash of Seaworld since the overwhelming success of Blackfish and The Cove. Rejecting captivity is key to the evolution of a more intelligent and compassionate society. The implementation of HR136 & HCR208 can therefore only be a good thing

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Amy Roberts	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please support this bill. Dolphins are highly intelligent and very social. Captivity is extremely hard on them and these "dolphin experiences" do not educate the public.

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Testimony against HR136 & HCR208
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I am a resident of Oahu and I am opposed to this measure. Fundamentally, it would be unethical to support this measure as it is mainly comprised of conjecture and false information. None of the points listed are supported by peer reviewed citation. As will be evident to the logical and scientifically minded members of the Board of Agriculture, House and Senate, most statements are simply opinions of the author and merit no response. I urge you to seek out the FACTS before passing judgement on this issue. Some examples are:

INTELLIGENCE: The assertion that cetaceans are highly intelligent is only useful in context, which has not been provided. Per a set of criteria established by humans, cetaceans certainly rank among intelligent animal species among which is also the pig. As summarized by Marino & Colvin (2015 International Journal of Comparative Psychology, 28) findings show that pigs are equal to dolphins when given the same criteria on object discrimination; engage in complex play behavior as do dolphins; discriminate and recognize conspecifics as do dolphins; and even demonstrate emotion and personality. Marine mammals in the care of facilities accredited by the Alliance of Marine Mammal Parks and Aquariums receive far superior care to that of pigs, kept by the millions, in factory farms across the country. Pigs spend days traveling across the ocean in inhumane conditions to be slaughtered in Hawaii. In contrast, 2 out of 4 facilities housing marine mammals in Hawaii are American Humane Certified facilities.

RESTRICTED EXHIBITION: 93% of the countries on the planet and 94% of the United States of America have not banned or restricted exhibition of marine mammals in human care. In addition, the Federal Government condones the exhibition of marine mammals in USDA certified facilities.

LIVING & SOCIAL CONDITIONS: All marine mammal facilities operating in Hawaii that house dolphins are accredited by the AMMPA which means that behavior and living conditions, including healthy social structures, are integral to daily operation. Animals at these facilities do not exhibit stereotypical behaviors. None of the dolphins at these facilities are injured or deformed due to their long life in human care.

SURVIVORSHIP: Current scientific data show that dolphins in AMMPA accredited facilities live **LONGER** than their wild counterparts.

CONFLICTING/MISLEADING MESSAGES: Marine mammal facilities in Hawaii do not condone the feeding of wild dolphins or other harassment such as swimming with wild dolphins. Instead these facilities educate guests as to why these practices are harmful to wild dolphins and support scientific studies that indicate the same. Part of providing the superior care given at these facilities includes positive reinforcement training of various behaviors for the purposes of cooperative preventative health care, mental enrichment and physical exercise.

In summary, I hope the Board of Agriculture, House of Representatives and Senate conclude this proposal is woefully inadequate at making a case for phasing out cetaceans in human care in Hawaii and, further, that cetaceans in human care are critical to a bigger picture need in a society that has become disconnected to nature.

Among the participants in a close-up encounter with a dolphin are children from our own island who

have never even visited a beach much less experienced touching and interacting with such a magnificent creature. It is our duty to create opportunities for safe interactions with nature, including marine mammals, to continue to inspire the next generation of global stewards.

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Taiki Yoshida	Individual	Oppose	No

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laura pandapas	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Please....help end the brutal and in-humane capture and imprisonment of cetaceans for entertainment. They are highly social, intelligent and sentient beings. We used to not understand.... But we know better now. Please stop this practice in the state of Hawaii. Mahalo.

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Teresa Smith	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Hawaii should phase out cetacean captivity. Key points are listed below for your reference. SUPPORT of HR136 & HCR208. • Cetaceans which include dolphins, whales, and porpoises, are highly intelligent and social animals. • The County of Maui has prohibited the exhibition of captive cetaceans since 2002. • Public opposition to the keeping and display of captive cetaceans has increased in the United States and worldwide. • The dysfunctional social structure of captive cetaceans is known to cause unnatural aggression and stress, resulting in injury, illness, or death to the animals and to humans. • Educational content delivered by a captivity facility is often inaccurate and misleading, as animals are performing theatrical "tricks" rather than displaying natural behaviors. • It is unethical to isolate a highly intelligent and social animal from its natural environment. Thank You, Teresa Smith Murfreesboro, Tn 37129

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judith cohen	Individual	Support	No

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Diane Struble	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Some years ago I had the pleasure of being introduced to a lovely female dolphin who allowed me to ride her back around a large pool. She appeared to be healthy and calm. Nonetheless, I would forego the joy this gave me to have her free in the ocean where she belongs. I hope it never becomes necessary to cage dolphins as the only way to ensure the survival of her species, but until such time exists her happiness lies with her own in the ocean.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Richard O'Barry	DolohinProject.com	Comments Only	No

Comments: Of Dolphins and Decency by Richard O'Barry DolphinProject.net In situations of great stress in captivity they (dolphins) have been known to commit suicide by starvation, battering against walls, or drowning.—The Columbia Encyclopedia, 6th Edition 2001-05. When you consider that dolphins and other whales have been around on this planet for at least 50 million years, compared with much less than a single million years for us human beings, you have to wonder how we got control so quickly over them. They have larger brains than we have. They're bigger and stronger, faster, sleeker and altogether more perfectly formed than we are. And yet, just as we have come to dominate 30 per cent of the world (that which is above water) in the short time we've been around, we could say that dolphins and other whales are the dominate species in the other 70 percent, which is water. The bottom line is that we're both at the top in our separate worlds, cetaceans in their watery domain, we on land. When we scan the horizon for similarities, we have a moment of recognition because we're actually very much alike. We're both mammals, for instance, mammals of a high order for we're both self-aware, and we've both adapted almost perfectly to the world we live in. As mammals we both breathe air, mothers in both worlds suckle their young in loving family groups around which is woven a way of living that fosters social rules maintaining a balance like the golden mean of ancient Greece. At least that's true of dolphins and other whales. Where did we go wrong? What happened in our world to make so many of us rush with such abandon into the exploitation of our counterparts in the other 70 percent of the world? Why do we capture these beautiful fellow creatures and make them objects of fun? And oddly enough the most fun we seem to have is capturing them, pinning them up and making them pull us through the water, one after the other,. Why would anyone who understood what was actually going on enjoy this? How can we, who do understand what's going on, tolerate it? And how can those who exploit dolphins and other whales do so without a ripple of conscience, as if they had a right to? Well, as we all know, the short answer is that we have a history of this. You may recall that slavery was only recently put aside as an okay thing to do. Almost certainly that happened because it was no longer economically feasible. Indeed where it is feasible, as in enforced prostitution of children and things like that, it still goes on like crazy. Maybe at the heart of all this is our sophisticated world-wide economic system whose

goal is to maximize profits regardless of collateral damage. But the history of slavery in general is a clue to how we can stop this travesty. If we stop it from being profitable, it will go away. The first so-called dolphinarium began in 1938 at Marine Studios in St. Augustine, Florida, USA. Now there are scores of dolphinariums all over the world, and more all the time are being established. If you could collect all the abuse to dolphins and other whales, the pain, the horror, frustration, the dolphin suicides, the cries for help—if you were to gather all these atrocities from over the years it would be like a thousand hells. Most countries would not permit this abuse for the real reason they exist: money. Most countries have laws against cruelty to animals, laws that began early in the 19th Century. But obviously these laws have a loophole because, despite all our efforts, displaying dolphins publicly for money is now a multi-billion dollar industry. Hunters of dolphins, suppliers and shippers, marketers, park construction workers, trainers—this list goes on and on and they all cash in. Some nations allow it because they've got bigger problems. Some nations see nothing wrong with it. The rest allow it for the wrong reason: that it's educational. They say that many people would never get to see a dolphin except for the dolphinariums. But what about all the people who will never see a snow leopard? saber-toothed tiger? Or the do-do bird? On and on. Taken even at face value, their argument is a fraud, because these dolphinariums are not educational, they're anti-educational. They show not a dolphin in his own world but a trained dolphin, a dolphin trained to act like a clown, in our world. And then they have the unmitigated gall, the chutzpah, to tell us, "Look! See how they smile? They loved doing tricks for us!" Don't be fooled. Those dolphins are not smiling. If one of those dolphins were to fall dead on the dock, he would still wear that look and it would still not be a smile. It may be tempting to point out that we are not personally to blame for what is happening to dolphins and other whales. And that's true. We don't personally capture them and put them in what to them are tiny torture chambers, and we don't withhold food till they perform silly little acrobatic tricks to our liking. We're not to blame, not a single one of us, in the same way we're not to blame for the world's murders, arsons, kidnappings and so on. We're not to blame because (1) we don't personally do these things and (2) we've helped pass laws against them, laws with good stiff penalties that express our desire to make the world free from such abuse. We pass laws against murder, kidnapping and all the rest not because of some abstraction about society or the rule of law, but because we're sick of it. We've had enough. Just like now we're revolted by those who capture dolphins in the wild and imprison them for the rest of their lives. They capture dolphins in the wild but claim to replace them by letting them breed in captivity. This too is a fraud. Dolphins born in captivity never learn to catch a live fish in the wild and are unequipped to live there. A lot of misguided talk surrounds another similarity between human beings and dolphins in captivity: their committing suicide when stressed. When dolphins in captivity are greatly stressed, they sometimes obviously feel the need to escape by whatever means. This is a big problem because they don't have guns or poison as we do in such circumstances. What can they do? Some of these dolphins batter themselves to death against the walls of their prison. Others refuse to eat until they waste away and die. Dolphins and other whales are not like any other mammal in the way they breathe. While humans and all the other mammals breathe automatically, dolphins don't have that automatic reflex; every breath they take is deliberate. When human beings fall into deep water, we drown because we lose

consciousness and then, when the automatic reflex kicks in, we breathe water. Not so the dolphin. The dolphin will kill himself by drowning if he deliberately breathes water, but, more likely, he dies for lack of oxygen in his blood caused by not breathing at all. This suicide option the dolphin takes is another proof of his self-awareness, without which suicide would never even occur to him. If words alone, if logic, reason, facts and history were enough to destroy the dolphin industry that has warped our lives, they would be long gone now. We need more than words, we need laws to stop them. We know that it cannot be done overnight. It may take many years. We may even have to compromise a little. But now is the time to start eliminating this evil or it will never happen in our lifetime.

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To whom it may concern,

It has come to my attention that efforts are being made to ban the breeding and display of marine mammals in the state of Hawaii. I am not sure what the impetus for this legislature is but I have serious concerns about the long-term effects on conservation efforts and the public's attitude about marine life. In addition, I do not think this legislature addresses the alarming question of what to do with these marine mammals that have lived their whole lives under human care.

As a Hawaiian citizen I strongly believe in conservation efforts of both animal habitat and life. However, it is a misconception that banning marine mammal breeding/public display will further conservation efforts. Removal of human contact from these truly intelligent and fantastic beings will only create distance and apathy. If people are not able to see these marine mammals with their own eyes and witness their emotions and unique talents then it only makes it easier to ignore sea life as a whole. The groups that provide marine mammal experiences are some of the most passionate and caring supporters of conservation efforts. These mammals under their care receive the highest quality of treatment possible - which is evidenced by multiple certifications from independent marine mammal organizations.

The marine mammal programs and encounters, which this legislature would eliminate, provide an face for conservation efforts in sea life. The conservation methods they learn (recycling, proper waste disposal, respect for aquatic life and much more) in these interactions are enforced by their own personal connection made to the marine mammals they meet. Whether it is dolphin, turtle, sting ray or shark, children without an appreciation and respect for sea life will grow into adults. These adults will not have learned love for marine mammals spontaneously and they will allow for more and more environmental transgressions to occur - because they won't care.

The animals that this legislature is somehow supposed to protect seems to put them directly in harm's way. If marine mammal breeding and display is banned, what will happen to them? It is illegal to release them back into the wild. They would die if not under human care. I know that this is the goal of many activists supporting this bill. However, much like dogs/cats raised alongside humans they do not know how to survive on their own. I would ask these activists and this council to think about not only the direct impact of this bill on these marine mammals but also the long term effect on the children's mentality towards aquatic life. Pushing this bill through without addressing each and every one of these concerns would recklessly ignore serious consequences as well as harm the very marine lives this bill attempts to support.

These marine mammals are loved dearly by their trainers and caretakers - when they work together they are able to change lives and brighten minds. If you end breeding and public display, you are hurting the minds of the Hawaiian people and most importantly you are hurting the animals.

For these reasons, please do not deprive the islands of the opportunity to experience the intelligence and compassion of the ocean's inhabitants.

Sincerely,

Concerned Marine Mammal Lover

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Sarah Sitindjak	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please stop breeding and transfer of captive cetaceans in Hawaii. No animals should be in captivity.

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Gayle Janzen	Individual	Support	No

Comments: The public watched Blackfish and many no longer want to pay money to see whales and dolphins in captivity, knowing that they are highly intelligent and suffer as they are incarcerated in small, chlorinated tanks, sometimes all alone. It's the 21st century and we can no longer pretend that keeping them captive for our own selfish entertainment is ok. It's not. Whales and dolphins are family oriented beings who belong in the wild with their families. When they aren't kept along, because they are forced into such small spaces there can be a highly dysfunctional social structure which can cause unnatural aggression and stress, resulting in injury, illness, or death to the animals and to humans. I mean, would you want to be kept in a small bathroom all your life, and the person someone decided you should live with, was someone you couldn't stand? Why is it any different for the cetaceans? And let's face it, watching dolphins and whales performing mindless tricks they would never do in the wild, has no educational value whatsoever. And that antiquated excuse that if people see animals in captivity that somehow they'll all go out and try to save them, has been proven false, over and over again. The vast majority of people who visit zoos and aquariums go there for their own entertainment and most do nothing to help the animals in the wild. So let's retire that flimsy excuse. Since the County of Maui has prohibited the exhibition of captive cetaceans since 2002, it's time the entire state follow their lead and stop breeding, transporting and exhibiting cetaceans. Keeping highly intelligent animals captive against their will is animal abuse.

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Amanda Mathieu	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Captivity is not a suitable place for cetaceans and other marine mammals. These individuals are adapted to traveling far distances, accompanied by large social groups in many cases. They are highly intelligent and experience stress in captive conditions. There is no need for captive cetaceans anywhere in the world, particularly in a place like Hawaii where wild cetaceans are found right offshore. Responsible ecotours are more effective in raising appreciation and respect for wildlife by encouraging noninvasive observation. Seeing a dolphin in a captive environment for fake 'entertainment' is nowhere near comparable to the freedom shown by wild dolphins!

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Nancy Pugh	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please support HR136. It is sad to see these intelligent, gentle creatures in captivity, performing for entertainment. This is unethical at best, and cruel at worst. Please discontinue breeding these incredible creatures and phase out captivity as quickly as possible. Thank you so much.

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saundra holloway	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Public opposition to the keeping and display of captive cetaceans has increased in the United States and worldwide. The dysfunctional social structure of captive cetaceans is known to cause unnatural aggression and stress, resulting in injury, illness, or death to the animals and to humans. Educational content delivered by a captivity facility is often inaccurate and misleading, as animals are performing theatrical "tricks" rather than displaying natural behaviors. Cetaceans, which include dolphins, whales, and porpoises, are highly intelligent and social animals. The County of Maui has prohibited the exhibition of captive cetaceans since 2002. It is unethical to isolate a highly intelligent and social animal from its natural environment.

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Ashley Lenton	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Perfectly said by Dolphin Project- "The beginning of 2017 saw the deaths of two very different orcas: Tilikum, a decades-long captive held at SeaWorld, of which the movie "Blackfish" was based, and Granny, or "J2", the matriarch of the Southern Residents' J-Pod. Tilikum and Granny were strangers who lived divergent lives. Yet together, they evolved into a legacy that will ensure that captivity for whales is no longer the 'norm' but an unnatural, disastrous experiment that we must end and never, ever repeat."

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Jody Harlan	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support this legislation because it is unethical to isolate a highly intelligent and social animal from its natural environment. Thank you.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dawn Younce	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Hello. My name is Dawn and I'm against having cetaceans in captivity, I'm against swim with dolphin programs and I'm also against breeding them in captivity. I understand Hawaii has over 35 captive dolphins and 3 small whales in captivity. Sea Life Park has had 124 cetacean deaths. Many of those that died were wild captures that were in Hawaii and some from the brutal drive fishery programs in Japan. Five of their current dolphins were wild captures, while the other 13 under their care, were captive bred. This particular park has a long history of abuse. Sea Lions have been witnessed being dragged down stairs, dolphins have been beat with poles and they have numerous unaddressed USDA violations. They have been holding a false killer whale named Kina in a shallow pool behind the scenes for over a year and a half, ALONE. She is the last surviving cetacean taken from the Japanese drive fishery program still in the USA. Dolphin Quest has two locations in Hawaii. At this facility, they breed and trade dolphins often to the mainland. They recently FedEx-ed 3 bottlenose dolphins to the new Arizona Dolphinaris to use in their swim with dolphins program. Once those dolphins reach sexual maturity, they will most likely come back to the big island to be used for breeding and continued swim with dolphin programs in Hawaii. This company was founded by well know dolphin trafficker, Jay Sweeney, who used to be a middleman for Taiji's dolphin drive fishery industry. Each year, from September 1st until March 1st, the brutal dolphin drive fishery program in Taiji drives hundreds sometimes thousands into the Cove. The ones deemed pretty enough or trainable are captured and thrown into a life of captivity. No more fishing for live fish or swimming hundreds of miles with their families. Now, they are starved for an average of three weeks or until they start doing the tricks the trainers in Taiji teach them to do for food. Dead fish, injected with drugs. The ones deemed ugly or unsuitable for captivity are normally slaughtered. On occasion, they will drive some back out to sea. They also dump the babies out to sea, without their mothers. This results in a slow death if those babies haven't been weened yet. The marine park industry worldwide inadvertently feeds the drive fishery industry. Cetaceans, which include dolphins, whales and porpoises, are highly intelligent and social animals. They are sentient beings. When they are thrust into captivity and into dysfunctional social structures, this often creates unnatural aggression and stress, which in turn results in illness, injury and sometimes, even death. Death to

the animal itself or the trainer. The tricks they perform for the public are merely that, tricks. They are not natural behaviors. In the wild, these animals swim hundreds of miles a day and dive huge depths. In captivity, this is impossible and creates boredom, which creates aggression and a depressed animal. We know so much about these incredible animals and we know how unethical it is for them to be in captivity. It's even more unethical for them to be manhandled (literally masturbated) in order to get sperm for artificial insemination aka breeding programs. I know some captive bred cetaceans have been natural but others have been created using AI. Maui County has prohibited the exhibition of captive cetaceans since 2002 due to public opposition in the USA and worldwide. More recently, California voted to ban cetacean breeding. SeaWorld followed suit and announced they would no longer have a breeding program. Eventually, I would love to see these beautiful creatures released to a seaside sanctuary. But until then, I implore you to please take the steps needed to phase out cetacean captivity in Hawaii and end all cetacean breeding programs as well. Thank you for your time. Sincerely, Dawn Younce

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Stephanie Cronk	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Accredited marine life parks like Dolphin Quest and Sea Life Park are critical to the survival of the species, because they inspire the public to care about and protect dolphins in the wild. These programs provide an educational experience that is safe and mutually beneficial for the dolphins and humans. This experience is much more impactful than reading about dolphins in a book, watching them on TV or seeing them on the internet. There is no peer-reviewed scientific evidence to support the claims in this resolution that the animals in accredited, US Government regulated facilities like Dolphin Quest are anything, but healthy and thriving. Many of these claims are standard message points from animal extremist organizations that seek to break the animal-human bond and close all zoos and aquariums. To phase out dolphins under professional human care and discontinue breeding would rob future generations of the opportunity to see, experience, and learn about these animals up close. K

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Marisa Lapoint	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please support HR136. It is unethical to hold intelligent animals in captivity for the purpose of entertainment.

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Lourdes Estrada	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Please stop the use of animals for entertainment purposes. This type of cruelty is contributing to the demise of these animals, and goes against efforts to preserve this planet. Dont let greed be greater than the freedom of these animals. We as humans have to be the voice for those that cant speak for themselves.

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Brad Haltom	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Accredited marine life parks like Dolphin Quest and Sea Life Park are critical to the survival of the species, because they inspire the public to care about and protect dolphins in the wild. These programs provide an educational experience that is safe and mutually beneficial for the dolphins and humans. This experience is much more impactful than reading about dolphins in a book, watching them on TV or seeing them on the internet. There is no peer-reviewed scientific evidence to support the claims in this resolution that the animals in accredited, US Government regulated facilities like Dolphin Quest are anything, but healthy and thriving. Many of these claims are standard message points from animal extremist organizations that seek to break the animal-human bond and close all zoos and aquariums. To phase out dolphins under professional human care and discontinue breeding would rob future generations of the opportunity to see, experience, and learn about these animals up close.

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Charles Denk	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Cetaceans are intelligent animals. Holding them captive is inhumane and unethical.

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Lorri Crockett	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha, Cetaceans, which include dolphins, whales and porpoises, are highly intelligent and social animals. The County of Maui has prohibited the exhibition of captive cetaceans since 2002. Public opposition to the keeping and display of captive cetaceans has increased in the United States and worldwide. The dysfunctional social structure of captive cetaceans is know to cause unnatural aggression and stress, resulting in injury, illness , or death to the animals and to humans. Educational content delivered by a captivity facility is often inaccurate and misleading, as animals are performing theatrical "tricks" rather than displaying natural behaviors. It is unethical and inhumane to isolate a highly intelligent and social animal from it's natural environment and as a concerned resident of Hawaii for many years I strongly appose cetaceans being kept for any reason in captivity! Mahalo nui loa, Lorri Crockett

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Lucia Maya	Individual	Support	No

Comments: These intelligent animals should not be in captivity and especially not for breeding purposes. Cetaceans, which include dolphins, whales, and porpoises, are highly intelligent and social animals. The County of Maui has prohibited the exhibition of captive cetaceans since 2002. Public opposition to the keeping and display of captive cetaceans has increased in the United States and worldwide. The dysfunctional social structure of captive cetaceans is known to cause unnatural aggression and stress, resulting in injury, illness, or death to the animals and to humans. Educational content delivered by a captivity facility is often inaccurate and misleading, as animals are performing theatrical "tricks" rather than displaying natural behaviors. It is unethical to isolate a highly intelligent and social animal from its natural environment.

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Aloha Hawaii State House, Senate, and Council Members,

Myself, Dove Joans and my business organization firmly believes that Hawaii can greatly benefit on multiple levels from preserving and keeping dolphins and whales in the wild.

BENEFITS

1. Sustainable productivity, keeping the oceans healthy, nutrient rich, and thriving: Scientists have discovered that whales facilitate the transport of nutrients around the ocean, lessening the impacts of global warming, as well as regulating our climate.
FILM: "How whales change climate" (<https://youtu.be/M18HxXve3CM>)
2. Reputation, Hawaii being a world leader in humane and ethical practices.
3. Preserving Hawaiian culture, with dolphins and whales in the wild and "our nature with Nature" staying beautiful, strong, and thriving. In other words, keeping the "aloha" alive.
4. Tourism of whale watching has flourished over the extinct "whaling" industry, meaning we're at a critical place in history with cetacean populations facing ocean plastics, pollution, sonic testing, and fishing debris. By disturbing and separating "sea" families with captivity ultimately causes our ecosystems to falter, affecting our economy and essentially our quality of life.
5. Universal studies, scientific documents, films, and testimonies have clearly show proven evidence that captivity for cetaceans is extremely traumatic, harmful, cruel, and completely unnatural to their sophisticated aquatic lives, an evolution spanning 30 to 40 million years.
6. Dolphins and whales live acoustically, in highly structured families and community dynamics. Placing a wild dolphin or whale into a cement tank, dramatically shortening their lives, is equivalent to putting an innocent human in a cell prison and torturing them daily.
7. Recent scientific discoveries are showing that dolphins and whales are doing cell regeneration in our oceans; new research work in "holographic telecommunications." Recently acknowledged by The Explorer Club. For details visit, www.iamdolphin.com

As Dr. Sylvia Earle says, "No healthy blue, no healthy green."

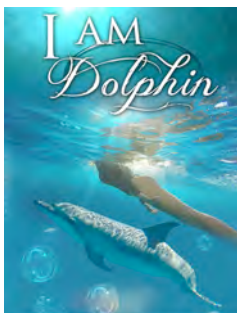
Thank-you for helping to keep dolphins and whales wild and free!

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

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Ocean gratitude,

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raflyy	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: i support!

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My name is Shannon YBarra and I oppose the H.R. NO. 136. I have grown up alongside someone that always wanted to work with marine animals so I have had my fair share of interactions with animals in captivity and have been able to see how they are cared for and the love they receive from their trainers. My sister, as a little girl, went to Sea World and while watching the dolphin show decided that she wanted to work with these amazing animals one day. Many years later she got the chance to pursue her dreams of becoming a dolphin trainer at Dolphin Quest Oahu. This facility is an accredited, US government regulated facility and they have very strict rules in place to make sure that their dolphins and other animals are well taken care of. I have had the privilege of seeing first hand just how well these animals are treated. They have better diets and doctor visits than most people do. Also, seeing the love that every single one of the trainers have for these animals is amazing to watch, they have very real connections with all of the dolphins. These amazing animals are not just something that they work with they are a part of their families. I have also seen my fair share of interactions between the trainers, dolphins, and guests to Dolphin Quest. Seeing the guests faces when the dolphin pops up for the first time is priceless, the sheer joy that you see on their face is something that you will never forget. Learning about them in books is one thing but being able to meet a dolphin in person is one of the best learning experiences I have had. You don't realize the power and size of these creatures until you get to visit them up close and personal. With everything that has been happening with Sea World and the laws being passed other places I am worried for our future generations and letting them have the ability to see these amazing animals up close. Getting to go to zoos and aquariums as a child is some of the fondest memories that I have and I hope that as a future parent I will be able to take my family to see and learn about animals in person. Most of these organizations (zoos and aquariums) that I visited, like Dolphin Quest, also would donate millions of dollars to help fund research on animals in the wild. Passing this law and having to release these animals back into the wild would be devastating for the animals and also for the humans that work with them.

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avrielle gallagher	Individual	Support	No

Comments: It's archaic, small minded & myopic to still allow cetacean captivity. Please be on the right side of history & end this cruel practice. Thank you!

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As a frequent visitor to Hawaii and a supporter of NOT having cetaceans in captivity, I support Hawaii House Resolution 136 which asks facilities that keep dolphins for entertainment purposes to stop breeding them. Dolphins, highly intelligent beings, do not belong in captivity especially for the entertainment of people.

Hawaiian waters offer spectacular venues to see wild dolphins and whales. That's where they belong and that's where they should be observed.

Sincerely,

--
Chris Shank
Dallas, OR

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Luke Chronis	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Release your Dolphins!

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diana asker	Individual	Support	No

Comments: It is unethical to isolate a highly intelligent and social animal from its natural environment. I am so opposed to this. As anyone with a soul should be. Thank you.

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Jenny McQueen	Individual	Support	No

Comments: It is essential this is supported. Cetaceans, which include dolphins, whales, and porpoises, are highly intelligent and social animals. The County of Maui has prohibited the exhibition of captive cetaceans since 2002. Public opposition to the keeping and display of captive cetaceans has increased in the United States and worldwide. The dysfunctional social structure of captive cetaceans is known to cause unnatural aggression and stress, resulting in injury, illness, or death to the animals and to humans. Educational content delivered by a captivity facility is often inaccurate and misleading, as animals are performing theatrical "tricks" rather than displaying natural behaviors. It is unethical to isolate a highly intelligent and social animal from its natural environment.

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rebecca araujo	Individual	Support	No

Comments: The interception and end of cetacean captivity is important to me as a citizen and compassionate human being. For centuries we have dominated and captured people, animals and things to make money off someone else misery. First, with capture of indigenous peoples', then capture of animals, then dolphins and orcas. Hundreds of incident reports of orcas injuring and killing people and killing themselves, horrifying! Why is this still happening? You are responsible to allow this abuse to continue on our fin kin. I beg you with every cell in my body to prohibit captivity of these majestic, intelligent, self-aware, loving and gentle creatures. You are on an island there is no need to encage mammals. If you want to make sights of sea life available take people out to sea, not mammals on land. They are begging for us to save them. You can do it, you have the power! Empty the tanks! Mahalo!

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McCayla Smith	Individual	Support	No

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Danielle Schiff	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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jeffrey hernandez	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Highly intellegent animals should be allowed to swim freely around the Aloha State not be exploited for entertainment.

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Kara	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Accredited marine life parks like Dolphin Quest and Sea Life Park are critical to the survival of the species, because they inspire the public to care about and protect dolphins in the wild. These programs provide an educational experience that is safe and mutually beneficial for the dolphins and humans. This experience is much more impactful than reading about dolphins in a book, watching them on TV or seeing them on the internet. There is no peer-reviewed scientific evidence to support the claims in this resolution that the animals in accredited, US Government regulated facilities like Dolphin Quest are anything, but healthy and thriving. Many of these claims are standard message points from animal extremist organizations that seek to break the animal-human bond and close all zoos and aquariums. To phase out dolphins under professional human care and discontinue breeding would rob future generations of the opportunity to see, experience, and learn about these animals up close.

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cynthia probst	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: These animals are intelligent, sensitive and emotional living beings. They should remain as part of the beautiful and special natural biodiversity of the Hawaiiin environment and not be subjected to exploitation for profit. Generations to come will thank you for protecting them and their future. Please exercise compassion and kindness for their care. The cruelty of the entertainment industry is no place for these beautiful animals to live. Remember the fate of Orcas in the entertainment industry and the world will judge this action similarly.

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Sam Mercer	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: As someone in the tourism industry, I think this proposal will negatively effect the entire state's tourism revenue. Many people visit Hawaii to interact with cetaceans at marine life parks. I disagree with the proposal and you should not support it.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Louie Psihoyos	Oceanic Preservation Society	Support	No

Comments: I'm the Academy Award winning director of a documentary called The Cove, a film about the captive dolphin industry. Here's a link to that film: [Link to The Cove. https://vimeo.com/180240990/94498965fa](https://vimeo.com/180240990/94498965fa) I've spent the last twelve years working to understand the issue of dolphin captivity around the world and have spent time at facilities in Hawaii as well with Hawaain dolphin researchers Adam Pack and Lewis Herman. The conclusion scientists around the world have found is that dolphins don't belong in tanks , they belong in the wild. If tourist come to your beautiful island there are plenty of places to see them in the wild. Jacque Cousteau said the educational benefit of seeing a dolphin in captivity would be like trying to learn about humanity only by watching a prisoner in solitary confinement. Please watch the film. it should convince anyone that dolphins don't belong in concrete prisons. With respect, Louie Psihoyos

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Simon Mercer	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: To whom it may concern, I am writing to strongly oppose H.R 136 which proposes the discontinuation of breeding and the phasing out of captive cetaceans in Hawaii. I believe that the proposal does not offer any arguments that have proven merit and instead focuses on “flash-word” issues which grab the public attention despite having very little evidence behind them. In my experience with facilities around the country, including facilities in New York, Maryland, Florida, New England and in Hawaii, the level of care provided to animals in human care is outstanding. For example, the fish that make up the diet of the animals is required to be of restaurant quality and trainers/keepers spend many hours of the day making sure that each fish is in pristine condition before feeding it to an animal. The proposal makes many sweeping generalisations regarding the psychological disposition of the animals and suggests that cetaceans in human care do not live as long as cetaceans in the wild. Firstly, if you do any kind of research whatsoever you will find out, pretty swiftly, that the truth of the matter is that animals in human care can live for far longer than an animal in the wild. Both in the wild and in human care an animal begins to lose it's faculties as it ages, as do humans. This can result in the animal being unable to move, think or react as quickly as it used to. In the wild this is a tremendous disadvantage as it makes them more vulnerable to predators, less able to catch food to sustain themselves and more likely to lose out to competition from younger, more able bodied, members of their own species. However, an animal in human care will be more than capable of surviving despite these disadvantages because they are cared for. They have a team of people caring for them every day, ensuring that they get enough to eat, ensuring that they are hydrated, ensuring that they are healthy and still mentally and physically stimulated. Let us look at an example. In the wild, a dolphin which becomes blind may struggle to find food, may struggle to socialise with other dolphins and may fall victim to predation. All of these factors may contribute to a shorter life expectancy. In human care, a dolphin which becomes blind will still be fed, will still be able to keep up with the social group, will not be at risk of predation and continue to be mentally and physically stimulated despite it's disadvantage. These factors will almost certainly lead to a longer, and more fulfilled, life for the animal. The proposal suggests that cetaceans are being captured from the wild and forced to participate in entertainment activities against their will. This seems highly

unlikely due to the Marine Mammal Protection Act, which is quoted in the proposal itself, and would already be an illegal act under this existing legislation. Regarding the proposal's accusation of hypocrisy in regard to the Marine Mammal Protection Act. Coming into contact with, and then reinforcing the contact with food, a wild cetacean teaches that animal that humans will feed it. This can result in the animal taking potentially life threatening actions to interact with humans expecting food to be the result. This can include approaching and following boats which can be exceedingly dangerous for a marine mammal, they can get hit by the boat, they can swim into the propeller of the boat and they can be injured by the humans crewing the boat. When coming into contact with, and reinforcing the contact with food, a cetacean in human care the lesson is already learned, these animals already rely on humans for their food and are not in a position to put themselves at risk to interact with humans. The accusation of hypocrisy is ridiculous. It would be like criticising someone for feeding their dog because you shouldn't feed a pack of wolves. The situations of the animals are totally different. To move away from the wording of the proposal and more into the general field surrounding the issue, it is vital that we mention the changes to our oceans and our environment in general. It is feasible that in years to come environmental change, via climate change or human error, will detriment the wild populations of cetaceans in our oceans. To this end it is imperative that we educate people in conservation and forge a connection between people and the animals occupying the oceans. Facilities such as Dolphin Quest and Sea Life Park enable hundreds of thousands of people to experience the majesty, beauty and splendour of marine mammals in the flesh. Many of these people would otherwise never be able to see a dolphin in real life and instead be relying on photographs, television and internet media to form a connection. Nothing compares to the feeling of meeting these animals and the people who care for them and it has truly changed my life and my priorities. Ridding future generations of the opportunity to learn and change from these animals would be foolish in the extreme. It could breed disinterest in conservation efforts leading to the eventual extinction of all marine mammals. In conclusion, this proposal does not seem to be well thought out, well researched or backed up by evidence. It appears to be a knee-jerk reaction to a growing movement of animal rights activists who believe that all zoo's and aquariums should be closed without giving a moment of thought to the benefits of exposing the general public to animals they would otherwise never come into contact with.

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Samantha	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I completely disagree with this proposed resolution of banning breeding and public display of cetaceans in the state of Hawaii. Accredited marine life parks, like Dolphin Quest and Sea Life Park, allow the public to view, interact with, and learn about marine species. Some of the public come from places where it is difficult or sometimes impossible to view any marine life. Connections to the animals are made simply by seeing them, which in turn inspires the public to care about and protect the dolphins out in the ocean. I have been to Dolphin Quest and have seen first-hand the love and care given to the animals each and every day. It has inspired me to love and care for our ocean environment and do everything I can to conserve it. Places like Dolphin Quest and Sea Life Park give people an opportunity to learn more about marine animals outside of a classroom style setting. I know many children who have visited these facilities and have had much more impactful and meaningful experiences interacting with the dolphins than reading about them in a book, watching them on TV, or seeing them on the internet. Phasing out dolphins under human care would rob future generations of the opportunity to see, experience, and learn about these animals up close. Along with the number of people who walk away with a connection and a desire to conserve our ocean environment, Dolphin Quest alone has contributed over \$3.5 million in financial and in-the-field support of marine mammal scientific study. This money goes towards learning how to best conserve dolphins out in the ocean and increases the collective knowledge of how to best take care of dolphins in human care. The proposed resolution contains no scientific evidence to support the claims stated. Many of these claims are standard message points from animal extremist organizations that seek to close all zoos and aquariums. I do not believe the resolution is based on science and I do not support it. Please do not support this house resolution (H.R. NO. 136)

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Robin Ranchau	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Please leave the dolphins in the ocean where they belong! They are sentient and social creatures, extremely intelligent and shouldn't be held captive for our pleasure!

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Anne Freeman	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Cetaceans, which include dolphins, whales, and porpoises, are highly intelligent and social animals. The County of Maui has prohibited the exhibition of captive cetaceans since 2002. Public opposition to the keeping and display of captive cetaceans has increased in the United States and worldwide. Please pass this bill.

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Sheri Nolen	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support the decision to end the breeding and transport of Hawaii's cetaceans in captivity for entertainment purposes. These animals are beautiful and they deserve to be free. I am aware that this decision will a parctice that has been a part of life for a long time but no one realized how cruel our actions were to these animals. Now that we understand just how mean our practices are, it is time we stand for what is right!! What a proud moment it will be for you to be a leader for the world to follow in the decision to do the right thing and stop the breeding and transport of cetaceans in captivity for entertainment purposes. I applaud and thank you!!

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Kenneth Gibson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: In Support of HR 136. Please know that I am a resident of Oakland, California who has visited Hawaii and who has been tempted to move to more than one of the islands after visiting it. The best way to encounter wildlife is in their natural environment. My wife and I have done that in Kenya and Tanzania, in the Galapagos, in Antarctica, off the coast of Baja California, off the coast here in the Bay Area and in a submarine off the Kahala Coast! Every one of those experiences was better than seeing "trained" non-domesticated animals at any circus, zoo, "sea world" or "animal park." The residents of Hawaii and visitors to Hawaii will better appreciate the incredible beauty of the state by taking even a brief voyage out to sea to see whales breaching and dolphins racing or flying fish flying. Snorkeling for 20 minutes in the right place is far better than 2 hours sitting watching animals perform unnatural behaviors. The economy of Hawaii will benefit from this step forward. So will the natural world.

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Rena McKeon	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Dolphins are extremely intelligent mammals. They do not deserve to be held in glass prisons, all to make money for those holding them captive. I have been whale watching in California and we were lucky enough each time we went out to see dolphins. People need to see them where they belong, in the oceans, free and living with their pods. It is an experience that anyone lucky enough to see will never forget. Please do not condemn dolphins to a life in captivity.

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Cristian Contreras	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Cetaceans, which include dolphins, whales, and porpoises, are highly intelligent and social animals that don't belong in captivity. Dolphin captivity is unethical and a step in the wrong direction for Hawaii, please do the right thing.

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daniel simounds	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: As a graduate of both a zoology degree and an international hotel and tourism management degree from the University of Queensland, who has visited Hawaii five times, twice in the last 16 months. I fully support the use of cetaceans in captivity particularly but not limited to dolphin quest. As a zoo keeper in Australia, I can guarantee this organisation contributes an outstanding amount to conservation and research with their program and the care these get far exceeds best practice. There is no welfare, scientific, or logical reason to prevent this organisation continuing its current operation on any level. I come to Hawaii for dolphin quest as my number one reason, if Hawaii loses this practice my roughly \$6,000 per year tourism revenue will leave Hawaii and likely the USA, and I'm sure I'm one of the very many who feel the same way.

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Re: HR 136

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Dear Committee Chairs,

The proposed resolution HR 136 *'Urging Hawaii facilities that hold captive marine mammals for entertainment purposes to discontinue breeding and to phase out captivity'* is propaganda. It contains false statements aimed at advancing an agenda to break the human-animal bond by eliminating all zoos and aquariums. There is no peer-reviewed scientific evidence to support the claims in this resolution that the animals in accredited and government-regulated institutions in the U.S. are anything but healthy and thriving. In fact, one would expect that breeding, giving birth to and caring for healthy young are the strongest indicators that an animal's environment is positive and enriching to them.

Accredited marine life institutions are also critical to species survival. The magnitude and complexity of dangers in the wild make it critical for us all to address the biggest environmental challenges – overpopulation, overfishing, habitat degradation, pollution and marine debris. The “wild” is not Disneyland and that is why institutions, such as Dolphin Quest, have contributed millions of dollars in financial and field support of university level scientific studies to increase the collective knowledge of these animals and how to protect them in the wild. They also inspire the public to care about and protect marine life as evidenced in two Harris Interactive Polls conducted in 2005 and 2012 where 97% of people agree that marine life parks, aquariums and zoos are important because they educate children about marine mammals - animals that children might not have the opportunity to see in the wild. Additionally, 93% agreed that people are more likely to be concerned about animals if they learn about them at marine life parks, aquariums and zoos. This is more important than ever before. The World Wildlife Living Planet Report 2016 stated the planet's wildlife has declined by 58% in just the last 45 years. That's more than half of all vertebrate animals gone in less than a generation! If we are to change this trend, then we cannot eliminate opportunities to create lasting connections with animals that inspire a passion to learn and do more. Voluntary dolphin interactive programs are impactful experiential learning opportunities that reading about dolphins in a book or on the internet, or watching them on TV cannot replicate.

In closing, I strongly oppose HR 136 and respectfully request that you consider doing so as well. Phasing out dolphins in captivity and discontinuing breeding would not only diminish the welfare of the animals by depriving them of a natural behavior, but also rob future generations of the opportunity to see, experience and learn about these animals up close and inspire conservation action.

Sincerely,

Nina Lambert

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John Kuhn	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I strongly oppose this.

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Jade Smith	Ojai Indivisible	Support	No

Comments: • Cetaceans, which include dolphins, whales, and porpoises, are highly intelligent and social animals. • The County of Maui has prohibited the exhibition of captive cetaceans since 2002. • Public opposition to the keeping and display of captive cetaceans has increased in the United States and worldwide. • The dysfunctional social structure of captive cetaceans is known to cause unnatural aggression and stress, resulting in injury, illness, or death to the animals and to humans. • Educational content delivered by a captivity facility is often inaccurate and misleading, as animals are performing theatrical "tricks" rather than displaying natural behaviors. • It is unethical to isolate a highly intelligent and social animal from its natural environment.

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Erin Kuhn	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I believe that discontinuing breeding of marine mammals under professional care, and the phasing out of these facilities in Hawaii does a huge disservice to not only the animals that are being cared for but also the future generations that will never have the chance to make a connection to nature. I have been personally impacted by these animals at a young age and marine mammal facilities are the reason that I have made such an effort to care for our ocean and our planet today. The animals that are in accredited and federally regulated facilities are healthy and thriving, and there is no peer reviewed - scientific evidence that would show otherwise. These claims that the animals are not well loved and well cared for come from animal extremists groups who only wish to close zoos and aquariums. I believe that in order for people to care about our oceans and the animals in them, they need to see them, get up close to them, look them in the eyes and make a connection. None of these strong connections can be formed through the pages of a book, but it is all done through real life experiences. The facilities that care for these animals are the responsible way to view and interact with these animals. I strongly oppose this bill and all of its content.

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Chad Smith
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Seattle, WA



Dear Legislators,

I am writing you in the hope that you will take up this resolution (**HR 136**) so that one day, it will be law. So that one day, we can look at this issue as something that we changed because the time was right and we fought the good fight to end this.

Hawaii can lead the charge against the continued captivity of these beautiful and highly intelligent creatures. As a nation we can do better. As a nation we can stop this. Not for any other reason than we as humans should never take dominion over another animal for our education and entertainment.

I am hoping that Hawaii will lead the nation in this effort. I'm hoping that Hawaiian legislators will have the vision and compassion to make the right decision. I'm hoping that your decision will be done in the spirit of righteousness and not corporate influence.

Please know, we look to you to make the decisions our children will live with and that the world will judge us by. Be wise, be compassionate and be righteous.

With great gratitude

Chad C. Smith

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Kelly Castillo	Individual	Oppose	No

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Kelly Castillo	Individual	Oppose	No

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Melissa Lawrence	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Please BAN cetacean captivity in Hawaii. There's a difference between being just being alive and actually living. These animals deserve to live in their true environment, not in some tank or water pen. Please speak up for these animals who cannot speak for themselves. Let's have Hawaii join countries who have banned cetacean captivity, such as Croatia, Cyprus, Hungary, Slovenia and Switzerland, which predominantly have prohibitions in place due to the commercial nature of dolphinarium; Chile and Costa Rica, which have prohibited the keeping of cetaceans since 2005; and in 2013, India, the world's largest democracy, passed legislation prohibiting the development of dolphinarium, referring to dolphins as "non-human persons." Thank your time.

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Clara Bereuter	Individual	Support	No

Comments: We have got to stop using our fellow creatures for our entertainment and profit. Please help us put an end to these atrocities to our fellow earthlings. Let us strive to be good stewards of the world.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Janet Delaney	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Please support HR136 and HCR208 for the following reasons: • Cetaceans, which include dolphins, whales, and porpoises, are highly intelligent and social animals. • The County of Maui has prohibited the exhibition of captive cetaceans since 2002. • Public opposition to the keeping and display of captive cetaceans has increased in the United States and worldwide. • The dysfunctional social structure of captive cetaceans is known to cause unnatural aggression and stress, resulting in injury, illness, or death to the animals and to humans. • Educational content delivered by a captivity facility is often inaccurate and misleading, as animals are performing theatrical "tricks" rather than displaying natural behaviors. • It is unethical to isolate a highly intelligent and social animal from its natural environment. Thank you for considering my comments.

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Maggie Powers	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Thank you for your consideration! A few key points: • Cetaceans, which include dolphins, whales, and porpoises, are highly intelligent and social animals. • The County of Maui has prohibited the exhibition of captive cetaceans since 2002. • Public opposition to the keeping and display of captive cetaceans has increased in the United States and worldwide. • The dysfunctional social structure of captive cetaceans is known to cause unnatural aggression and stress, resulting in injury, illness, or death to the animals and to humans. • Educational content delivered by a captivity facility is often inaccurate and misleading, as animals are performing theatrical "tricks" rather than displaying natural behaviors. • It is unethical to isolate a highly intelligent and social animal from its natural environment.

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Judith A Mick	Individual	Support	No

Comments: It's time for cetaceans to be seen ONLY in the open ocean- eating live food,jumping at will,diving deep. I worked at Sea Life Park from mid 1980 to mid 1990 and was swept into the artificial happy atmosphere along with visitors. Though beautiful and exciting, misinformation is often dispersed such as animals living longer when in captivity. If sick,we were not allowed near the animals to prevent germ transmission.The swim with the dolphin program seems to undermine that protection for the animals. Experiments for open ocean sanctuaries are ongoing which would allow the determination of which animals could be released. Those who would have to stay in the sanctuary are still better off than doing shows. These animals deserve freedom and respect. Hawaii can make this statement to the world by passing HR 139. Mahalo for your consideration. Judy Mick, Kailua

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andrea garzon	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Put an end to captive cetaceans! The physical and mental abuse endured solely for human entertainment needs to STOP - they belong in the ocean!

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Lance La Certe	Individual	Support	No

Comments: First it is important to remember that homo sapiens are part of the animal kingdom. Somewhere along the line we developed the idea that other species were 'animals' and we were 'humans', as though we are not also animals. Equally unfortunate is our development of a desire to keep other species as pets for our entertainment. Because these other species don't have the faculty for 'language' as we know it, they cannot speak for themselves. Outside of forced/captive environments in which 'relationships' have developed between separate species, we are the only species who keeps pets. We have a hard enough time getting along with each other, often manifesting in abuse, domination, exploitation (the list is endless). Why in the world do we need to force our ideas of captivity on other species? There is no correct moral or ethical answer, just ego driven needs and wants. Please do the right thing and pass HR136 and stop submitting cetaceans to captivity and abuse. Dr. Lance La Certe

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Rachel	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: In regards to HR136 and HR208 I am opposing Propositions HR 136 and HR208; URGING HAWAII FACILITIES THAT HOLD CAPTIVE CETACEANS FOR ENTERTAINMENT PURPOSES TO DISCONTINUE BREEDING AND TO PHASE OUT CAPTIVITY. Facilities that have Cetaceans under care are the leading role models to cetacean strandings, care, and education of Cetaceans in the wild. Due to human impacts to our oceans, we are seeing less of certain Cetacean populations, more strandings, and harassment of Cetaceans in the wild. Instead of phasing out captivity, how about we make sure facilities who have Cetaceans under care, follow rules and regulations with high standards that make sure these animals are treated fairly, ethically, and with the best quality health care and training they can possibly provide. Talk to any person who loves and cares for the environment, and ask them what brought them there. And I bet it is due to facilities such as zoo's and aquariums that give people the joy in seeing these animals up close, and learning how they can better the animals lives in the wild. Animals are endangered more than ever due to human impacts, and climate change. We need to protect them now, and discontinuing their care under humans will reduce the amount of education we have already learned from them now, and we will have no experience working with them in the future. I strongly oppose HR136 and HR208. And ask you to all volunteer at these facilities and see the care, and training these people have for the well being of these animals. Thank you.

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Keith Christie	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am testifying for Support of 'Bill HR 136, To end the captivity of cetaceans in Hawaii.

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Robin M. La`a	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Camryn Lopez	Individual	Support	No

Comments: The captivity of some of our oceans' most intelligent creatures, cetaceans, must be put to an end. Hawaii is known for its beautiful beaches, abundant resources, and vibrant sea life. These three things should be protected as much as possible, and tourist attractions that involve dolphins, and other cetaceans should focus on appreciating them in their natural habitat rather than as prisoners of our own human greed.

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Jose	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Cetaceans are suffering while in captivity. They should be allowed to be free as they were born to be. Making a profit from the mistreatment of animals should be banned altogether but this is a good start to finally treating this earth and all its habitants with respect.

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Georgie Fong	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Aloha: I like my legislators to support the bill to BAN CAPTIVE DOLPHINS from entertainment industry. Many dolphins in thw WILD are killed for the few captive one to be sold to etertainment,\. Wild dolphins DO NOT BELONG in swimming pool; it cause STRESS and shortened their life. i have enjoyed going out on boats Maui and WATCHED dolphins swim, MORE DYNAMIC and educational to see dolphins in ocean, and better TOUR for tourists than captive 'enslaved" dolphins, mahalo

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Iris Gradunov	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Dear friends in Hawaii, I'm writing to urge you to support the end of dolphin captivity. These magnificent cetaceans are not made for entertainment and they are literally dying for human greed. Please help end captivity worldwide, let's send a strong message to the world and be the voice for the dolphins. End breeding now so we can aim to rehabilitate and release the dolphins currently in captivity. Thank you for your time, Iris Gradunov

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Stacey E Kuhn	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I strongly oppose this bill, in it's full content.

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

Comments: Animals are not our property and they deserve basic rights of freedom. The plight of captive dolphins is so mystery and we should put an end to it.

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Marcela diaz	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Kat Rogerd	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Thank you for seriously considering banning the transport of dolphins for entertainment and captivity as these are incredibly intelligent and social mammals. Tearing apart their families and putting them in a small, unnatural environment to perform silly tricks is inhumane and cruel. Further, as society becomes more and more aware of how detrimental it is to our ecology and how unethical it is to strip creatures from their natural habitat to live a much lower quality of life (as many show massive signs of distress and have even been known to become aggressive and/or insane) the majority of people do not support the capturing of sea animals. Let's be the state...the country...the generation that teaches our young how to enjoy and respect the amazing world that surrounds us. Thank you!

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Candace Narvaez	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I support this legislation since studies have shown the negative effects of captivity in all animals, including cetaceans. I believe that this form of captivity is especially cruel since many of the cetaceans are starved or abused in order to perform tricks and they are also put in high stress, unnatural environments that cause psychological and emotional distress. I urge Hawaii to set an example for others to follow and better exemplify Hawaii's deep connection to and respect of the environment.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Elizabeth Fulks	Individual	Support	No

Comments: This is the 21st century and it is time for man to evolve and stop using animals of any type as entertainment. Case in point, cetaceans such as dolphins. These creatures are highly intelligent and do not deserve to be in captivity. It is not a natural environment for them to live in which leads to depression and sickness for the animal and in some cases aggression which can lead to injuries to other animals and people.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Pam Weitzel	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: No wild animal should be used for entertainment purposes. They should not be stolen from the wild nor should they be bred in captivity to be sold to be used for money hungry businesses.

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March 20, 2017

The Honorable Dr. Richard P. Creagan, Chair
House Committee on Agriculture
Hawaii State Capitol
Room 331
415 S. Beretania St.
Honolulu, HI 96813



Dear Sir:

As president of the International Marine Animal Trainers' Association, the world's leading animal training organization dedicated to sharing best training practices among professionals to ensure the highest welfare, health, research, and education through public display of marine mammals, and a former resident of the state of Hawaii, I commend your committee's interest in ensuring the welfare of all marine animals. Unfortunately, HR 136 does not convey truthful, science-based information about marine mammals housed at US zoological facilities. If passed, it will harm dolphins, not improve their welfare or conservation. It will create greater public ignorance about our marine ecosystems, not alleviate it.

The reason is HR 136 is riddled with unsupported misinformation straight from anti-zoo activist propaganda and unscientific films that run contrary to objective, third party, peer-reviewed scientific literature. Its passage would harm all dolphins, those in human care and those living in the tropical waters of your beautiful state by sending a harmful message to residents, students, wildlife researchers, and tourists about the important role accredited marine mammal facilities play in the preservation of marine life.

Furthermore, if passed it would demonize well-trained and dedicated animal professionals and good corporate citizens of your state. These organizations, including one that for nearly 30 years has contributed in several ways including: providing award winning destinations for the state's all-important tourism economy on O'ahu and the Big Island; by creating high paying jobs generating much needed payroll and sales tax income; the public education of thousands of school children through onsite and in-school programming; collaborating with local, national and internationally known wildlife and veterinary researchers and universities to produce peer reviewed publications that expand our understanding of dolphins and the challenges to their survival in the wild; and modeling a conservation ethic and love of marine animals to hundreds of thousands. These people, these citizens of Hawaii, are ohana and don't deserve to have their contributions to their community be misrepresented and maligned as the HR 136 resolution does.

Additionally, a study of the national marine mammal inventory by the Associated Press in 2014, indicated that dolphins at US facilities live on average the same number of years, approximately 25, as animals well-studied off the coast of Sarasota, FL. (At some facilities the average lifespan for dolphins was 45 years, nearly twice as long as the published results for wild dolphins.) For

other species like sea lions, animals in zoos and aquariums lived on average significantly longer than the animals in the wild. And despite the rhetoric of the anti-zoo activists, orcas today live on average as long or longer than populations studied in the wild.

In closing, my colleagues and I stand ready to work with you and your colleagues to set the record straight on the importance of marine mammals in human care and to help protect dolphins in the waters around Hawaii. Please do not hesitate to contact me and the professionals in your own state to see for yourselves the great work being done to care for, preserve, learn about, and educate the public about marine mammals.

Sincerely,

Grey Stafford, PhD
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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Elisabeth Pendergrass	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Throughout my professional career, I have worked at a variety of aquatic based establishments that have housed cetaceans and a variety of other marine mammals/ organisms, and never once were these animals mistreated, abused, or nelegcted. The animals are constantly given the best veterinarian care, top-of-the-line food, and endless amounts of daily mental stimulation and enrichment. Although it may seem unethical to have animals in captivity, often times these animals are the animals that are non-releasable, which means they would either suffer or die if returned back into the wild. By having these animals, aquariums and their subsequent workers are able to inspire future generations to care about our ocean and its animals. I would also encourage the legislators to fact-check this bill. For one example, animals in captivity, especially cetaceans, tend to have a longer life capacity. By taking away access to our cetaceans, whether it be for research or entertainment, you are also taking away the chance for the next generation of kids to learn and become passionate about our ocean, your state, and the wonders they both hold.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
kristen koskey	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: It has become quite obvious through observation and study that whales and dolphins are complex social animals and are not suited for a life in captivity. When confined, their behavior becomes erratic and unpredictable. Empty the tanks.

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Kaiya Reimer	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Alyson Easton	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please support HR 136. It supports the ethical treatment/end of captive breeding of intelligent and highly social animals. It is past time to treat wild animals as "entertainment" when thinly cloaked as education or research. As we have learned, these precious animals do not survive well in captivity when brought from natural environs. Further, 3 captive animals have been murdered while confined in just the past month, one Hippopotamus, one Rhinocerus, and most recently a stoning to death of a captive flamingo. Again, I ask your support for HR 136. Sincerely, Alyson Easton, MSW

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March 20, 2017

RE HR 136 and HR 208



Dear Honorable Legislators of the State of Hawaii,

Thank you for your consideration of this very important subject on cetaceans in captivity and to work toward discontinuation of the practice.

Most people are not aware how harmful this situation is to the captive mammal, the highly intelligent dolphins, whales and other cetaceans. Thus, even though the dolphin shows may be “popular”, be it to do performances or to swim with people, once people realize how hurtful this is to the mammal, they will not want to watch or engage in the practice. I say this so that you will not be swayed by the organizations that say they are doing so for scientific research purposes, or for other benevolent purposes (such as humans and kids will get to swim with dolphin or watch show and see how smart dolphins are). Although these organizations may have good intentions, at the end of the day, we have the technology and capabilities now where humans do not need to swim with or hold these beautiful intelligent creatures in tiny enclosures just so that we can study or learn about them.

As the saying goes, Know Better, Do Better! I am so appreciative of your efforts to help us all Do Better by taking action and eliminating the practice. I only hope this is the beginning of a great worldwide movement!!

Again, I concede that the trainers mean well, and in fact have maybe even bonded with the dolphins and whales and truly even be fond of them. Nevertheless, it is cruel. Would any of us ever put a child in prison at a young age and tell them they will be fed, will have a comfortable bed and treated well by “trainers/captors” and that they may only leave their cell a couple of times a day to go into the center yard? Never!! Even if it means the child has to go out in the world on his/her own and use his/her own skills to survive, at least the child has freedom! And so that is what it is like for these fantastic, intelligent cetaceans.

Thank you again for doing the right thing, please support this bill.

Sincerely,

Judy Tam, and children Alex, Matthew and Cameron

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Katherine Miskowic	Individual	Support	No

Comments: There are so many beautiful islands to choose from to vacation to. Until Hawaii progresses and bans the captivity of cetaceans, I will not be visiting. I refuse to financially support any island that willingly allows slavery of any kind. We do not have the right to take innocent, helpless mammals from their natural habitat and families for profit and entertainment.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Theodore R. Life Jr.	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Cetaceans, which include dolphins, whales, and porpoises, are highly intelligent and social animals and should not be held captive

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Kaden Bryant	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Dolphins are intelligent creatures and should not be exploited by captivity.

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danielle ricciardi	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Empty the tanks. Animals are not ours for entertainment. These majestic beings deserve to be happy and free. Not kept in a bathtub for tricks and dead fish.

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March 20, 2017



Aloha –

I am writing to express my opposition to HR 136. Animal rights extremists and activists prey on people's emotions to cause misinformation to spread – their allegations are not based on any type of scientific or facts when they misinform. I have lived in Hawaii for the past 20 years and consider it my "home" – my connection to the ocean has grown considerably in that time. Accredited marine life parks are vital as the work they do inspires everyone to truly care about the ocean and its inhabitants. To make a completely unscientific call to end breeding would do a huge disservice to future generations and destroy their ability to experience, see and learn these magnificent creatures up close who truly are ambassadors to their counterparts in the wild.

Please consider scientific facts, not baseless emotional manipulation, when considering the future of our ocean and the ability to touch the heart and teach the mind of future generations to come. Please do not support this house resolution.

With Much Aloha,

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Timothy Murphy

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Madeline Sturm	Individual	Support	No

Comments: • Cetaceans, which include dolphins, whales, and porpoises, are highly intelligent and social animals. • The County of Maui has prohibited the exhibition of captive cetaceans since 2002. • Public opposition to the keeping and display of captive cetaceans has increased in the United States and worldwide. • The dysfunctional social structure of captive cetaceans is known to cause unnatural aggression and stress, resulting in injury, illness, or death to the animals and to humans. • Educational content delivered by a captivity facility is often inaccurate and misleading, as animals are performing theatrical "tricks" rather than displaying natural behaviors. • It is unethical to isolate a highly intelligent and social animal from its natural environment.

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Jennifer Wilson	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Aloha! In a paradise as beautiful as Hawaii is, nature takes care of itself. Please end breeding of and captivity of these highly intelligent creatures. What a magical place for them to swim free. Let this be the last generation of captives. It seems very ironic for a place that is completely surrounded by water that there would be captive cetaceans.

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Arianne	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Dolphins and Whales belong in the ocean, not in concrete tanks for human entertainment. Captivity is very stressful for Cetaceans! Most die at a young age, are separated from their pod members, are unable to swim over 100 miles a day as they would in the wild and suffer from boredom and frustration due to their confinement. It's about time we put an end to this cruel industry and leave dolphins and whales in the ocean, where they belong

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Heidi Scoggins	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha, The time has come for Oahu to join Maui in saying no holding, breeding or transporting Cetaceans (Dolphins) ThanksButNoTanks. The research shows that Dolphins are highly intelligent and social animals. They live in bonded family groups called pods that speak a language unique to that pod, so mixing Dolphins from different pods causes stress and aggression that can cause injury, illness or death. I please ask you to vote yes on this bill and bring an end to the captivity in Hawaii. Mahalo, Heidi Scoggins

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Phillip Hope	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Cetaceans, which include dolphins, whales, and porpoises, are highly intelligent and social animals. • The County of Maui has prohibited the exhibition of captive cetaceans since 2002. • Public opposition to the keeping and display of captive cetaceans has increased in the United States and worldwide. • The dysfunctional social structure of captive cetaceans is known to cause unnatural aggression and stress, resulting in injury, illness, or death to the animals and to humans. • Educational content delivered by a captivity facility is often inaccurate and misleading, as animals are performing theatrical "tricks" rather than displaying natural behaviors. • It is unethical to isolate a highly intelligent and social animal from its natural environment.

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Brandon Kurina	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Cetacean dolphins should not be born or living in captivity just for people's entertainment.

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daniallescas	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Dolphin in a captive display show Our animals love to entertain and are always smiling. A dolphin's smile is a product of anatomy—dolphins smile even when dead. Dolphins and other cetaceans suffer stress and anxiety when kept in captivity, particularly when there is no enrichment or when housed with incompatible animals. Medications are routinely given to dolphins to treat ulcers and other medical conditions associated with mental and physical stress. Orcas (also known as killer whales) are inherently unsuited to being held in captivity, due to their longevity, intelligence, sociality, acoustic needs, ranging habits, and size. Orca sociality is complex and family-oriented – when a mother is separated from her calf or family units are otherwise disrupted, as is common in captivity, the animals experience profound suffering. No tank offers orcas enough space or ever could. Tanks are usually only 100-140 feet long and 25-35 feet deep. In the wild, orcas—which are 6000-12,000 lbs and 18-24 feet long—can travel 100 miles in a day and dive up to 300 feet deep. Captivity is necessary for breeding/conservation programs. There are no self-sustaining captive populations and animals are needed from the wild to maintain genetic viability. Bottlenose dolphins, orcas and beluga whales are the only cetaceans who have been bred with some success, but even these do not have self-sustaining captive populations. Also, captive-bred offspring are never returned to the wild, a required step for any breeding program claiming a conservation purpose. Our captive animals teach people about conservation. The education offered at dolphinariums often lacks a discussion of threats facing wild cetaceans beyond “pollution,” as information about threats such as hunting, marine noise, or oil and gas exploration and extraction might offend some visitors from other countries or who work for the military or certain industries. Certainly the threat live capture poses to targeted cetacean populations is never discussed. Claims that captive cetacean performances provide educational benefits to the public and advance conservation science are also false. For example, viewing orcas that are held in concrete tanks that in no way resemble their natural environments, and that are trained to behave in ways that they would not in the wild, does not provide any insight into wild orca biology, behavior, or ecological role. If anything, it promotes misinformation about orcas. Similarly scientific research involving captive orcas has done little to advance scientists’ understanding of wild orcas. Most of the published scientific research from

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Brea Slubowski	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: PLEASE BAN THE CAPTIVE DOLOPHINS OF HAWAII!!!!!! THEY ARE NOT OUR ENTERTAINMENT!!! IF PEOPLE WANT ENTERTAINMENT THEY CAN DO OTHER VARIOUS ACTIVITIES AROUND HAWAII.

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Cherie Wheeler	Individual	Support	No

Comments: The captivity industry, interested only in making money off of dolphin shows, provide no educational benefit to the public. They should not be allowed to pass off theatrical shows with animals forced to perform tricks as a teaching platform. It is highly unethical to keep these highly intelligent, extremely social creatures in concrete enclosures instead of their home in the open ocean

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deborah bukala	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Highly sensitive dolphins should not be kept in captivity. They always look sad to me , swimming in their "pens" for human entertainment. Cruel . Let them all go free. Thank you.

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T. Chandler	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am requesting that Hawaii State Legislature urge Hawaii facilities that hold captive cetaceans for entertainment purposes to discontinue breeding and to phase out captivity. The following are some key points to strongly consider: Cetaceans, which include dolphins, whales, and porpoises, are highly intelligent and social animals. The County of Maui has prohibited the exhibition of captive cetaceans since 2002. Public opposition to the keeping and display of captive cetaceans has increased in the United States and worldwide. The dysfunctional social structure of captive cetaceans is known to cause unnatural aggression and stress, resulting in injury, illness, or death to the animals and to humans. Educational content delivered by a captivity facility is often inaccurate and misleading, as animals are performing theatrical "tricks" rather than displaying natural behaviors. It is unethical to isolate a highly intelligent and social animal from its natural environment.

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Testimony in support of HR136

Thank you for allowing me this exciting opportunity to provide input to SUPPORT HR136 to begin phasing out cetacean captivity and end captive breeding.

The time is now and it is an exciting time! The modern human species is going back to the ancient human species to respect other species on the planet and honor the gifts each one has. In the case of dolphins, they are a species that one could argue are superior to humans in many ways. It can also be proven that in the last 50 years, dolphins have not thrived in a captive environment but suffered from depression, disease, cultural deficiency and shortened lives. The training methods alone are questionable as they are deprived of food to teach the dolphins to obey. The dull sad eyes say it all as their mouth is molded into a permanent smile. A news reporter from Arizona said it the best live on TV. If you go to the ocean and see the dolphins dancing and jumping around your boat, you feel the joy and wonder of the species. If you see a dolphin in a swimming pool silently logging back and forth as you get your selfie, you know the truth. The dolphins belong in their home, the ocean. The next generations will honor our leadership to be the first ones to dislodge the captive industry.

The circuses are closing their exhibits, California is passing bills to end captive breeding and millions of people globally are now aware of the horrible situation of the dolphins while in a captive environment. Some of the biggest advocates of dolphins are the trainers themselves who knew the dolphins intimately as friends and knew in their heart these dolphins were in a sad state.

The National Aquarium has acknowledged that the dolphins belong in the sea and are retiring them to a sea sanctuary. Let's lead our children to a wiser future and show them the beauty of animals in freedom and the joy of seeing another species in their natural environment where they can be themselves and shows us how they jump high out of the sea and trick us with splashes from the waves. What joy is there in seeing a dolphin begging for a dead fish and swimming a circle in a small pool? Even children can sense the dismay of the animals when they are attending these "shows". The time is now and the truth iswe must let this highly intelligent and advanced species go back to the sea and they will meet us there to connect on their terms.

Sincerely,

Annette Gehling, Executive Director

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Samantha Berberich	Individual	Support	No

Comments: There is no excuse for keeping cetaceans in tiny tanks. It's been revealed that dolphins at Sea Life Park and Dolphin Quest have died from parasites (dirty tanks), trauma, suicide, trainer error. Dolphins live an average of 25 years. In the 54 years Sea Life Park has existed, 124 cetacean deaths have occurred. Our islands are surrounded by dolphins. Tourists and locals can enjoy them in their proper home.

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Caren Eliezer	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Since it is true that cetaceans are intelligent and social beings, it is highly unethical and cruel to keep them in captivity for the purposes of our entertainment. We are depriving them of their natural life and if they were instead human - we would call this depravity and human rights abuse. It is extremely stressful to them and puts both them and their human handlers at risk. We can not plead that performing tricks is educational. This is for profit. Since Maui county has made it illegal to exhibit captive cetaceans, I urge you to cease the breeding and transport of Hawaii's cetaceans in captivity for entertainment purposes.

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Jeffrey Berlet	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I do not support this resolution. I visited Dolphin Quest with my family and can testify that the dolphin are well cared for. The experience was helpful to better understand and appreciate marine life. This type of experience is essential to support conservation efforts now and in the future since in-person interactions with dolphin and caregivers help to inspire visitors to protect dolphin and other marine animals.

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Stephenie Berlet	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: To whom it may concern, I understand that the state of Hawaii is considering phasing out the captivity and breeding of cetaceans. I am writing to vehemently oppose this resolution. I recently participated in a dolphin encounter program at Dolphin Quest located in the Hilton Waikoloa Village. My very first impression of the facility was that the staff genuinely cared and loved all the dolphins. That care translated into an abundance of knowledge which was passed along to me. I learned so much more about dolphins from the one-on-one encounter than I could have read in a book or a short article. As a result, I care about the impact my actions have on the world wide dolphin population. For example, I have not used a disposable plastic straw since learning how dangerous they are for marine life from our Dolphin Quest specialist. I cannot imagine how detrimental it would be for the future of dolphins to cease the public's involvement with them. Please consider this when making your decision.

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Howard Garrett	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Incarceration of whales or dolphins to be dominated and trained to perform on command on pain of food deprivation is experienced very much like any human would experience such captivity and slavery. except whales and dolphins may possess greater capacity for acute situational awareness of their situation. Cetaceans have evolved high orders of sensory awareness and cognitive processing abilities, and are unable to sleep or go unconscious as humans are. They evolved over millions of years for unending travel over hundreds of miles in the company of close family and extended community members in a dynamic and fluid undersea ecosystem. Captivity is a living death for them. The business model that requires enslaving whales and dolphins is sadistic and reinforces brutality for all concerned, including staff and company personnel, permitting authorities, and the general public. Please help end this disgraceful spectacle.

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patrick balduchi	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I think history is showing that keeping animals captive is inhumane. I travel to Hawaii often and I am now considering where I vacation based on countries that take a stand against keeping animals captive. Whales and dolphins are meant to have endless tanks called oceans, it is despicable to imprison them and make them perform for human audiences. I 1000% support this measure and the cessation of breeding cetaceans as well as setting any remaining captive cetaceans free. Mahalo Patrick Balduchi

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helene hansen	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Dolphins should not be held in captivity. They are highly intelligent and social mammals who deserve to swim freely; it is immoral to keep them in small enclosures and force them to perform tricks. We should not inflict suffering on these magnificent creatures for the sole purpose of being entertained - or for any other purpose.

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Christine Gasco	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: • Cetaceans, which include dolphins, whales, and porpoises, are highly intelligent and social animals. • The County of Maui has prohibited the exhibition of captive cetaceans since 2002. • Public opposition to the keeping and display of captive cetaceans has increased in the United States and worldwide. • The dysfunctional social structure of captive cetaceans is known to cause unnatural aggression and stress, resulting in injury, illness, or death to the animals and to humans. • Educational content delivered by a captivity facility is often inaccurate and misleading, as animals are performing theatrical "tricks" rather than displaying natural behaviors. • It is unethical to isolate a highly intelligent and social animal from its natural environment.

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Robert Ramsey	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please discontinue the captivity of cetaceans in Hawaii for entertainment.

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Peter Wood	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I SUPPORT SUPPORT of HR136 & HCR208! It is cruel and unethical to isolate highly intelligent and social animals from their natural environment. Thank you!

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Dear Hawaii Legislature,

Offering testimony in support of HR136 / HCR208.

My name is Terran Baylor, and I wanted to provide my own personal testimony as I also now work for a non-profit organization Ric O'Barrys Dolphin Project. My wish is that my experience with captive dolphins in Hawaii dramatically changed the course of my life. I once loved to see dolphins and whales at marine parks – such as SeaWorld. I went so far as to take my niece and nephew to see them as well. Since I frequent Hawaii often – spending at least 2 years of time in the last 11 years – you could say I love Hawaii and all it offers. I was married on the big island Hawai'i and spent my honeymoon on Kaua'i, so I have very fond memories of all the islands and all the wonderful people living there.

All my life I wanted to swim with dolphins... Like most people it was a life-long goal – bucket-list perhaps. My fiancé and I stayed on the big island and visited the Hilton resort. We swam with dolphins! The night beforehand we talked about going to another person that said it was amazing – so we were hopeful and intrigued. I was not prepared for how I would actually feel and what I noticed. At this point in my life I knew absolutely nothing about the effects of captivity on animals, but like most I would notice how small enclosures are and thought it was wrong. On this day – we put on the wetsuits and listened to instructions, entered the water, and the trainers summoned the dolphins. Throughout the experiences, I never felt any connection - I looked into the eyes of the dolphins, I saw the trainers give instructions, and saw the dolphins get food for every action performed correctly. What I didn't see and experience was a REAL dolphin! Nobody should want to swim, touch, or spend time with a dolphin that is only there to survive. We hear so much about wild dolphins actually making contact with people and other marine life – but those connections are not happening because of training or food. For several days (ruining my stay) I felt nothing but sadness and depression. I didn't know it at the time – but this was radically going to change my life. I knew captivity was destroying the essence of these amazing sentient beings. Even when the dolphins were sleeping – the public could still see them and harass them at the resort.

Now, I speak out for dolphins in captivity trying to stop this trade. Just because some people still want to swim and touch dolphins doesn't give the right for a business to exist to take their lives away from them. Breeding constitutes a continuous stream of dolphins, but it doesn't eliminate the poor ethics involved. Even the best of breeding practices shows huge percentage of miscarriages and mother dolphins that have no experience being mothers – then we have dead babies year-after-year. Public sentiment about dolphins and many other animals in captive / zoo environments have dramatically shifted. The existence of sanctuaries for many zoo animals is providing a big shift and trend towards a better version of conservation.

One of my experiences is watching a dolphin in Las Vegas “log” (dolphin floating – not moving) for hours... Knowing the dolphin is either sick or experiencing great amount of depression from being in captivity. After leaving the habitat that day, I noted the dolphins' name and saved the

video. 10 days later the dolphin had died. These are very normal occurrences for the captive dolphin industry – everywhere around the globe. I could cite many other instances, but these are just my own personal accounts.

Dolphins born in captivity have never been released into the wild oceans, so this creates a dilemma for all the dolphins still captive. The best we can do is make the existing dolphins be the last, by not allowing importing/exporting and elimination of breeding.

I fully support HR136 / HCR208, and creating an end solution for dolphins in captive status. Please understand that we are using the terms “captive” – against their will – against their natural states.

Thank You for your time and consideration,

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Ricardo Anthony Madrid	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Dolphins have larger brains than humans relative to their body mass, classifying them as their own thinking species with rights of their own.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Christine Russo	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support HR 136. Cetaceans are sociable and highly intelligent animals. They belong in the wild. People come from all over the world to visit Hawaii where dolphins and whales swim free throughout our beautiful islands. What kind of message does it send that we then hold these beautiful creatures hostage? Not only are these animals imprisoned for human entertainment but they are also subjected to cruel treatment that is abnormal to their natural habitat. Case in point--Sea Life Park has hosted events there that would be extremely disruptive to the dolphins they keep. For example, in 2011, they hosted a record release party for Paul Oakenfold, a trance DJ. Essentially the dolphins were exposed to hours of electronica music. This proves that these for-profit entertainment establishments do not really care for these animals that already do not belong there and they exploit them for profit. We need to free the tanks.

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Rachel Zimmerman	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I hope we're better than this. As a marine biologist, it is incredibly disheartening to see the ocean and it's creatures continually exploited for a quick buck. Please don't be complicit in animal suffering. Also, please take whatever action possible to combat climate change to ensure your reefs persist into the future.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Angela Banovic	Individual	Support	No

Comments: In support of HR136 I am an Australian citizen, last year I travelled to the beautiful islands of Hawaii for over 4 months. I was extremely disappointed that Hawaii had captive ceaceans considering there are so many dolphins in the ocean who often swim up to the tourists and locals in the beautiful beaches of Hawaii. It is the 21st century and it is about time humans stopped exploiting animals for human entertainment and corporate profit. Dolphin captivity is cruel. Dolphins, whales and seal are highly intelligent, socially aware animals. The County of Maui has prohibited the exhibition of captive cetaceans since 2002. Common dolphins / Bottlenose dolphins are not an endangered species therefore there is no reason for them to be bred in captivity. There is no conservation in the breeding of Dolphins in captivity. The only reason that they are being bred in captivity is for human entertainment and the profit associated with this. More people will visit Hawaii knowing that the breeding of cetaceans in captivity has stopped. I would suggest that Hawaii starts its own educational facility with a rescue, rehab and release facility of cetaceans and other marine life and be the very first country to convert marine parks into sanctuaries and transition the captive animals into ocean water. I would personally come and volunteer and would also arrange fundraising for this as would so many people from around the world. It would be a world first and revolutionary! The sky is the limit. The reason I am so passionate about dolphins and whales is because I have personally been to the killing cove of Taiji Japan (twice as a Sea Shepherd volunteer) where thousands of dolphins are murdered and captured for the captivity industry. This experience has left scars that will never heal. I have watched how babies are torn away from their mothers, and how their spirits are broken so that they obey their trainers. I have heard the cries of terror, the screaming of pain and have also looks captive dolphins in the eyes and seen the despair. While in Taiji Japan, I visited the Taiji Whale Museum where they had up to 100 captive dolphins and small whales. I sat by the sea pens where 5 bottlenose dolphins were kept. I looked these dolphins in the eyes. It was as though they looked through my soul. I told them that I could not save them. Dolphins and whales are so intelligent! The captive dolphins knew that I was not there to be entertained and one dolphin just logged in front of me and remained having eye contact with me the whole time I was there. I observed this particular dolphin and others numerous times with interactions with customers at this

captive facility and the mannerisms were completely different with them as they were with me. They were begging the customers for food and doing little tricks. It was really sad. But with me they understood why I was there. One didn't actually leave from where I was sitting on the sea pen even though the others went to the customers who had the fish to feed them. He just stayed there and stared at my while I had tears running down my face as I was so heartbroken to see them in these tiny enclosures and knew that they had all witnessed their entire families slaughtered. These animals feel pain, love and fear. They trust us. It is our responsibility to help them! We should fight for their freedom and stop breeding them in captivity.

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billie herzer	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: • Cetaceans, which include dolphins, whales, and porpoises, are highly intelligent and social animals. • The County of Maui has prohibited the exhibition of captive cetaceans since 2002. • Public opposition to the keeping and display of captive cetaceans has increased in the United States and worldwide. • The dysfunctional social structure of captive cetaceans is known to cause unnatural aggression and stress, resulting in injury, illness, or death to the animals and to humans. • Educational content delivered by a captivity facility is often inaccurate and misleading, as animals are performing theatrical "tricks" rather than displaying natural behaviors. • It is unethical to isolate a highly intelligent and social animal from its natural environment.

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paola	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Stop captivity!! Will not visit Hawaii until this stops.. so so cruel

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Sarah Cieslinski	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I fully and completely support this bill. Cetaceans should not live their lives in captivity. They are stuck with different breeds of cetaceans, they are forced to eat dead fish, taught tricks that they would never do in their natural environment, and forced to swim around in a concrete tank their whole life. In their natural environment, they would swim hundreds, if not thousands of miles, with their families. Captivity is not freedom, it is prison.

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Susan Whalen	Individual	Support	No

Comments: • Cetaceans, which include dolphins, whales, and porpoises, are highly intelligent and social animals. • The County of Maui has prohibited the exhibition of captive cetaceans since 2002. • Public opposition to the keeping and display of captive cetaceans has increased in the United States and worldwide. • The dysfunctional social structure of captive cetaceans is known to cause unnatural aggression and stress, resulting in injury, illness, or death to the animals and to humans. • Educational content delivered by a captivity facility is often inaccurate and misleading, as animals are performing theatrical "tricks" rather than displaying natural behaviors. • It is unethical to isolate a highly intelligent and social animal from its natural environment. Thank you for your consideration to discontinue breeding and to phase out captivity.

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Sy Sadeghpour	Individual	Support	No

Comments: These cetaceans are completely innocent animals that don't harm human beings in any way. Let's try to not harm them unnecessarily. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
keomailani von gogh	Individual	Support	No

Comments: ALOHA, PLEASE PASS THIS BILL SO WE CAN BE IN STANDING WITH THE WORLD WIDE MOVEMENT OF NO MORE CAPTIVITY OF OUR CETACENS. WE KNOW THAT THESE ANIMALS HAVE TO BE TREATED WITH RESPECT AND DIGNITY. THIS BILL IS WAY OVERDUE AND SHOULD BE PASSED. MAHALO FOR YOUR TIME AND CONSIDERATION KEO VON GOGH

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Hello,

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These programs provide an educational experience that is safe and mutually beneficial for the dolphins and humans. This experience is much more impactful than reading about dolphins in a book, watching them on TV or seeing them on the internet. I have been personally inspired to dedicate money and time to dolphin conservation after learning about animals at a human care facility.

Zoos and aquariums donate millions of dollars in financial and in-the-field support of marine mammal scientific study which increases our collective knowledge of these animals and how to protect them in the wild.

There is no peer-reviewed scientific evidence to support the claims in this resolution that the animals in accredited, US Government regulated facilities like Dolphin Quest are anything, but healthy and thriving. Many of these claims are standard message points from animal extremist organizations that seek to break the animal-human bond and close all zoos and aquariums. **You have to have science to back up claims, otherwise it is just an opinion.**

To phase out animals under professional human care and discontinue breeding would rob future generations of the opportunity to see, experience, and learn about these animals up close, and therefore inhibit conservation of the species themselves.

I've been to Dolphin Quest and have seen first-hand that these animals are absolutely adored and well care for by their animal caregivers.

Please do not support this house resolution (H.R. NO. 136)

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Agnieszka	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Whales and dolphins are highly intelligent. They are used to living in complex social groups. In their natural habitat they swim up to 100 miles a day, no steel tank can simulate that. Keeping them in tanks is cruel and unnatural.

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Danielle	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Dolphins are sentient and social creatures. Please stop using them for human profit.

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georgia ireland	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support HR136!!! Please phase out cetacean captivity in Hawaii and set the tone for the rest of the country. Follow The Vancouver aquariums legislative footsteps. My heart breaks for poor Kina the false killer whale at sea life park purchased from the navy. She is an intelligent creature and deserves to be freed after all that she has done for mankind. She has done who knows what in navy research and now entertains humans at sea life park and gets no pay or freedom in return. She is a slave and the least we could do for her is give her back her freedom. Thank you.

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Loretta Lehman	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I'm an individual speaking up for autonomy of intelligent wildlife. Confining and harassing high level, social animals such as cetaceans is no longer an acceptable form of entertainment. Public opinion is quickly turning on exploitation of wildlife for profit. HR136 and 208 will help these animals.

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Catherine Tamasik	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Please adopt this bill and phase out cetacean captivity throughout Hawaii. Captivity of these very intelligent and social creatures, including dolphins, whales, and porpoises, is cruel and greatly diminishes their lives. • The County of Maui has prohibited the exhibition of captive cetaceans since 2002. • Public opposition to the keeping and display of captive cetaceans has increased in the United States and worldwide. • The dysfunctional social structure of captive cetaceans is known to cause unnatural aggression and stress, resulting in injury, illness, or death to the animals and to humans. • Educational content delivered by a captivity facility is often inaccurate and misleading, as animals are performing theatrical "tricks" rather than displaying natural behaviors. • It is unethical to isolate a highly intelligent and social animal from its natural environment.

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Anna Kelly	Individual	Support	No

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Nicole Taglione	Individual	Support	No

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Charles J Crossen	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support HR 136 to phase out cetacean captive breeding and to end captivity.

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Mary Meroney	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I am supporting this measure for the following reasons: Key Points • Cetaceans, which include dolphins, whales, and porpoises, are highly intelligent and social animals. • The County of Maui has prohibited the exhibition of captive cetaceans since 2002. • Public opposition to the keeping and display of captive cetaceans has increased in the United States and worldwide. • The dysfunctional social structure of captive cetaceans is known to cause unnatural aggression and stress, resulting in injury, illness, or death to the animals and to humans. • Educational content delivered by a captivity facility is often inaccurate and misleading, as animals are performing theatrical "tricks" rather than displaying natural behaviors. • It is unethical to isolate a highly intelligent and social animal from its natural environment.

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Janine Frazee	Individual	Support	No

Comments: • Cetaceans, which include dolphins, whales, and porpoises, are highly intelligent and social animals. • The County of Maui has prohibited the exhibition of captive cetaceans since 2002. • Public opposition to the keeping and display of captive cetaceans has increased in the United States and worldwide. • The dysfunctional social structure of captive cetaceans is known to cause unnatural aggression and stress, resulting in injury, illness, or death to the animals and to humans. • Educational content delivered by a captivity facility is often inaccurate and misleading, as animals are performing theatrical "tricks" rather than displaying natural behaviors. • It is unethical to isolate a highly intelligent and social animal from its natural environment.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Diane Hoffman	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Regarding HR136 AND HCR208 Since dolphins, whales and porpoises are very social and very intelligent I want to support them to not be held for any type of entertainment. It is unethical to isolate and breed these wonderful animals from their natural environment. Isolation causes unnatural aggression, stress which results in injury or illness and death to the animal and human beings.

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Mary Salomon	Individual	Support	No

Comments: • Cetaceans, which include dolphins, whales, and porpoises, are highly intelligent and social animals. • The County of Maui has prohibited the exhibition of captive cetaceans since 2002. • Public opposition to the keeping and display of captive cetaceans has increased in the United States and worldwide. • The dysfunctional social structure of captive cetaceans is known to cause unnatural aggression and stress, resulting in injury, illness, or death to the animals and to humans. • Educational content delivered by a captivity facility is often inaccurate and misleading, as animals are performing theatrical "tricks" rather than displaying natural behaviors. • It is unethical to isolate a highly intelligent and social animal from its natural environment.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Karen Kawszan	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I lived in Kaneohe, HI for two years and was extremely disturbed by the hotel that held dolphins captive for their guests viewing pleasure. This was in 1994 and I then vowed not to return to Hawaii until the passed more animal protection laws. I have et to return to Hawaii. These are just a few reasons to pass this bill to protect the voiceless and the innocent: Cetaceans, which include dolphins, whales, and porpoises, are highly intelligent and social animals. • The County of Maui has prohibited the exhibition of captive cetaceans since 2002. • Public opposition to the keeping and display of captive cetaceans has increased in the United States and worldwide. • The dysfunctional social structure of captive cetaceans is known to cause unnatural aggression and stress, resulting in injury, illness, or death to the animals and to humans. • Educational content delivered by a captivity facility is often inaccurate and misleading, as animals are performing theatrical "tricks" rather than displaying natural behaviors. • It is unethical to isolate a highly intelligent and social animal from its natural environment. I kindly and respectfully urge your to find your common-sense and compassion to protect and defend what can not speak for itself. Please do the right thing. Thank you for the opportunity to submit my comments. God bless. Karen Kawszan 19206 Holly Shade Ct. Spring, Texas 77379 281.415.4015

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Gina Kaeuper	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Dolphins are highly intelligent and social animals and are a natural treasure that deserve care and respect. It is unethical to isolate a highly intelligent and social animal from its natural environment. The public is increasingly opposed to the keeping and display of many animal species, including cetaceans, particularly for entertainment purposes. The County of Maui has prohibited the exhibition of captive cetaceans since 2002. The State of Hawaii should continue to be a leader in protecting these animals. Captive cetaceans show signs of unnatural aggression and stress, resulting in injury, illness, or death to the animals and to humans. Captive cetaceans do not display natural behaviors, so the educational value of their captivity is low. Appreciation for and understanding of cetaceans is better achieved through noncaptive strategies. I have seen dolphins in the wild and the memory will stay with me forever. Please protect these animals and allow them to continue to enchant us through natural behaviors in their natural habit only.

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Mary James	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Janine Scoville	Individual	Support	No

Comments: As a Florida resident, I'm familiar with the captivity of dolphins, whales, and other similar beings for the purpose of entertainment. The practice of imprisoning any animal for the sake of entertainment and profit must end--nationwide. I support any effort to end this horrific practice so that animals can remain in their natural habitat. Please be the champion for this cause and allow all wild animals to remain...in the wild.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Paul Grimshaw	Individual	Support	No

Comments: As a scuba diver and as human I detest the holding of such intelligent animal captivity and even worse in horrid conditions

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Rob Rowe	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: The time has passed when people wish to be "entertained" by animals performing harmful and unnatural acts. Cetaceans are highly intelligent and social animals, and do not belong captive outside of their natural habitat. The County of Maui has prohibited the exhibition of captive cetaceans since 2002. Let's end this practice now. Thank you.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
diana ingalsbe	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Please stop all cruel Marine mammals captivity in inhumane prison pools. Please stop all transfers of said mammals and breeding immediately. Highly intelligent, social ocean beings do not deserve this cruelty in 2017 #End captivity #Empty the Tanks #Don't buy ticket #The cove #Blackfish

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Elizabeth Watts	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support banning future captive cetacean breeding and transfers in Hawaii. The least we can do is assure no more dolphins are born into a life of captivity.

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Jonathan Boyne	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Cetaceans, which include dolphins, whales, and porpoises, are highly intelligent and social animals. The County of Maui has prohibited the exhibition of captive cetaceans since 2002. Public opposition to the keeping and display of captive cetaceans has increased in the United States and worldwide. The dysfunctional social structure of captive cetaceans is known to cause unnatural aggression and stress, resulting in injury, illness, or death to the animals and to humans. Educational content delivered by a captivity facility is often inaccurate and misleading, as animals are performing theatrical "tricks" rather than displaying natural behaviors. It is unethical to isolate a highly intelligent and social animal from its natural environment.

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I oppose House Resolution No 136.

The claims in this resolution that keeping dolphins in captive facilities is harmful to dolphins and people are not based on evidence. I have visited multiple facilities around the islands and have friends and family that have and we have never seen any evidence of animals being harmed. I also tried to find any scientific studies that would support the claims and came up with nothing. The American Humane Conservation Program even inspects and certifies that the animals are treated humanely in these facilities.

Furthermore, with news coming out last fall that the federal government is looking to place further regulation on boat tours that swim with wild spinner dolphins, having captive dolphins provides a safe outlet for tourists to see dolphins without affecting our delicate ecosystem here around the islands.

Having dolphins in facilities around the islands also allows for our children to learn about the ocean and the ecosystem in an engaging way. I know multiple school classes that have visited places like Dolphin Quest on a field trip and the kids come back from those field trips inspired and excited.

I urge you to vote against House Resolution No. 136.

Thank you,

Sarah Beverly

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ally Wilkinson	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Dolphins of all species have been suffering from day one in captivity. These delicate and sensitive animals are not meant for confinement of any kind. The ocean is so vast and so diverse that no captive facility could mimic their natural habitat. More can be learned and more can be respected about dolphins if they are left in their natural home. Humans are not so intelligent to live out in a closet, well neither are dolphins. In their perspective a tank is a small closet or a bathtub to a dolphin. Hawaii is a beautiful place, please let the dolphins swim free. Then Hawaii will be amazing with all wild dolphins. Please.

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dany	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Stop the capityvit

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Christine Nilsson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: The county of Maui has already prohibited to capture of dolphins, whales and porpoises for over 10 years and the public opposition against this practice continues to rise. The unnatural caging of these animals does not teach anything about their real nature so it is misleading to see this as education. In addition, they are in stressed environments that lend them to become sick and sometime aggressive, which is not their nature in the wild. I would lie to submit my testimony as someone who has been swimming out in the ocean far from shore and have encountered these animals in the wild. These animals need to be left to freely live their lives in the wild, where they can be observed if people want to see them. Thank you for your consideration of my testimony. Christine Nilsson

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emily	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: ban future captive breeding and transfers for cetacean lives.

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Deepti	Individual	Support	No

Comments: We are hurting the environment at future great cost that our children and grandchildren will be paying the price for. Cetaceans, which include dolphins, whales, and porpoises, are highly intelligent and social animals. It is unethical to isolate a highly intelligent and social animal from its natural environment. Educational content delivered by a captivity facility is often inaccurate and misleading, as animals are performing theatrical "tricks" rather than displaying natural behaviors

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Jessica Tronoski	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I would like to formally testify that I am in support of measure HR136 which urges Hawaii facilities, like Sea Life Park, that hold captive cetaceans for entertainment purposes to end breeding immediately and phase out captivity. Thank you.

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whitney	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support this 100%. Justice for the dolphins!

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ramiro Noguero	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I really believe that no animal should live in any sort of captivity. Thanks, Aloha.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
LuzAngela Rubin	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Greetings, Aloha to all! Our beloved Cetaceans (dolphins and whales) are a much more than fish, or common animals, as they are a family of Light holding the energy of divine unconditional love in the entire planet. Their presence in their oceans assist the awakening of oneness consciousness in humanity. The planet Earth, our planet has endured centuries of pain, suffering, death, and separation as a consequence of greed and lack of compassion, acceptance and forgiveness. Humanity has forgotten their true essence and connection with everything that exist. Human greed is what guides, promotes and supports activities that profit from the suffering, separation, pain and control of others. Therefore, promoting captivity in any way or form, only feeds the energy of disconnection from the Creator strengthening the negativity and chaos in the lives of those involved, but mostly, in the entire creation because everything is interconnected. Hurting you hurts me, and that is a true that cannot be hidden. Consciousness is Everything!! I plead to you, to find ways to release the captived dolphins to their natural environment, and to explore your creative power to offer services and real entertainment that raises consciousness, creativity, fun, learning, transformation, evolution, joy, and harmony instead. Thank you for reading my message! May your hearts open wide and may your minds align with your hearts' desires. Blessings of Love and illumination to you and your activities! Mahalo, Aloha! Namaste! LuzAngela

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james mckean	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Cetacean's are some of the world's most intelligent members of the animal kingdom and deserve to live a meaningful and fulfilling life in the wild where they can be free. Being held captive for the pleasure of humans is inhumane, selfish and cruel.

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Debbie Smith	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Please pass this bill. I strongly support it. It's a matter of decency, thank you

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Adam D Turner	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Merydie Ross	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support the measures proposed in HR136 to ban future cetacean breeding and transfers in Hawaii. As an American citizen and future tourist to Hawaii, I do not support keeping cetaceans or other animals in captivity for the purposes of scientific testing, breeding and entertainment. Additionally, I support any measures that ban captivity for such purposes. I only support wildlife rehabilitation facilities, and I believe that only facilities such as those can provide proper care for those animals whose injuries and or disabilities would not allow them to be re-released into the wild. Wildlife rehabilitation centers are definitely an attraction for tourists such as myself, who are happy to visit them and pay admission to support their mission and operations. I feel only wildlife rehabilitation centers, eco-tourism and traditional native knowledge and scientific conservation based tourism can educate children and adults in how to treat, rescue and conserve wild species, wild spaces, habitats, and ecosystems. I support other non-invasive wildlife interaction such as whale watching, snorkelling, diving, etc., where the animal is respected and given a safe distance from which to be observed and not inhibited from going about its natural state. I look forward to Hawaii taking a major step forward in leading the world toward a future where animal rights and the rights of Mother Earth are safeguarded and upheld. Please support and adopt HR136. Thank you very much for your time and consideration. Ta'ho.

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Giovannina Hingle	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: The dysfunctional social structure of captive cetaceans is known to cause unnatural aggression and stress, resulting in injury, illness, or death to the animals and to humans. It is unethical to isolate a highly intelligent and social animal from its natural environment.

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Programs that allow members of the public an opportunity to connect and learn from animals under human care are important – people are more likely to care about, conserve, and protect what they experience firsthand. It is through the work that zoos and aquariums do with these amazing animals that much of our knowledge about cetaceans come from – this work and these conservation efforts need to continue! Any facility that is accredited by the Alliance of Marine Mammal Parks and Aquariums/USDA provides exceptional care for their animals. Their social, mental, and physical needs are met through thoughtful quality care. I have personally seen and experienced the animal human partnerships in dolphin interaction programs at places like Dolphin Quest in the islands. I've witnessed countless local school children be awed and inspired by the ocean through meeting the animals on class fieldtrips. There is no scientific evidence to support the claims in this resolution so there should be no excuse to rob future generations of the opportunity to learn and experience these animals for themselves in a safe environment.

Thank you,
Alexandra Duke
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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Debra Moody	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Animals in captivity is cruel and outdated. Please discontinue this practice so that other organizations will follow suit.

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Dave Kisor	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jade C. Hibberd	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Cetaceans, which include dolphins, whales, and porpoises, are highly intelligent and social animals. • The County of Maui has prohibited the exhibition of captive cetaceans since 2002. • Public opposition to the keeping and display of captive cetaceans has increased in the United States and worldwide. • The dysfunctional social structure of captive cetaceans is known to cause unnatural aggression and stress, resulting in injury, illness, or death to the animals and to humans. • Educational content delivered by a captivity facility is often inaccurate and misleading, as animals are performing theatrical "tricks" rather than displaying natural behaviors. • It is unethical to isolate a highly intelligent and social animal from its natural environment.

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Elijah Foust	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Tracey Ozdemir	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Cetaceans, which include dolphins, whales, and porpoises, are highly intelligent and social animals. Captivity serves no purpose other than cruelty. There is no education or natural behavior in captive animals. They become highly stressed and very depressed. They suffer mentally and physically. They can not swim in straight lines like they do in the wild. Captivity is purely for entertainment. Here in the UK we banned whale/dolphin captivity as we became a country that realized this is not acceptable and very cruel. It is an animal's birthright to be free. Captivity shortens life expectancy, it rips pod families apart. They are far more intelligent than humans and they grieve for their families for the rest of their lives. It is unethical to isolate a highly intelligent and social animal from its natural environment.

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Ashley Smith	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I am in support of this measure. Please help those that can't help themselves.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Heather Fierro	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Today we know how intelligent dolphins are and that deserve to swim free in the ocean. In the wild they live with their families and are very social. They die too young in captivity and suffer everyday. We should teach our children that dolphins and whales belong in the wild.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Rachel Ferdinand	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Cetaceans, which include dolphins, whales, and porpoises, are highly intelligent and social animals. • The County of Maui has prohibited the exhibition of captive cetaceans since 2002. • Public opposition to the keeping and display of captive cetaceans has increased in the United States and worldwide.

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This is in support of HR136.

It has been proven that cetaceans fail to thrive in captivity for many reasons, and during their shortened lifespans often need to be kept isolated or face constant aggressive encounters by tankmates. I have witnessed this aggression among the captive dolphins at Dolphin Quest, and seen rake marks on dolphins at Sea Life Park.

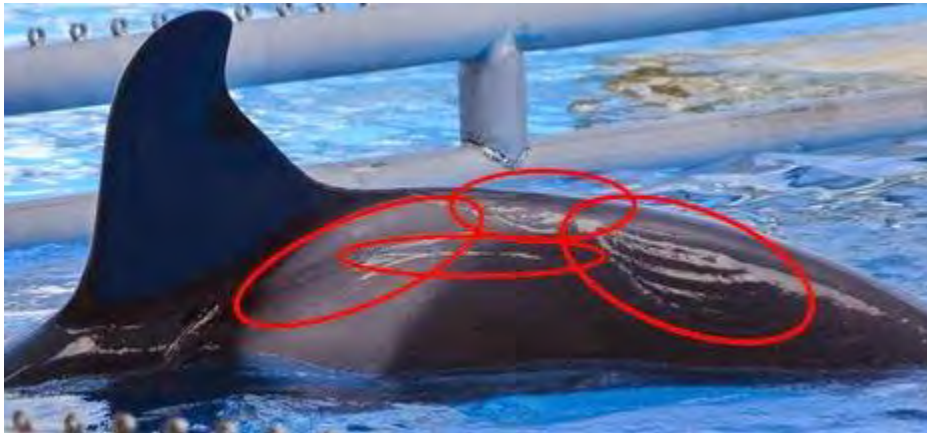
The artificial tanks and unnatural groupings of captivity can create situations that increase aggression. Changes made to tank communities destabilize existing social structures, which can lead to aggression as the dolphins adjust.

In the wild dolphins can get away from each other, and they are free to change group associations in order to find compatible companions. Captive dolphins (including orcas) can't get away from each other in the confines of tanks.

It has been demonstrated that bottle nose dolphin social dynamics vary with their habitat, demonstrating that even in the wild dolphin social behavior is affected by their environment.

(<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/mms.12222/abstract>).

The scratches on the skin of cetaceans are the result of raking by the teeth of another whale or dolphin, and is considered to be an aggressive behavior. It varies with the gender and age, but even in the wild it can occur often, and can be very serious.





From "Aggression in bottlenose dolphins"

(http://www.researchgate.net/profile/Janet_Mann2/publication/233649141_Aggression_in_bottlenose_dolphins_Evidence_for_sexual_coercion_male-male_competition_and_female_tolerance_through_analysis_of_tooth-rake_marks_and_behaviour/links/0046352c02d535f7ef000000.pdf):

"For captive animals, confined to a limited environment and restricted social grouping, social pressures can escalate and social encounters can become more intensive because individuals may have limited means of escape [Hedinger, 1964].

For example, competition for limited resources, disturbances in dominance relationships and incompatible or inappropriate group structure has led to aggression culminating in injury, illness and even mortality in captive primates [e.g., Erwin and Deni, 1979; Abbott et al., 1988; de Waal, 1989] and dolphins [McBride and Kritzler, 1951; Caldwell and Caldwell, 1977; Sweeney, 1990].

Even without overt aggression, the consequences of chronic stress from subordination and presence of a dominant individual can lead to loss of fitness, immunosuppression and even death [e.g., rats: Barnett, 1958; Barnett et al., 1975; tree shrews: von Holst, 1998; rhesus monkeys: Hamilton and Chaddock, 1977]. Captive management seeks to emulate natural conditions which will include some stressors

[Thomas and McCann, 1997], however, it is essential to recognize social stressors before chronic problems develop by becoming aware of predisposing circumstances and initial expressions of stress.

For captive dolphins, instability in social relationships may occur when new animals are introduced or when individuals reach maturity and need to establish their position and relationships within the social group. Both instances have resulted in aggression, illness, and mortality among captive dolphins, sometimes leading to decisions to remove adult males that have become aggressive to poolmates [McBride and Hebb, 1948; Caldwell and Caldwell, 1968, 1977; Samuels and Gifford, 1997].

Furthermore, the breeding season can lead to increases in stress levels through hormonal and social changes in the competition for access to mates [Ridgway, 1972; Connor and Smolker, 1995]. Males in particular are susceptible because of seasonal changes in testosterone [Schroeder and Keller, 1989], which may lead to increased aggression and instability in relationships.”

Please end the breeding of cetaceans in captivity, and phase out the captivity of cetaceans entirely.

Thank you,

Candace Calloway Whiting

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Samantha Morgan	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am in support of this bill which will cease the breeding and transport of Hawaii’s cetaceans in captivity for entertainment purposes. Public opposition of the keeping and display of cetaceans has increased both domestically and globally. It is unethical to isolate these highly intelligent and social animals from their natural environment.

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Subject: Support HR136

I support HR136, which asks facilities that house dolphins for entertainment purposes to discontinue breeding, which keeps hundreds of these highly intelligent wild animals in captivity in perpetuity.

Dolphins should live free in the ocean, not be entertainment for humans.

I am 65 years old and have never, ever missed voting.

Rosemary Karlsson
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To whom it may concern-

Please accept my attached PDF as my written testimony in support of HR136 & HCS208.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

Erin Iberg

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I support this bill to end breeding of cetaceans in captivity and to phase out captivity of cetaceans in the state of Hawaii. Sea Life Park and Dolphin Quest are some of the facilities in Hawaii that currently hold captive cetaceans. The captive cetaceans were captured from their natural habitat and transferred to these facilities. Some of these cetaceans were captured by Dolphin drive fisheries in Taiji, Japan. These captive cetaceans go through severe stress and trauma from the conditions of where they are being kept and often times, physical abuse by the employees of these facilities. Sea Life Park is also hiding a False Killer Whale named Kina in a hidden area of their park. They transferred this mammal without a legal permit to do so. There have been 124 captive cetacean deaths of nearly 10 different species, and this is proof that these highly intelligent animals cannot tolerate the captive environment.

Kasumi Shishido

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laura huhn	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: These are intelligent sentient creatures who should be free in the wild as it is the humane thing to do.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Nici Lucas	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Hello, Please refer to my following main points: • Cetaceans, which include dolphins, whales, and porpoises, are highly intelligent and social animals. • The County of Maui has prohibited the exhibition of captive cetaceans since 2002. • Public opposition to the keeping and display of captive cetaceans has increased in the United States and worldwide. • The dysfunctional social structure of captive cetaceans is known to cause unnatural aggression and stress, resulting in injury, illness, or death to the animals and to humans. • Educational content delivered by a captivity facility is often inaccurate and misleading, as animals are performing theatrical "tricks" rather than displaying natural behaviors. • It is unethical to isolate a highly intelligent and social animal from its natural environment. Thank you, Nici Lucas nicilucas@yahoo.com

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kristyn Dluzak	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: We are their voice. Please phase out dolphin captivity. These mammals do not belong in cages, they belong in our beautiful oceans.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Chris Nelson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: The days of captive animals of any kind for "entertainment" are a bit of a dinosaur in my opinion, with todays technology almost anyone at anytime can view some sort of camera to watch just about anything. It's time to release cetaceous sea life and end captive "shows". These incredibly intelligent animals deserve to be free. Please consider this for the future of oceanic sea life and the freedom they deserve. Thank you for your consideration. Chris

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

Comments: Testimony Submitted to the House Committee on Agriculture By Winston Welch March 22, 2017, 9:30AM Room 312 In Support of HCR 208 and HR 136 Urging Hawai'i facilities that hold captive cetaceans for entertainment purposes to discontinue breeding and to phase out captivity. Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite, and Members of the Committee. Thank you for hearing these resolutions. I write in SUPPORT of HR136 & HCR208 to phase-out the captivity of cetaceans for entertainment purposes for the following reasons: Cetaceans, which include dolphins, whales, and porpoises, are highly intelligent and social animals. The County of Maui has prohibited the exhibition of captive cetaceans since 2002. Public opposition to the keeping and display of captive cetaceans has increased in the United States and worldwide. The dysfunctional social structure of captive cetaceans is known to cause unnatural aggression and stress, resulting in injury, illness, or death to the animals and to humans. Educational content delivered by a captivity facility is often inaccurate and misleading, as animals are performing theatrical "tricks" rather than displaying natural behaviors. It is unethical to isolate a highly intelligent and social animal from its natural environment. Please help us end captive dolphin and whale exhibitions by adopting HCR 208 and HR 136. I appreciate your time and consideration. Thank you, Winston Welch

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Helen Crispino	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Cetaceans, which are dolphins, whales and porpoises are highly intelligent and social animals. The County of Maui has prohibited the exhibition of captive cetaceans since 2002. Public opposition to the keeping and display of captive cetaceans has increased in the US and worldwide. The dysfunctional social structure of captive cetaceans is known to cause unnatural aggression and stress, resulting in injury, illness or death to animals and humans. Educational content delivered by a captivity facility is often inaccurate and misleading as animals are performing theatrical tricks rather than displaying natural behaviors.

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Dear Sir/s, Madame/s,

We strongly support the release and rehabilitation of all sentient beings held in aquatic parks. This practice is outdated, much like Ringling Bros having elephants in their circuses. In this day and age there are better forms of education that do not deprive sentient beings of their natural habitats such as robotics and 7D imaging. Captivity kills and we are not able to give them even a close semblance of their natural habitats They forge for their own live food and swim over a hundred miles a day IN A STRAIGHT LINE. Aquatic parks are cruel.

Respectfully,
Alison Banks

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Danielle	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am completely in support of the ban of captive ceatcean breeding and transfer in hawaii, I don't see why a person wouldn't be, there are no benefits, the animals should be free to live the lives they deserve without humans making them miserable machines

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Reis Haituka	Individual	Support	No

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Sharyl	Individual	Support	No

Comments: In support of BANNING cetacean captivity in Hawaii.

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Tori Mo	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Wild animals are not meant to be mistreated and insufficiently cared for/housed in captivity or bred senselessly. Animals are sentient beings, not tourist entertainment nor a business venture.

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melody smith	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I urge you to pass this. Enough of using animals for entertainment and profit. Be on the right side of history. Thank you for your time! Melody

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patricia Bond	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Please stop captivity for cetaceans!

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mike martinelli	Individual	Support	No

Comments: This is inhumane and should stop immediately!

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

Comments: Dear Hawaii Legislators: I am writing to you about measure HR136. I am asking, respectfully, that you vote to ban breeding of cetaceans in captivity for entertainment purposes. We know Hawaii to be a state that thinks about the earth and the impact humans have upon it. We cannot continue to perpetuate misery upon other intelligent species. It is immoral and unethical. We no longer need these animals to be held captive for our entertainment, performing tricks. It is not an educational experience, as these businesses would have us believe. The County of Maui has prohibited the exhibition of captive cetaceans since 2002. It was the right thing to do. The businesses who hold these animals captive and force them to perform for us are seeing declines in ticket sales because public opposition to the keeping and display of captive cetaceans has increased in the United States and worldwide. More people are seeing the harmful effects of captivity. The dysfunctional social structure of captive cetaceans is known to cause unnatural aggression and stress, resulting in injury, illness, or death to the animals and to humans. Thank you for your time and attention. I have faith in Hawaii. I know you will protect your neighbors in the sea - and let them stay there, where they belong.

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Alejandra Benito	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Dolphins belong to our oceans not to a tank!! Why??? Because all this!! • Cetaceans, which include dolphins, whales, and porpoises, are highly intelligent and social animals. • The County of Maui has prohibited the exhibition of captive cetaceans since 2002. • Public opposition to the keeping and display of captive cetaceans has increased in the United States and worldwide. • The dysfunctional social structure of captive cetaceans is known to cause unnatural aggression and stress, resulting in injury, illness, or death to the animals and to humans. • Educational content delivered by a captivity facility is often inaccurate and misleading, as animals are performing theatrical "tricks" rather than displaying natural behaviors. • It is unethical to isolate a highly intelligent and social animal from its natural environment. Please let them free for good!

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lisa r falconer	Individual	Support	No

Comments: It is time to stop exploiting animals for our entertainment and respect them. I have visited Hawaii for vacation numerous times. My trips have been amazing, all without exploiting animals. Please support this bill. Thank you for your time. Key Points • Cetaceans, which include dolphins, whales, and porpoises, are highly intelligent and social animals. • The County of Maui has prohibited the exhibition of captive cetaceans since 2002. • Public opposition to the keeping and display of captive cetaceans has increased in the United States and worldwide. • The dysfunctional social structure of captive cetaceans is known to cause unnatural aggression and stress, resulting in injury, illness, or death to the animals and to humans. • Educational content delivered by a captivity facility is often inaccurate and misleading, as animals are performing theatrical "tricks" rather than displaying natural behaviors. • It is unethical to isolate a highly intelligent and social animal from its natural environment.

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Louise Barnett	Individual	Support	No

Comments: A few years ago I "swam with the dolphins" in Mexico, and through this experience came to realize how wrong it was to hold these intelligent creatures in what amounts to slavery. The noses of several of the dolphins were red and raw from being hit. Our advanced society should not be using animals for entertainment in this way: it is exploitative and wrong. Louise Barnett lk_barnett@fandm.edu

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Deborah Bassett	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Kakou, I am writing in support of HR 136. I am a dedicated ocean advocate and reside on Maui. I am the former Director of The Sea Shepherd Conservation Society, Program Director of Whale Trust Maui and Consultant at Earth Island Institute Marine Mammal program. I have worked closely through the years on cetacean captivity issues and participated in the filming of the Academy Award winning film, The Cove, which helped to expose to the world the bloody truth behind cetacean captivity. We in Hawaii do not wish to have this blood on our hands. Captivity is ANIMAL CRUELTY. These highly sentient, social and intelligent beings SUFFER deeply in captivity. There is NO way to ever remotely mimic the natural ocean habitat. Many dolphins and whales suffer severe anxiety and ulcers from this form imprisonment. Numerous scientific research and studies indicate the level of cetacea intelligence as the closest to that of human beings. Their family bonds are much alike that of humans and the trauma experienced during capture and transport is experienced in the same way of homo sapiens. We in Hawaii, as an ocean people and ohana, have the opportunity to lead the way on progressive and HUMANE policy. Sincerely, Deborah Bassett

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Noelle Snow	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please eliminate breeding and holding these wonderful animals in captivity

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Testimony Submitted to the House Committee on Agriculture
By Jonnetta Peters
March 22, 2017, 9:30AM
Room 312

In Support of HCR 208 and HR 136 Urging Hawai'i facilities that hold captive cetaceans for entertainment purposes to discontinue breeding and to phase out captivity.

Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite, and Members of the Committee.

Thank you for hearing these resolutions. I write in SUPPORT of HR136 & HCR208 to phase-out the captivity of cetaceans for entertainment purposes for the following reasons:

- Cetaceans, which include dolphins, whales, and porpoises, are highly intelligent and social animals. It is unethical to isolate a highly intelligent and social animal from its natural environment. The dysfunctional social structure of captive cetaceans is known to cause unnatural aggression and stress, resulting in injury, illness, or death to the animals and to humans.
- The County of Maui has prohibited the exhibition of captive cetaceans since 2002.
- Public opposition to the keeping and display of captive cetaceans has increased in the United States and worldwide.
- Educational content delivered by a captivity facility is often inaccurate and misleading, as animals are performing theatrical "tricks" rather than displaying natural behaviors.

Please help us end captive dolphin and whale exhibitions by adopting HCR 208 and HR 136. I appreciate your time and consideration.

Thank you,

Jonnetta Peters

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Bobette Halverson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: It is inhumane and unethical to hold captive an intelligent and social animal from its natural environment. Bobette Halverson and Family

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Patti	Individual	Support	No

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Bennie Scott	Individual	Support	No

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Tiffany Stone	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I hope this will be passed and the inhumane treatment ceases. God's creatures were not meant to live in a cage or for entertainment.

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Patti Packer	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Cetaceans, which include dolphins, whales, and porpoises, are highly intelligent and social animals. Public opposition to the keeping and display of captive cetaceans has increased in the United States and worldwide. Educational content delivered by a captivity facility is often inaccurate and misleading, as animals are performing theatrical "tricks" rather than displaying natural behaviors. It is unethical to isolate a highly intelligent and social animal from its natural environment.

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Regarding HR136

As a species, humans are extremely limited in understanding that we are all connected. There is no “out there” or “us versus them”. We are all part of a larger organism. So, when we fail to respect an animal, we are impacting the whole. When we fail to understand this, we ultimately fail to evolve as a species. Dolphins are intelligent, social, and deserve our protection. Do the right thing.

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Cassie Cooper	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Hello, I just want to say that dolphins are smart and amazing creatures with complex social societies as well as complex feelings. I do not think we should keep any animals captive for entertainment purposes, but especially when those animals know what is happening to them. I am hopeful and proud that a bill like this is being actually making its way through the senate and I urge those voting on this to remember that they are just as smart, if not smarter, than you or I. Dolphins have families and feel love and sadness and they deserve to be treated as if they feel those things. They deserve to be free. This is the kind of decision you must make by thinking only about the well being of the animals that are being kept captive and transported all over the place to the highest bidder. You can not think of money or jobs or whatever else you are weighing this choice on. You can only think of the dolphins and how some of them have never been able to swim freely in the ocean.... They are prisoners and slaves to people. Ending this captivity in Hawaii will just add to the many places banning dolphin captivity & Cruelty and will be one more domino in ending dolphin captivity everywhere. Please vote in support of this bill to end dolphin captivity in your state. Thank you for you time.

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Dean McCormick	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Dolphin Captivity should not occur because: • Cetaceans, which include dolphins, whales, and porpoises, are highly intelligent and social animals. • The County of Maui has prohibited the exhibition of captive cetaceans since 2002. • Public opposition to the keeping and display of captive cetaceans has increased in the United States and worldwide. • The dysfunctional social structure of captive cetaceans is known to cause unnatural aggression and stress, resulting in injury, illness, or death to the animals and to humans. • Educational content delivered by a captivity facility is often inaccurate and misleading, as animals are performing theatrical "tricks" rather than displaying natural behaviors. • It is unethical to isolate a highly intelligent and social animal from its natural environment. Thank you, Dean McCormick

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Sarah S	Individual	Support	No

Comments: • Cetaceans, which include dolphins, whales, and porpoises, are highly intelligent and social animals. • The County of Maui has prohibited the exhibition of captive cetaceans since 2002. • Public opposition to the keeping and display of captive cetaceans has increased in the United States and worldwide. • The dysfunctional social structure of captive cetaceans is known to cause unnatural aggression and stress, resulting in injury, illness, or death to the animals and to humans. • Educational content delivered by a captivity facility is often inaccurate and misleading, as animals are performing theatrical "tricks" rather than displaying natural behaviors. • It is unethical to isolate a highly intelligent and social animal from its natural environment.

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sara mckay	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I first spotted captive dolphins while visiting a resort on the Big Island in 1988. "Swimming with dolphins" was a newish concept, and I carefully walked the area and checked it out. I was horrified to see that the dolphins were being held by a fence barely visible under the water line. That was my first exposure to captive dolphins that were being fed only if they performed tricks. My heart broke that day. Within months, I was on Oahu and saw captive dolphins performing at a marine mammal park. It was a very hot day and I wondered how they were protected from sun burns. Fast forward to 2013, and I became a strong and vocal advocate to stop the dolphin exhibit and shows from the Georgia Aquarium. I have become almost an expert regarding the perils of cetacean captivity. We were not successful stopping the Georgia Aquarium, however, I continue to support all endeavors to end captivity of dolphins and whales. Thank you for your dedication. Sincerely, Sara McKay

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Sarah Ralph	Individual	Support	No

Comments: The dysfunctional social structure of captive cetaceans is known to cause unnatural aggression and stress, resulting in injury, illness, or death to the animals and to humans. • Educational content delivered by a captivity facility is often inaccurate and misleading, as animals are performing theatrical "tricks" rather than displaying natural behaviors.

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To the Hawaii State Legislature:

I support HR 136 because dolphins, porpoises, and whales are very intelligent animals who are stressed and injured by being held in captivity. The keeping and display of cetaceans is opposed by much of the public. It is time to phase out captive breeding and transportation of cetaceans. I respectfully urge you to support and pass HR 136.

Sincerely,

Patricia Thomas

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Jan Pettifor	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Cruel, outdated & inhumane. Whales & dolphins are too intelligent & self aware to be kept confined inside concrete swimming pools. End whale captivity.

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P Miller	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I believe Hawaii should phase out cetacean captivity for the following reasons: • Cetaceans, which include dolphins, whales, and porpoises, are highly intelligent and social animals. • The County of Maui has prohibited the exhibition of captive cetaceans since 2002. • Public opposition to the keeping and display of captive cetaceans has increased in the United States and worldwide. • The dysfunctional social structure of captive cetaceans is known to cause unnatural aggression and stress, resulting in injury, illness, or death to the animals and to humans. • Educational content delivered by a captivity facility is often inaccurate and misleading, as animals are performing theatrical "tricks" rather than displaying natural behaviors. • It is unethical to isolate a highly intelligent and social animal from its natural environment. They are here WITH us, NOT FOR us to use, abuse, torture, and/or destroy for/with our selfish whims. These are highly intelligent beings, worthy of the utmost respect. They just want to be left alone to raise their families and live their lives in peace, unbothered by human interference. Humans really need to learn this regarding all non-human beings. If you want to enjoy them, go to their home(s) and observe them in their natural environment doing what they do naturally. "How could it ever be our purpose to rob another of his or her purpose?" Dr. Will Tuttle PhD

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Maureen Curley	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: It is unethical and immoral to isolate any animal from its natural environment in the wild. animals deserve to live in the habitat to which they're accustomed to / meant to live, without interference - they're meant to be free.

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Michele Cole	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Cetaceans, which include dolphins, whales, and porpoises, are highly intelligent and social animals. They should never be held captive for entertainment purposes.

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Michael Mooers	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: M T Mooers 13303 Fairfax Rd Hagerstown, MD 21740 I strongly support HR136 for the following reason; The isolation of such highly intelligent creatures of God, is barbaric and unethical in the present modern times. Shame on the individuals who allow themselves to be motivated by wealth created from tortured beings. Think about it, then explain to your young grandsons & granddaughters why you allow it to happen in your life time. Thank you for your consideration. Mike

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Gina Pindroh	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please end captivity of dolphins. This is 2017. We now know the harm being done by imprisoning these intelligent beings. They should be able to live in peace, in the ocean, where God put them. Thank you.

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Brenda Dunlap	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support House Resolution 136. Cetaceans are extremely intelligent and social animals, and I feel that it is unethical to subject these animals to the stresses of captivity and use for human entertainment.

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Jason Maddox	Individual	Support	No

Comments: As a scuba diver, I have seen a number of marine cetaceans in their real world environment. From orcas in a fjord in Norway to dolphins in a number of oceans. Those encounters really are memorable and highlight where these intelligent creatures belong - in the ocean, not in a pen. Interacting with them and observing them in their natural environment is much better than watching tricks and shows. Other places have already taken progressive measures to affect change (refer to The County of Maui who has prohibited the exhibition of captive cetaceans since 2002). Please take the next step to affect positive change.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
loretta jones	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Dolphins are social, intelligent creatures that should not be contained. The county of Maui has prohibited the exhibition of captive cetaceans since 2002. I think it is unethical to isolate a highly intelligent and social animal from its natural environment.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jennifer Arnold	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Please end dolphin captivity in Hawaii. • Cetaceans, which include dolphins, whales, and porpoises, are highly intelligent and social animals. • The County of Maui has prohibited the exhibition of captive cetaceans since 2002. • Public opposition to the keeping and display of captive cetaceans has increased in the United States and worldwide. • The dysfunctional social structure of captive cetaceans is known to cause unnatural aggression and stress, resulting in injury, illness, or death to the animals and to humans. • Educational content delivered by a captivity facility is often inaccurate and misleading, as animals are performing theatrical "tricks" rather than displaying natural behaviors. • It is unethical to isolate a highly intelligent and social animal from its natural environment.

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Haley Burke	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am strongly in support of the notion to eliminate captive breeding programs and phase out the captivity of these highly intelligent creatures. The majority of the public is also in support of these measure and has been increasing. Keeping cetaceans captive is highly unnatural and damaging to them physically and emotionally, as has been documented by abnormal signs of aggression, stress, injury, illness, and death. It is far more educational for the public to learn about these animals in natural habitats, not when they are cruelly forced to perform absurd and unnatural tricks. Please do the right thing, the ethical thing, and support measures to phase out breeding and captivity of these amazing animals. Sincerely, Haley Burke, MD, DABPN

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dianna Mills	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Dolphins, Whales, and porpoises are highly intelligent social creatures. They should not be used for public entertainment or kept in captivity. The County of Maui has prohibited the exhibitionism of captive cetaceans since 2002. The public opposition to the keeping of and displaying of captive whales, dolphins, and porpoises has become more and more unacceptable by the public in the US and worldwide. Cetaceans kept in captivity are know to show unnatural signs of aggression, and stress, which results in the injury of the animal and people. This is all because of the dysfunctional social structure. Facilities that use the animals for education often give inaccurate and misleading information, as the animals are performing theatrical "tricks" rather than displaying natural behaviors. It is unethical to isolate a highly intelligent and social animal from its natural environment. Whales, dolphins, and porpoises belong out in the oceans where they can live in their normal social groups and form the bonds with each other and have a family structure. None of these things are possible when they are in captivity. They belong being able to live freely. Please pass HR136 so these beautiful creatures will never have to live in captivity again.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kay Norman	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Please stop captive breeding of cetaceans and phase out the displays which are exceptionally cruel for these intelligent creatures. The dysfunctional social structure of captivity is known to cause unnatural aggression and stress, resulting in injury, illness, or death to the animals and to humans. The public is no longer interested in seeing these artificial representations of "natural" pods and would prefer to have an end to unethical captivity.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Marion McHenry	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support this bill

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
jeffrey Christo	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Good Day and thank you for reading my comments on this Bill. With all that we know about the intelligence and social habits of cetaceans, it is clear that to continue the captivity and breeding of them is morally wrong, as well as inhuman and cruel. There comes a time when our intelligence needs overcome the commercial profiteering of a few to help those without a voice, and this is that time. Respectfully, Jeffrey Christo

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Rebecca Canright	Individual	Support	No

Comments: As a college student who cares deeply about wildlife health, I strongly support HR 136, which would cease the breeding and transport of Hawaii’s cetaceans in captivity for entertainment purposes. I believe that wild animals like dolphins deserve to live free lives in their natural habitat, and I am thrilled that the legislature has introduced this resolution! So please, once again, I respectfully urge you to support HR 136. Thank you very much for your time and kind consideration! Sincerely, Rebecca Canright

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Michelle L Anders	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I want to express my support to this bill: • Cetaceans, which include dolphins, whales, and porpoises, are highly intelligent and social animals. • The County of Maui has prohibited the exhibition of captive cetaceans since 2002. • Public opposition to the keeping and display of captive cetaceans has increased in the United States and worldwide. • The dysfunctional social structure of captive cetaceans is known to cause unnatural aggression and stress, resulting in injury, illness, or death to the animals and to humans. • Educational content delivered by a captivity facility is often inaccurate and misleading, as animals are performing theatrical "tricks" rather than displaying natural behaviors. • It is unethical to isolate a highly intelligent and social animal from its natural environment.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kevin Cade	Individual	Support	No

Comments: This comment is to express my support for Resolution HR136. I am requesting Hawaii State Legislature to urge those Hawaii facilities that hold captive cetaceans for entertainment purposes to discontinue breeding and to phase out captivity entirely. - Cetaceans, which include dolphins, whales, and porpoises, are highly intelligent and social animals. - The County of Maui has prohibited the exhibition of captive cetaceans since 2002. - Public opposition to the keeping and display of captive cetaceans has increased in the United States and worldwide. - The dysfunctional social structure of captive cetaceans is known to cause unnatural aggression and stress, resulting in injury, illness, or death to the animals and to humans. - Educational content delivered by a captivity facility is often inaccurate and misleading, as animals are performing theatrical "tricks" rather than displaying natural behaviors. - It is unethical to isolate a highly intelligent and social animal from its natural environment. Thank you very much for your kind consideration of this matter.

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Sarah Hughes	Individual	Support	No

Comments: These creatures are beautiful, highly intelligent, and in no way meant to be in any sort of captivity, especially to "entertain" human beings. All cetaceans, dolphins/whales/porpoises, etc, deserve to be free and in their natural environment. Anything else is just unethical. I fully support measure HR136. Thank you!

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Michelle Bonventre	Individual	Support	No

Comments: It is unethical to isolate a highly intelligent and social animal from its natural environment.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Debra Marcus	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Please stop this barbaric practice. It is unethical to isolate a highly intelligent and social animal from its natural environment. These magnificent creatures deserve to life free. Thank You.

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

Comments: I support HR136 and HCR208 and request that Hawaii State Legislature urge Hawaii facilities that hold captive cetaceans for entertainment purposes to discontinue breeding and to phase out captivity. • Cetaceans, which include dolphins, whales, and porpoises, are highly intelligent and social animals. • The County of Maui has prohibited the exhibition of captive cetaceans since 2002. • Public opposition to the keeping and display of captive cetaceans has increased in the United States and worldwide. • The dysfunctional social structure of captive cetaceans is known to cause unnatural aggression and stress, resulting in injury, illness, or death to the animals and to humans. • Educational content delivered by a captivity facility is often inaccurate and misleading, as animals are performing theatrical "tricks" rather than displaying natural behaviors. • It is unethical to isolate a highly intelligent and social animal from its natural environment. Thank you. Sincerely, Jessica Smith escaliers101@gmail.com

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Angela Norse	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Animal welfare issues are extremely important to me, my family, and my friends. People know that cetaceans are both highly intelligent and very social animals. It is understandable that with this knowledge, public opposition to keeping & displaying captive cetaceans continues to grow. People are angry that these animals are unnecessarily put in unnatural stressful environments that cause injury, illness, and sometime death. These animals should be in their natural environment, displaying natural behaviour. The excuse that they are being used for educational purpose are more often than not, not true. Please stop this activity at once. Hawaii is such an incredible place that people are so lucky to live in or to visit....It should not be a place that the unethical treatment of animals takes place. Thank you, Angela & Manuel Norse

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Shelley Wehberg	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: PLEASE stop teasing these beautiful, intelligent, creatures! It's morally wrong! Thank you for your consideration.

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Kevin Chen	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Humans have no justifiable need to keep other creatures in captivity just for their own selfish purposes. No person would want to be owned, controlled, exploited, or abused by another, so why would any animal want humans to treat them that way? People need to stop thinking and acting so selfishly, and see how their behavior and lifestyle affect everything on the planet. Please empathize with other living beings.

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Suyin Phillips	Individual	Support	No

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Robert Wintner	Snorkel Bob's Hawaii	Support	No

Comments: On behalf of Snorkel Bob's Hawaii we support HR136. Hawaii tourism depends on positive perception. It's time for Pono stewardship of Hawaii public trusts, and those trusts include ocean habitat and species. The time is OVER for captive wildlife or wild species bred in captivity as amusement to ticket holders. Please do the right thing and pass HR136. I know business; you will not fool the world by allowing this practice to continue, and revenue will grow with Pono policy. Thank you.

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Alina Le	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Cetaceans, which include dolphins, whales, and porpoises, are highly intelligent and social animals. As humans, we should help those in need, regardless of their species. Please don't base your decision by labelling those animals as things, but think of them as life that needs freedom and protection from abuse.

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Thomas Filip	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: As Hawai'i is so dependent on tourism and many people include whale watching as part of their vacation, why would you do anything to jeopardize that aspect? Not to mention, I'm sure the locals enjoy it as well. Do you think it possible that's some peoples' only reason for visiting? It's not beyond reason! Support cetaceans!

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Justin Sangani	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Hawaii is vacation destination for millions of Californians. As seen via legislation against captive marine mammals, most Californians feel strongly against this practice. Hawaii taking a similar stand would only increase tourism.

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Sandra Zaninovich	Individual	Support	No

Comments: • Cetaceans, which include dolphins, whales, and porpoises, are highly intelligent and social animals. • The County of Maui has prohibited the exhibition of captive cetaceans since 2002. • Public opposition to the keeping and display of captive cetaceans has increased in the United States and worldwide. • The dysfunctional social structure of captive cetaceans is known to cause unnatural aggression and stress, resulting in injury, illness, or death to the animals and to humans. • Educational content delivered by a captivity facility is often inaccurate and misleading, as animals are performing theatrical "tricks" rather than displaying natural behaviors. • It is unethical to isolate a highly intelligent and social animal from its natural environment.

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Sharon Hoover Jackson	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: In a state as aware of all that nature offers I respectfully encourage each of you to vote in a way that truly reflects the sprit of Hawaii

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Caren Shiloh	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am STRONGLY in favor of HR136 and I urge you to support the protection of Hawaii's cetaceans and to phase out any and all use of cetaceans in captivity and for purposes of entertainment. The captivity and isolation that these entertainment venues force cetaceans into are cruel and inhumane. Cetaceans are highly intelligent and social animals, and HR136 seeks to protect and respect their natural needs. Public opposition to the keeping and display of captive cetaceans continues to increase in the United States and worldwide, so I'm asking you to recognize this growing wave of interest in the protection of these amazing animals in their natural habitats. Thank you for your YES VOTE ON HR 136!

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Alina Patterson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: As an retired environmental scientist, I have observed and studied the issue of cetacean captivity very closely. While I enjoy experiencing a close proximity to these animals, I realize that keeping them in captivity is archaic and cruel. Captive interactions pale in comparison to observing these creature in their natural environment. In captivity, they usually try to get away from the visitors and are only lured in by the promise of food. I should know, years ago I took my children to Marineland and Seaworld. My children had to feed them fish and lure them in the hopes of a photo op. The dolphins didn't want to participate. The experience made me understand the brutality of captivity. Movies like Blackfish and other scientific information congealed my decision to no longer support these activities. We enjoy dolphin boat excursions and shore sighting so much more. Dolphins have enormous intellect, social skills, and curiosity. They can only thrive in a wide open environment that supports their natural biology. Furthermore, captivity often leads to aggression, stress, depressed mental states, unusual and uncharacteristic behaviors, deformity, illness, and more. The County of Maui has prohibited the exhibition of captive cetaceans since 2002. I want the state to be progressive in its treatment of cetaceans, and a statewide ban would send a clear message. Furthermore, keeping dolphins in the wild is better for the economy than putting them in holding places. A wider range of boating, sightseeing, and other excursions bring tourists into many remote and beautiful places. This means job creation and the blooming of industry. While on boats and excursions, the public gets to learn more about the entire ecosystem and how to help preserve it. This form of field education far surpasses the kind of public awareness offered through water parks. They will also get to observe dolphins displaying natural behaviors rather than a few tricks done begrudgingly for food.

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Nina Davis	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please urge Hawaii facilities that hold captive cetaceans for entertainment purposes to discontinue breeding and to phase out captivity. It is unethical to isolate Cetaceans, which include dolphins, whales, and porpoises, as they are highly intelligent and social animals from their natural environment. Maui County has prohibited the exhibition of captive cetaceans since 2002, reflecting the fact that public opposition to the keeping and display of captive cetaceans has increased in the United States and worldwide. Any educational content delivered by a captivity facility would be inaccurate and misleading, as animals are performing theatrical "tricks" rather than displaying natural behaviors. Further, the dysfunctional social structure of captive cetaceans is known to cause unnatural aggression and stress, resulting in injury, illness, or death to the animals and to humans.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jo Greenwald	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Aloha. I want to submit my vehement, enthusiastic and heartfelt support for HR136 & HCR208. Keeping these animals in captivity is inhumane and cruel. To make Hawaii the visible brand for this captivity is short sighted and destructive to our reputation as the land of Aloha. People all over the world are now speaking out against this kind of inhumane treatment of animals...And Dolphins are among the most intelligent, relatable, sympathetic animals on our planet. Please vote for these important life saving measure and uphold our tradition of respecting nature and our oceans.

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ari	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Hello I'm writing to you because I believe that keeping cetaceans in captivity is wrong. Below are the reasons why legislation should cease these activities: • Cetaceans, which include dolphins, whales, and porpoises, are highly intelligent and social animals. • The County of Maui has prohibited the exhibition of captive cetaceans since 2002. • Public opposition to the keeping and display of captive cetaceans has increased in the United States and worldwide. • The dysfunctional social structure of captive cetaceans is known to cause unnatural aggression and stress, resulting in injury, illness, or death to the animals and to humans. • Educational content delivered by a captivity facility is often inaccurate and misleading, as animals are performing theatrical "tricks" rather than displaying natural behaviors. • It is unethical to isolate a highly intelligent and social animal from its natural environment. Thank you for listening. Sincerely, Ari

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ted Bohlen	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please pass this resolution and end inhumane captivity of dolphins, whales and porpoises in Hawaii. Mahalo!

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Brandon Juhl	Individual	Support	No

Comments: • Cetaceans, which include dolphins, whales, and porpoises, are highly intelligent and social animals. • The County of Maui has prohibited the exhibition of captive cetaceans since 2002. • Public opposition to the keeping and display of captive cetaceans has increased in the United States and worldwide. • The dysfunctional social structure of captive cetaceans is known to cause unnatural aggression and stress, resulting in injury, illness, or death to the animals and to humans. • Educational content delivered by a captivity facility is often inaccurate and misleading, as animals are performing theatrical "tricks" rather than displaying natural behaviors. • It is unethical to isolate a highly intelligent and social animal from its natural environment.

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Vanessa Urbina	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Robert Tedone	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I support HR 136 for the following reasons: Cetaceans, which include dolphins, whales, and porpoises, are highly intelligent and social animals. The County of Maui has prohibited the exhibition of captive cetaceans since 2002. Public opposition to the keeping and display of captive cetaceans has increased in the United States and worldwide. The dysfunctional social structure of captive cetaceans is known to cause unnatural aggression and stress, resulting in injury, illness, or death to the animals and to humans. Educational content delivered by a captivity facility is often inaccurate and misleading, as animals are performing theatrical "tricks" rather than displaying natural behaviors. It is unethical to isolate a highly intelligent and social animal from its natural environment.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Brian Slosek	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Captivity of these animals is wrong and I support this bill in the name of just being a responsible steward of this planet. Animals held captive for the purpose of human entertainment is a disgrace.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Judith Hancox	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Cetaceans, which include dolphins, whales, and porpoises, are highly intelligent and social animals. • The County of Maui has prohibited the exhibition of captive cetaceans since 2002. • Public opposition to the keeping and display of captive cetaceans has increased in the United States and worldwide. • The dysfunctional social structure of captive cetaceans is known to cause unnatural aggression and stress, resulting in injury, illness, or death to the animals and to humans. • Educational content delivered by a captivity facility is often inaccurate and misleading, as animals are performing theatrical "tricks" rather than displaying natural behaviors. • It is unethical to isolate a highly intelligent and social animal from its natural environment.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
patricia winne	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I am not very good at expressing myself, but I could not, in good conscience, not make attempt to persuade you to support HR136 & HCR208 (for ALL the points listed below, and more). • Cetaceans, which include dolphins, whales, and porpoises, are highly intelligent and social animals. • The County of Maui has prohibited the exhibition of captive cetaceans since 2002. • Public opposition to the keeping and display of captive cetaceans has increased in the United States and worldwide. • The dysfunctional social structure of captive cetaceans is known to cause unnatural aggression and stress, resulting in injury, illness, or death to the animals and to humans. • Educational content delivered by a captivity facility is often inaccurate and misleading, as animals are performing theatrical "tricks" rather than displaying natural behaviors. • It is unethical to isolate a highly intelligent and social animal from its natural environment. These are magnificent, intelligent animals who share this still beautiful planet with us. Please do all you can in your power to protect them. Thank you Patricia Winne Forest City NC 28043

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Peter Tonks	Individual	Support	No

Comments: • Cetaceans, which include dolphins, whales, and porpoises, are highly intelligent and social animals. • The County of Maui has prohibited the exhibition of captive cetaceans since 2002. • Public opposition to the keeping and display of captive cetaceans has increased in the United States and worldwide. • The dysfunctional social structure of captive cetaceans is known to cause unnatural aggression and stress, resulting in injury, illness, or death to the animals and to humans. • Educational content delivered by a captivity facility is often inaccurate and misleading, as animals are performing theatrical "tricks" rather than displaying natural behaviors. • It is unethical to isolate a highly intelligent and social animal from its natural environment.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Rachel Taylor	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Since we have evolved to recognize other creatures as having higher intelligence, it's time to stop slavery of ALL kinds including that of Dolphins. Please see that now more than ere we need to work to protect nature before we destroy this beautiful planet and all it's inhabitants. Thank you, Rachel Taylor

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Courtney Yanovitch	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I do not support this ban!!! Dolphin Quest is critical to the protection, conservation and education of our Aina! The animals under the care of their marine mammal specialists are given the best life possible! They will scientifically live longer under accredited facilities. Because of the proactive health and wellness plan they will outlive their counterparts. 1. Accredited marine life parks like Dolphin Quest are critical to the survival of the species, because they inspire the public to care about and protect dolphins in the wild. 2. These programs provide an educational experience that is safe and mutually beneficial for the dolphins and humans. This experience is much more impactful than reading about dolphins in a book, watching them on TV or seeing them on the internet. 3. Dolphin Quest has contributed over \$3.5 million dollars in financial and in-the-field support of marine mammal scientific study which increases our collective knowledge of these animals and how to protect them in the wild. 4. There is no peer-reviewed scientific evidence to support the claims in this resolution that the animals in accredited, US Government regulated facilities like Dolphin Quest are anything, but healthy and thriving. Many of these claims are standard message points from animal extremist organizations that seek to break the animal-human bond and close all zoos and aquariums. 5. To phase out dolphins under professional human care and discontinue breeding would rob future generations of the opportunity to see, experience, and learn about these animals up close. 6. I've been to Dolphin Quest and have seen first-hand that these animals are absolutely adored and well care for by their animal caregivers. 7. Please do not support this house resolution (H.R. NO. 136)

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

Comments: Please end dolphin captivity for human entertainment. Dolphins are highly intelligent and sensitive beings and they and all animal life should never be used for the pleasure of humans. Treating animals with respect can be the first lesson taught to begin to treat fellow human beings with respect. Thank you, Karen

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Linda Connell	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I am writing to encourage Hawaii to phase out cetacean captivity. Wild dolphins swim up to 100 miles a day. They have complex social lives. They have large brains. Captive dolphins demonstrate the stress inherent in being confined, and they have no release from this stress. They die young. And what is gained from denying these animals their freedom and sanity? Nothing. People won't learn anything real from a dolphin in captivity, because they are not living in a real environment. The only gains are entertainment and monetary. Those are poor excuses for the suffering imposed.

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Kathy Bradley	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Here are some of the reasons for my support: Cetaceans, which include dolphins, whales, and porpoises, are highly intelligent and social animals. The County of Maui has prohibited the exhibition of captive cetaceans since 2002. Public opposition to the keeping and display of captive cetaceans has increased in the United States and worldwide. The dysfunctional social structure of captive cetaceans is known to cause unnatural aggression and stress, resulting in injury, illness, or death to the animals and to humans. Educational content delivered by a captivity facility is often inaccurate and misleading, as animals are performing theatrical "tricks" rather than displaying natural behaviors. It is unethical to isolate a highly intelligent and social animal from its natural environment.

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Kathy Bradley	Individual	Support	No

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tj near	Individual	Support	No

Comments: it is cheaper to use 3D or 4D technology to educate, and entertain people, than it is to pay for and maintain live animals. between the land, water, food, personnel, the cost is higher to maintain live animals. keeping sonar based animals in small areas is inhumane treatment, they are extremely intelligent, family oriented animals that should never have been kept in captivity. Please allow the animals to be released back into the wild. after learning what happens when they are captured, by watching live feed via seashepard.com. I can not believe we allow this treatment in this day and age. I find it hard to believe mainstream media has not stopped this before now, let alone allowing the horrific treatment of these animals all in the name of entertainment, and sport. I'm curious as to what the real numbers are when it comes to the amount of live sonar based animals is in the wild at this time.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Linda Gannon	Individual	Support	No

Comments: As a regular visitor to your beautiful state, I support this bill for the following reasons: • Cetaceans, which include dolphins, whales, and porpoises, are highly intelligent and social animals, and it is unethical to isolate them from their natural environment. • Public opposition to the keeping and display of captive cetaceans has increased in the United States and worldwide, as evidenced by recent changes in Sea World's policies. • The dysfunctional social structure of captive cetaceans is known to cause unnatural aggression and stress, resulting in injury, illness, or death to the animals. • Educational content delivered by a captivity facility is often inaccurate and misleading, as animals are performing theatrical "tricks" rather than displaying natural behaviors. I hope that the rest of Hawaii joins the County of Maui in prohibiting the exhibition of captive cetaceans. Please do the right thing here for these beautiful animals.

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Molly Ancona	Individual	Support	No

Comments: • Cetaceans, which include dolphins, whales, and porpoises, are highly intelligent and social animals. • The County of Maui has prohibited the exhibition of captive cetaceans since 2002. • Public opposition to the keeping and display of captive cetaceans has increased in the United States and worldwide. • The dysfunctional social structure of captive cetaceans is known to cause unnatural aggression and stress, resulting in injury, illness, or death to the animals and to humans. • Educational content delivered by a captivity facility is often inaccurate and misleading, as animals are performing theatrical "tricks" rather than displaying natural behaviors. • It is unethical to isolate a highly intelligent and social animal from its natural environment.

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Fran Mentch	Individual	Support	No

Comments: These animals are so interesting and charming that the it is understandable that we want to be able to observe them, but certainly there is a better way to be able to enjoy them than to hold them captive. After the sad situation with Titikum we have to figure out a way to enjoy but not treat these animals inhumanely. We look to Hawaii to lead the way!

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Ashley Wilcox	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please help to phase out this cruelty to these awe inspiring animals we are so lucky to inhabit this earth.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Diane Joyce	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Hawaii must phase out cetacean captivity. It is unethical to hold and breed these highly intelligent, social animals for entertainment purposes. The informed public sees no entertainment value or purpose to creating a dysfunctional and unhealthy captive environment for cetaceans It is my strong hope that Hawaii will follow the example set by the County of Maui, which since 2002 has prohibited the exhibition of captive cetaceans.

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joAnne Larsen	Individual	Support	No

Comments: • Cetaceans, which include dolphins, whales, and porpoises, are highly intelligent and social animals. • The County of Maui has prohibited the exhibition of captive cetaceans since 2002. • Public opposition to the keeping and display of captive cetaceans has increased in the United States and worldwide. • The dysfunctional social structure of captive cetaceans is known to cause unnatural aggression and stress, resulting in injury, illness, or death to the animals and to humans. • Educational content delivered by a captivity facility is often inaccurate and misleading, as animals are performing theatrical "tricks" rather than displaying natural behaviors. • It is unethical to isolate a highly intelligent and social animal from its natural environment.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Anne Kerr	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please support the phasing out of captive cetacean breeding and the transport of cetaceans. There is more and more evidence that cetaceans are highly intelligent animals, and that keeping them captive is unethical, and dangerous to both the animals and to their human keepers. The public is becoming increasingly aware of the dangers and the horror stories of keeping cetaceans in captivity. Hawaii should keep to its progressive and humanitarian principles and vote to stop captive cetacean programs. Thank you, Anne Kerr

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Tricia Knoll	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I have made many, many trips to Hawaii from my home in Oregon...to get away from the rain, the winter. I have also read many books and articles and watched many movies about dolphins. I understand them to be highly evolved sentient creatures. It is time to realize that we may not yet even know the true extent of their capabilities. They should not be captives! They should not be asked to do tricks for fish!

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
vincenza j. baldino	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I have never attended a commercial amusement park like Marin World or Sea World in California because I have do not believe animals and mammals residing in the natural world showed be confirmed to human created living environments. We humans do not like being taken out of our natural habitats, thus why do we cause such harm to animals, fish, mammals, reptiles. Please stop the capture of dolphins.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Marika Matyus	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I do not believe that any animal should be used for human entertainment.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mollie Cook	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I am an animal advocate and fight for animals to stay in their habitats and free. All animals are sentient beings, they have feelings, emotions, can reason to some extent and can feel pain, loss of loved ones and all of them deserve to be free with their "families" and in areas they are used to surviving in. I live on the mainland and advocates have taken SeaWorld to the test for their treatment of animals as well as circuses and areas like zoos and habitats. Please think of what you would be doing to these beautiful creatures, they deserve to live free with their loved ones as humans do. Animals are not for captivity and entertainment. • Cetaceans, which include dolphins, whales, and porpoises, are highly intelligent and social animals. • The County of Maui has prohibited the exhibition of captive cetaceans since 2002. • Public opposition to the keeping and display of captive cetaceans has increased in the United States and worldwide. • The dysfunctional social structure of captive cetaceans is known to cause unnatural aggression and stress, resulting in injury, illness, or death to the animals and to humans. • Educational content delivered by a captivity facility is often inaccurate and misleading, as animals are performing theatrical "tricks" rather than displaying natural behaviors. • It is unethical to isolate a highly intelligent and social animal from its natural environment.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kendra Zoa	Individual	Support	No

Comments: • All cetaceans are highly intelligent and social animals. It is unethical to isolate a highly intelligent and social animal from its natural environment. • The County of Maui has prohibited the exhibition of captive cetaceans since 2002. • Public opposition to the keeping and display of captive cetaceans has increased in the United States and worldwide. • The dysfunctional social structure of captive cetaceans is known to cause unnatural aggression and stress, resulting in injury, illness, or death to the animals and to humans. • Educational content delivered by a captivity facility is often inaccurate and misleading, as animals are performing theatrical "tricks" rather than displaying natural behaviors.

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- The County of Maui has prohibited the exhibition of captive cetaceans since 2002.
- Public opposition to the keeping and display of captive cetaceans has increased in the United States and worldwide.
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- Educational content delivered by a captivity facility is often inaccurate and misleading, as animals are performing theatrical "tricks" rather than displaying natural behaviors.
- It is unethical to isolate a highly intelligent and social animal from its natural environment.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Crystal Crowell	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support the phase out of captivity.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Patricia McIntosh	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I feel that dolphins, whales, are highly intelligent and social animals. I feel it is unethical to place these animals in dysfunctional social structures because it causes stress which increases aggression. That could rebound on other animals and the humans that interact with them. Keeping and displaying these animals has lost much of it's popularity. It is time to stop this.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dana Craig	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I am writing in support of HR136 & HCR208, which would cease the breeding and transport of Hawaii's cetaceans in captivity for entertainment purposes. Over the last few years there has been a groundswell of sentiment against the use of wild animals for entertainment, particularly in venues that are quite unnatural and inadequate for these various species held in captivity. I am requesting your support for these two resolutions. Thank you very much for your consideration.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jill Macomber	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Dolphins are highly intelligent and social animals. Keeping them captive is akin to slavery. Dolphins should not be held in captivity!

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Pamela Hazen	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Dolphins may be THE most intelligent beings on earth. To keep them in captivity is like putting Einstein in a room surrounded with blank blackboards and no chalk.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Berenice Weber	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Dear Hawaii State Legislators: You have a wonderful opportunity to lead our world towards compassion to Cetaceans and our oceans. Cetaceans, which include dolphins, whales, and porpoises, are highly intelligent and social animals and it is unethical to isolate a highly intelligent and social animal from its natural environment! Thank you for your SUPPORT of HR136 & HCR208. Berenice Weber. The greatness of a nation can be judged by the way its animals are treated. -Mahatma Gandhi

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
William Desmond	Native American Roman Catholic Church	Support	No

Comments: In support of this bill I will share that as a taxpayer and contributing member of our society I know that we do not own or possess any living creature. That being said as caretakers who have dominion of the Earth and Gods creatures that inhabit it, these creatures are not for us to make profit and mistreat. As a civilized society we know that being humane and compassionate are imperative. Allowing these creatures to remain free and wild are certainly in their best interest to live long and prosper. Thank you for your consideration of my comments.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Julie Fitch	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Cetaceans, which include dolphins, whales, and porpoises, are highly intelligent and social animals. The County of Maui has prohibited the exhibition of captive cetaceans since 2002. Public opposition to the keeping and display of captive cetaceans has increased in the United States and worldwide. The dysfunctional social structure of captive cetaceans is known to cause unnatural aggression and stress, resulting in injury, illness, or death to the animals and to humans. Educational content delivered by a captivity facility is often inaccurate and misleading, as animals are performing theatrical "tricks" rather than displaying natural behaviors. It is unethical to isolate a highly intelligent and social animal from its natural environment.

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Edward Macan	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Dolphins are extremely intelligent animals with highly developed cognitive abilities, problem solving skills and language capabilities as well as complex social networks and inter-generational relationships. Bottlenose dolphins are one of the few species that have been demonstrated to recognize their own bodies and have a sense of self. In the wild, their natural life is to roam the oceans; they may travel over 60 miles in a day, deep dive several hundred yards and travel more than 25 miles per hour, all of which are impossible in captivity. In addition, they rely heavily on echolocation (sending out sound waves to detect objects at a distance by the echo created) to "see" their natural, complex home (the ocean). Being confined in pools without complex seascapes to explore severely restricts their normal behavior as well as their ability to swim naturally and encounter novel environments. Studies have shown that dolphins in captivity can suffer stress resulting in appetite loss, ulcers, and increased susceptibility to disease due to changes in their social grouping, competition over resources and unstable social structures. Social grouping has been recognized as one of the most important issues affecting health and welfare of captive cetaceans. Although in many cases an effort is made to mimic the nature of social groupings in captivity, it is impossible to provide for the varied complex interactions that occur in the wild due to the limit on the number of individuals maintained in captive groups and the restricted physical environment. In addition, the pools that are used for display or human-dolphin interactions are usually designed to maximize visibility to humans and to facilitate cleaning rather than to provide a complex environment for exploration or deep dives, or to allow the dolphins to adequately escape or rest when they choose to. To provide a stimulating environment, enrichment tools must be motivating, controllable, and possible to master. This requires a commitment to vary cognitive challenges on a regular basis and so even fixed underwater enrichment objects need to be designed to allow changes to maintain motivation and interest. This is very difficult in a captive environment. Claims made by oceanaria that they help dolphins through research, conservation, public education and rehabilitation of stranded or injured individuals should be carefully examined to ensure that this is not limited to furthering captive dolphin programs rather than contributing to their conservation in the wild. Support for these other activities cannot be used to justify or overcome the inherent welfare problems of keeping dolphins

in captivity. There is no evidence that justifies the keeping and breeding of dolphins in captivity on conservation grounds.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Diane Itzenhauser	Individual	Support	No

Comments: It is unethical to isolate a highly social and intelligent animal from its natural environment. Please discontinue breeding and phase out captivity.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Bob Railey	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support the world-wide effort to force any who use animals for food, research or entertainment to do so in a humane manner. Any business that fails to do so must be put out of business. Use of intelligent animals such as dolphins, whales, elephants in ways that are against their natural sociability must be stopped.

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Elizabeth Nedeff	Individual	Support	No

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Carol Ayala	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Please take steps to discontinue captive cetaceans. Studies have revealed the intelligence of these animals, and shown that they suffer physically and mentally in captive situations. We know better now and must take action to discontinue the abuse that captivity causes these amazing animals. It is time for us to learn to enjoy them in their natural, wild state.

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Jesss Freeman	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I want to submit a TESTIMONY expressing my SUPPORT of HR136 & HCR208 please help protect all animals!

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

Comments: Dear Sir/Madam, With my testimony here, I would like to request that Hawaii State Legislature urge Hawaii facilities that hold captive cetaceans for entertainment purposes to discontinue breeding and to phase out captivity. The main reasons why I firmly believe captivity of these cetaceans should be eliminated are: • Cetaceans, which include dolphins, whales, and porpoises, are highly intelligent and social animals. • The County of Maui has prohibited the exhibition of captive cetaceans since 2002. • Public opposition to the keeping and display of captive cetaceans has increased in the United States and worldwide. • The dysfunctional social structure of captive cetaceans is known to cause unnatural aggression and stress, resulting in injury, illness, or death to the animals and to humans. • Educational content delivered by a captivity facility is often inaccurate and misleading, as animals are performing theatrical "tricks" rather than displaying natural behaviors. • It is unethical to isolate a highly intelligent and social animal from its natural environment. Sincerely yours, Maria I. Gomez

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Lonna Richmond	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: To whom it May concern: I request that Hawaii State Legislature urge Hawaii facilities that hold captive cetaceans for entertainment purposes to discontinue breeding and to phase out captivity. These animals are highly intelligent and suffer from being captive and then forced to perform. Please leave these animals in the ocean, in their natural home and transfer the captive ones that cannot be released, to a sanctuary where they can live out the rest of their days in a more natural setting. Thank you, sincerely, Lonna Richmond

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Re. HCR 208/HR 136, URGING HAWAII FACILITIES THAT HOLD CAPTIVE CETACEANS FOR ENTERTAINMENT PURPOSES TO DISCONTINUE BREEDING AND TO PHASE OUT CAPTIVITY.

Dear Legislators,

I am writing in support of the above referenced bill to end the captivity and breeding of cetaceans such as dolphins, porpoises, and whales.

I frequently visit Hawaii as a tourist and I adore the Hawaiian Islands. Hawaii is a special and unique land that is revered by people world-wide. You have an opportunity with these bills to further show the world how progressive and kind the Hawaiian people are.

There is no benefit to displaying these animals for tourist amusement. There is no benefit to these animals. They are social animals which thrive in their native community. They want to be wild and free. They represent the spirit of Hawaii, I believe.

The animals live unhappy lives in captivity and kept from their families. They act aggressively in captivity, injuring humans and other animals. They are bored and miserable.

There is a growing movement to stop the dolphins-as-entertainment industry. In my experience the people who still approve the industry are either 1. Profiting from the abuse or 2. Ignorant of the abuse. Either reason is unacceptable.

PLEASE show the world the RIGHT way to be a paradise and respect the wildness and freedom of the cetaceans. Please pass HCR208/HR136.

Respectfully,
Jorjana Marx
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Dayna Azevedo	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Please do not allow the continuation of any captivity of sea life. These and all animals are beautiful when they can be viewed naturally, the way they were intended to be. Seeing their anxiety in prisons is abuse/torture. Born free, live free.

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Linda Fighera	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Why anyone would want to hold hostage or hurt such beautiful, intelligent, and sentient beings is beyond my understanding, however, there are cruel people in the world who don't feel the same way, and I get that. However, I find it morally bankrupt to do so. Please support HR136. It is the right and just thing to do and it is in keeping with ecological balance of nature. Thank you.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Aimee Coogan	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Dear Representatives and Senators, Hawaii is known to be a paradise. Part of what makes it that are its many natural wonders and breathtaking beauty. If any state would be likely to take the needs of its animals into account, I believe it would be Hawaii. At least that would be my hope. Please think ahead to an even better world where we do right by those who don't share a language or culture with us, but with whom we share a fragile world. Especially in these times during which there's so much that's ugly, can we support cetaceans not because they can benefit us, but because we care about their living out their natural lives the way they would want to? Thank you, Aimee Coogan (a Maryland resident)

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My family has vacationed in Maui several times and we have a trip planned for May 6-13 with some friends. We love Maui and all it has to offer, including its beauty and its respect for the environment. I am troubled by the capture, detention, and use of dolphins (or any wild animal) for any purpose, particularly for the purpose of entertainment. There is a growing societal tide against this type of treatment of dolphins. I am in full support of HR136. I have to say that, should any of the Hawaiian Islands, and particularly Maui, determine that the continued use of dolphins in this way is acceptable, my family will seriously consider taking our vacation dollars elsewhere. I also note that, as you are well aware:

- Cetaceans, which include dolphins, whales, and porpoises, are highly intelligent and social animals.
- The County of Maui has prohibited the exhibition of captive cetaceans since 2002.
- Public opposition to the keeping and display of captive cetaceans has increased in the United States and worldwide.
- The dysfunctional social structure of captive cetaceans is known to cause unnatural aggression and stress, resulting in injury, illness, or death to the animals and to humans.
- Educational content delivered by a captivity facility is often inaccurate and misleading, as animals are performing theatrical "tricks" rather than displaying natural behaviors.
- It is unethical to isolate a highly intelligent and social animal from its natural environment.

Please pass HR136. I appreciate and thank you for your consideration of my testimony.

Julie Werthman
4501 S. Land Park Drive
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Cetaceans, which include dolphins, whales, and porpoises, are highly intelligent and social animals. Therefore it is cruel and exploitative to put these animals in captivity. There are better ways for the public to encounter them in the wild. Which are more rewarding to the public and better for the cetaceans as most of them suffer horribly in captivity.

The County of Maui has prohibited the exhibition of captive cetaceans since 2002. As public opposition to the keeping and display of captive cetaceans has increased in the United States and worldwide.

When their social structure is disrupted, as it is when held in captivity, cetaceans are known to become unnaturally aggressive. The animals become stressed and often end up getting injured, or dying, in some cases they also cause injury to humans as a result of the trauma that results from their captivity.

The supposed educational value delivered by a captivity facility is often inaccurate and misleading, as animals are performing theatrical "tricks" rather than displaying natural behaviors.

It is unethical to isolate a highly intelligent and social animal from its natural environment and it should stop now!

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Dianna Paulsen	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please see these important points. Thank you for your consideration. Cetaceans, which include dolphins, whales, and porpoises, are highly intelligent and social animals. • The County of Maui has prohibited the exhibition of captive cetaceans since 2002. • Public opposition to the keeping and display of captive cetaceans has increased in the United States and worldwide. • The dysfunctional social structure of captive cetaceans is known to cause unnatural aggression and stress, resulting in injury, illness, or death to the animals and to humans. • Educational content delivered by a captivity facility is often inaccurate and misleading, as animals are performing theatrical "tricks" rather than displaying natural behaviors. • It is unethical to isolate a highly intelligent and social animal from its natural environment.

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Margarita Slevin	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Gina Clark	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Hello, Please be humane and end dolphin captivity in Hawaii. The County of Maui has prohibited the exhibition of captive cetaceans or dolphins since 2002. Sea World in Orlando FL has closed. There is much opposition to the keeping and display of captive cetaceans in the United States and worldwide. The dysfunctional social structure of captive cetaceans is known to cause unnatural aggression and stress, resulting in injury, illness, or death to the animals and to humans. It is wrong to punish these animals and make them do un-natural tricks for man's amusement. It also unethical to isolate and an intelligent animal from it's natural environment and surroundings. Please end dolphin captivity now! Sincerely, Gina Clark

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Over the past few decades, many of the old beliefs that non-humans are less intelligent than humans and are incapable of communication have been overturned. Whales, dolphins, porpoises are all highly intelligent, sentient beings. These beings know that they are isolated and lacking social environments when they are held captive in waterparks. But even worse, not only are they captives against their natures, but they are forced to perform for human audiences in order to survive. Performing often leads to injury or even death, and at least is demoralizing and cruel.

We are told that these animals serve an educational purpose: public edification. This is false. Because these animals are performing tricks rather than behaving naturally, the public only "learns" that these cetaceans like to perform. This is truly a disservice to humans and non-humans.

Please do not let these beings be abused any longer.

Thank you,

Kevin Petty

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David Hanna	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Thank you for considering this measure. The pertinent points are: • Cetaceans, which include dolphins, whales, and porpoises, are highly intelligent and social animals. • The County of Maui has prohibited the exhibition of captive cetaceans since 2002. • Public opposition to the keeping and display of captive cetaceans has increased in the United States and worldwide. • The dysfunctional social structure of captive cetaceans is known to cause unnatural aggression and stress, resulting in injury, illness, or death to the animals and to humans. • Educational content delivered by a captivity facility is often inaccurate and misleading, as animals are performing theatrical "tricks" rather than displaying natural behaviors. • It is unethical to isolate a highly intelligent and social animal from its natural environment. Please do the right thing and vote in favor of this bill.

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Fawn Liebengood	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
julie johnson	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: To all Concerned. I am writing to plead that Hawaii be a leader, the compassionate empathic country that I know it is. I ask that you take the lead today and make the humane decision to end dolphin /cetacean captivity, to end breeding and phase out the completely the barbaric and outdated system of keeping these beautiful intelligent beings captive from their families, from the ocean and from their soul paths. It is totally unethical to keep these beings for entertainment purposes, it creates fear, stress, unnatural and aggressive behavior which is not natural in cetaceans, only brought about again at the hands of mans cruelty. I am a animal healer and communicator, and reiki master, I can provide years of experience from working with these beings and detailed documentation supporting the facts that if we are looking for higher intelligence we do not need to look any further than our oceans and the life with in it. Please let them be free and protected, please take the lead so the rest of the world follow, and one day I feel Humanity may be taught again by them what we once knew, compassion, love and empathy for all beings. Thank you for your time and for taking on board my comments. Yours Sincerely, Julie L. Johnson

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David Smith	Individual	Support	No

Comments: The common excuse for keeping and displaying captive cetaceans is that they provide educational resources for the public. Not only is this inflicting cruelty on very intelligent and social animals by removing them from their natural environment, but the "educational" information is minimal at best and misleading at worst since the animals are exhibiting unnatural behavior...often only acting as circus performers. The temporary entertainment they provide for the public is NOT worth the devastating consequences of their unnatural existence in an unnatural environment. Please vote yes on HR136. Mahalo

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Collin Bowman	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I just recently visited the Big Island and observed the Hilton's dolphin quest at the Waikoloa Village while a guest at the resort. There were several dolphins in a very shallow small lagoon space. They had very little room to swim and were swimming over each other with no room to dive. It was very disturbing and sad to see these beautiful intelligent creatures so confined. I urge you to push this bill outlawing captivity of these animals. Thank you. Collin

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Marissa Vecsey	Individual	Support	No

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Carla Winger	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am just one person who cares deeply about all animals on this planet and I have made it my purpose here on this planet to help all animals everywhere. Here are reason I want these beautiful, loving and intelligent creatures to be free. They are born, grow, love and learn...,just like most animals, humans included. They have one life to live. Just like humans and we should not interfere in theirs. Key Points • Cetaceans, which include dolphins, whales, and porpoises, are highly intelligent and social animals. • The County of Maui has prohibited the exhibition of captive cetaceans since 2002. • Public opposition to the keeping and display of captive cetaceans has increased in the United States and worldwide. • The dysfunctional social structure of captive cetaceans is known to cause unnatural aggression and stress, resulting in injury, illness, or death to the animals and to humans. • Educational content delivered by a captivity facility is often inaccurate and misleading, as animals are performing theatrical "tricks" rather than displaying natural behaviors. • It is unethical to isolate a highly intelligent and social animal from its natural environment.

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Gail Kieler	Individual	Support	No

Comments: • Cetaceans, which include dolphins, whales, and porpoises, are highly intelligent and social animals. • The County of Maui has prohibited the exhibition of captive cetaceans since 2002. • Public opposition to the keeping and display of captive cetaceans has increased in the United States and worldwide. • The dysfunctional social structure of captive cetaceans is known to cause unnatural aggression and stress, resulting in injury, illness, or death to the animals and to humans. • Educational content delivered by a captivity facility is often inaccurate and misleading, as animals are performing theatrical "tricks" rather than displaying natural behaviors. • It is unethical to isolate a highly intelligent and social animal from its natural environment.

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Judith Felice	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I urge you to stop the captivity of these gorgeous creatures. Hawaii is such a beautiful state - but this practice is an ugly mark. stop the breeding and set them free.

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Amber Manske	Individual	Support	No

Comments: It is unethical to isolate a highly intelligent and social animal from its natural environment.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Maureen Porcelli	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support HR136 (and I support HCR208). Here are some supporting reasons why Hawaii should phase out cetacean captivity: Cetaceans, which include dolphins, whales, and porpoises, are highly intelligent and social animals. The County of Maui has prohibited the exhibition of captive cetaceans since 2002. Public opposition to the keeping and display of captive cetaceans has increased in the United States and worldwide. The dysfunctional social structure of captive cetaceans is known to cause unnatural aggression and stress, resulting in injury, illness, or death to the animals and to humans. Educational content delivered by a captivity facility is often inaccurate and misleading, as animals are performing theatrical "tricks" rather than displaying natural behaviors. And it is unethical to isolate a highly intelligent and social animal from its natural environment. Thank you for your time.

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Tadeo G Ilarde	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am supporting this petition because Cetaceans (dolphins, whales, and porpoises) are highly intelligent and social animals. They are part of the fabric of the ecosystem of the Hawaiian Islands, as well as part of our cultural legacy found in our stories, myths and legends. Please protect and preserve these beautiful creatures and do not enslave them as a means of entertainment. Thank you!

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Jana Perinchief	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support HR136, which would end the breeding and transport of Hawaii’s cetaceans in captivity for entertainment purposes. It is now well known that cetaceans, including dolphins, whales, and porpoises, are highly intelligent and social animals. It has also recently been shown that in captivity, cetaceans experience a great deal of stress, which has resulted in injury, illness, or death to both the animals and to humans. Therefore, not only is it unethical to breed and transport these animals for entertainment purposes, it is also unsafe and unwise. Since the County of Maui has already prohibited the exhibition of captive cetaceans (since 2002), and since the public's opposition to the keeping and display of captive cetaceans has steadily increased in the United States and worldwide, I believe that Hawaii should phase out cetacean captivity.

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Shannon Rahlves	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Please stop the the breeding and transport of Hawaii's cetaceans in captivity for entertainment purposes!! Thank you!

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Kathleen perkins	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: We love Hawaii and hope to live there. There are many reasons to let dolphins live their natural life. Not doing so teaches children a form of slavery or dominance. We know more about brain function and animal biology than ever before so please let Hawaii move forward and be an example of thoughtful tourism. Thank you, Kathleen

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Teresa lovino	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Cetaceans, which include dolphins, whales, and porpoises, are highly intelligent and social animals. The County of Maui has prohibited the exhibition of captive cetaceans since 2002. Public opposition to the keeping and display of captive cetaceans has increased in the United States and worldwide. The dysfunctional social structure of captive cetaceans is known to cause unnatural aggression and stress, resulting in injury, illness, or death to the animals and to humans. Educational content delivered by a captivity facility is often inaccurate and misleading, as animals are performing theatrical "tricks" rather than displaying natural behaviors. I truly believe it is unethical to isolate a highly intelligent and social animal from its natural environment.

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Good day,

As an international citizen deeply involved in ocean conservation having a great interest in cetacean matters, I wish to submit testimony on Hawaii's Resolution HR136.

Cetaceans are widely acknowledged to be second only to humans in terms of intelligence. Their brain to body-mass index is second only to humans in the case of bottlenose dolphins, the most popular captive cetaceans on display across the world, precisely because of the high intelligence they exhibit. Dolphins in captivity a recent phenomenon that was to a large part driven by the hugely successful television series "Flipper" (1964-1967).

Ric O'Barry, widely regarded as one of the world's foremost expert on dolphins, was a member of the team that captured the dolphins and trained them for the show.

In the 1960s, O'Barry was employed by the Miami Seaquarium, where he captured and trained dolphins, including the five dolphins who played the role of Flipper in the popular American TV-series of the same name. He also trained Hugo, the first orca kept in captivity east of the Mississippi. When Kathy, the dolphin who played Flipper most of the time, died in his arms, O'Barry realized that capturing dolphins and training them to perform silly tricks is simply wrong.

Richard O'Barry has worked on both sides of the captive dolphin issue, making him an invaluable asset in the efforts to end exploitation. He worked for 10 years within the dolphin captivity industry, and has spent the past 45 working against it.

Ric O'Barry whom I admire immensely, is unequivocally of the opinion that having dolphins in captivity is an absolute hell for them. I share that opinion.

It has been registered that wild dolphins can travel up to 40 miles every day and are constantly on the move, foraging for food, playing and fighting within their pods. Dolphins in the wild spend approximately 80% of their time deep below the surface exploring the depths of the ocean. The process to capture wild dolphins has traumatic effects on them. Statistics show that 53% of the dolphins that survive the capturing process will die within the first three months. The captive dolphin industry is the main driver behind the annual dolphin drive hunts in Japan, where thousands of dolphins are slaughtered every year and hundreds captured. The demand of the captive industry directly finances the dolphin slaughter and captures in Japan.

Even if a dolphin has been born in captivity, they deserve a far better life than in an aquarium. Dolphins navigate via a highly advanced echolocation system or "sonar" for a more common term. Placing them in a concrete tank bounces their sonar back at them continuously and is effectively like placing them in a small prison with mirrors for walls. The confined space and inability to move away from conflict leads to aggression with dolphins often injured during fights, much like in a human prison.

The limbic system of their brain, the area widely regarded as tied to emotion is incredibly advanced and proportionately far larger than those of humans. There have been countless documented cases of dolphins rescuing humans in the wild. They mourn their dead often keeping them afloat for hours or even days after passing away. Their language is complex with individuals each having their own unique tweet or name which they recognize.

Perceptions have changed about holding dolphins in captivity across the world, with the possible exception of China and the Middle East. There is no educational value in watching a dolphin in a tank perform unnatural tricks. You would probably learn as much about humans from keeping a few

people in a small glass cage for their entire lives. At least 14 countries across the world have banned the display of cetaceans or put other restrictions on their use. India have declared dolphins as non-human persons. Most recently, the commissioners of the Vancouver Park Board Commission voted unanimously in favor of a motion to amend bylaws "to prohibit the importation and display" of live cetaceans — porpoises, whales or dolphins — at the Vancouver Aquarium.

We have evolved slowly as a species and eventually come to regard slavery for the evil it is. We put an end to it. It is time that we displayed compassion for dolphins in the same manner and realize that keeping these highly sentient beings in slavery for human entertainment and profit is morally unjustifiable. Let us show the same compassion to dolphins as they have shown on countless occasions to humans in trouble in the oceans.

Hawaii is an incredibly beautiful place surrounded by oceans where dolphins are visible in all their magnificence, wild and free. Make the right decision and end the slavery of dolphins in captive facilities please.

Yours sincerely,

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Bellville,

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Max McEwan	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: The health, happiness, and freedom of this intelligent animal should not be put to severe risk, especially for the sole purpose of our entertainment. Instances of self-mutilation and attempted suicide are clear indicators that captivity has an extremely negative affect on these animals. Please do what is right for Hawaii and the species that share this planet.

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brooke friswold	Individual	Support	Yes

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Wayne Niide	Individual	Support	No

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Lauren Mendez	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Put an end to dolphin captivity in Hawaii; up to date, 124 dolphins have lost their lives at Sea Life Park. These beautiful animals do NOT deserve to be ripped from their homes.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
siena schaar	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha to whom it may concern, I'm writing in support of this resolution to urge Hawaii facilities that hold captive cetaceans for entertainment purposes to discontinue breeding and essentially phase out captivity. Cetaceans are arguably some of the most intelligent, emotional and social animals on the planet. In the wild they are known to travel and inhabit wide expanses of the ocean. The owners of Sea Life Park, Dolphin Quest and other captive facilities are limiting the lives of these unique and sensitive captive cetaceans. Holding animals in captivity for human entertainment is inhumane and unnecessary, especially here in Hawai'i where we are surrounded by wild cetaceans thriving in their natural environments. Please help us end this outdated and cruel practice of forceful breeding and dangerous transportation from facility to facility. Mahalo, Siena Schaar BA Biology from UH Mānoa

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Victoria Anderson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please support this resolution!

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
David Krupp	Individual	Support	No

Comments: To Whom It May Concern, I teach college-level marine and biological science classes. At one time I thought there was an educational value to the display of large marine mammals at marine life parks. But since I now realize that the educational benefits of such operations are actually very small (especially given what is now available as digital media) and that the primary purpose of most marine parks is providing entertainment for profit, I no longer support such operations. Consequently, I support HR 136. Sincerely, David A. Krupp, Ph.D. (Zoology) 53-852 Kamehameha Hwy Hauula, Hi 96717 808-286-5198 Guavabird@gmail.com

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
meredith sunnanonta	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Aloha, I believe this bill should go through stopping the captivity of Dolphins. I personally believe they are animals and like dogs, cats or other animals everyone even fighting for this bill are similar. Smart and wonderful creatures but if responsibly cared for ok to have "contained". One thought that always comes to mind is children, handicap and future marine biologist (and others) can really enjoy and be inspired by animals that are in places like aquariums and zoos but I think that depending on the animal and facility holding it should be a safe and good environment for the animal. Just like a pet dog. If abused, not taken care of and kept tied to a tree outside on a 5 foot leash isn't right. But having a pet dog isn't bad in itself. It all comes down to balance. Please either put this bill through or demand containment of these large sea animals to be in much larger tanks. Mahalo and I pray you all make the right decision.

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Kesha Mapes	Individual	Support	No

Comments: It is unethical to isolate a highly social and intelligent animal from its natural ecosystem. When kept in captivity these marine animals suffer greatly, which is physiologically apparent. How can we as good people stand idly by and not do anything?

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

Comments: cetaceans mammals are belonging to the ocean, as it were, cetaceans are known as ecosystem engineer. captivity facility is not the cool place to go and often misleading our children education think its their habitat. please emoty the tank and set them free back to the ocean. Thank you.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Wendy Gentry	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Please pass legislation to stop the breeding of cetaceans and to have their captivity phased out, or release them to sea pens. These sentient beings are suffering and deserve a chance to be rehabilitated back to a life in the ocean. Thousands of dolphins are brutally captured and killed every year for captive selection. Imagine if you were stolen from your home, drugged, starved and forced to perform tricks for frozen food, while confined in a small empty room. These sentient beings are self aware and deserve more from humanity. It's 2017, we know how cruel captivity is and need to take action to defend nature. Please help to empty the tanks. Thank you for your consideration.

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Jessica Eden	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Cetaceans are beautiful, intelligent animals. A pod of dolphins came around to swim with me this year in Maui. It was the best experience I've ever had. They were so gentle and trusting. It breaks my heart to know that trust can be taken advantage of so easily. Thank you for listening to my plea, and I hope you have the pleasure of the same experience I've had with cetaceans. It's a shame to think of any of those sweet beings, that I had to opportunity to swim with, in captivity. Have a wonderful rest of your day, and I wish you best of luck.

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Kona Akina	Individual	Support	No

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Patricia Dishman	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I whole heartedly support HR 136 for the following reasons: • Cetaceans, which include dolphins, whales, and porpoises, are highly intelligent and social animals. • The County of Maui has prohibited the exhibition of captive cetaceans since 2002. • Public opposition to the keeping and display of captive cetaceans has increased in the United States and worldwide. • The dysfunctional social structure of captive cetaceans is known to cause unnatural aggression and stress, resulting in injury, illness, or death to the animals and to humans. • Educational content delivered by a captivity facility is often inaccurate and misleading, as animals are performing theatrical "tricks" rather than displaying natural behaviors. • It is unethical to isolate a highly intelligent and social animal from its natural environment. Thank you for the ability to testify on line in regard to this important matter. Sincerely, Patricia Dishman 914 Briarwood Crest Nashville, Tennessee 37221

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Cathy Goeggel	Animal Rights Hawai'i	Support	Yes

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Dear Hawai'i State Representatives,

My name is Michelle Bennett and I am submitting this testimony as a concerned marine biologist, conservationist, and resident of Hawai'i. I fully support resolution HR136 and know it is very important that this become a bill to ban the breeding and captivity of cetaceans.

The living conditions for cetaceans on land can never be sufficient for their growth and are often detrimental to their health. Dolphins are highly social animals that travel long distances in a day's time - something that tanks cannot provide. No amount of enrichment activities or frozen fish stuffed with supplements could replace the stimulating underwater world of the ocean. 124 dolphins have already died at Sea Life Park on O'ahu and there are thousands of other cetaceans that have died across the USA. There are many more that are suffering while you are reading this.

If this resolution becomes a bill and is passed, the state of Hawai'i would become a ke alaka'i, or leader, to the rest of the country and even to the rest of the world. It would encourage other states and countries to end the inhumane practice of keeping cetaceans (sentient beings that are much more complex than we realize) inside tanks that will never make them happy or serve their purpose in the ocean. These animals do not deserve to be held prisoner for our entertainment. I, and millions of others around the world, humbly ask that you do your part to save lives. Mahalo nui loa for your consideration and time to read this.

Sincerely,

Michelle Bennett

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Simone Robinson	Individual	Support	No

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gayle	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Please pass this bill. Current practices violate best practices and are not in keeping with current humane treatment of animals. No breeding in captivity. No captivity.

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Divine Vega	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: BAN FUTURE CAPTIVE CETACEAN BREEDING AND TRASFERS.

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megan ohara	Individual	Support	No

Comments: With a bachelors of science in zoology degree, and several years of experience working as a marine naturalist, I fully believe in the value of cetaceans in the wild. Cetaceans display complex interactions, advanced intelligence, curiosity, advanced social structures, and a wide range of communication abilities. These animals belong in their natural habitat. Their education value, and their cultural significance, in the Hawaiian islands should be resistricted to the North Pacific Ocean

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nadean	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please stop captivity of these animals. No living creature deserves to be used for entertainment. Captivity is slavery. Mahalo for your time

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Jari Brenner	Individual	Support	No

Comments: • Cetaceans, which include dolphins, whales, and porpoises, are highly intelligent and social animals. • The County of Maui has prohibited the exhibition of captive cetaceans since 2002. • Public opposition to the keeping and display of captive cetaceans has increased in the United States and worldwide. • The dysfunctional social structure of captive cetaceans is known to cause unnatural aggression and stress, resulting in injury, illness, or death to the animals and to humans. • Educational content delivered by a captivity facility is often inaccurate and misleading, as animals are performing theatrical "tricks" rather than displaying natural behaviors. • It is unethical to isolate a highly intelligent and social animal from its natural environment.

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Alex Hodgkinson	Individual	Support	No

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Renee Khang	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am not a great speaker or writer, but I would like to be a voice for the voiceless. Please allow the animals to live in peace- naturally. This is unnatural and breaks my heart. Please, please consider leaving the animals be. Thank you.

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Neal Okumura	Individual	Support	No

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Fabiola Garcia	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Animals belong in the wild in their natural habitat. It is cruel to continue breeding these animals in captivity where they will never see or experience the ocean in their lifetime.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Liz Foote	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I live on Maui and would like to point out that the County of Maui has prohibited the exhibition of captive cetaceans since 2002.

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anna simpson	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I support this

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HAnnah	Individual	Support	No

Comments: No matter where one is from it's in the planets interest to phase out dolphin captivity in Hawaii and show an example of respect and compassion to wildlife for the rest of the world to see and follow.

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Heather Havey	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Dolphins should live in the wild. They are highly intelligent animals with complex social organization, and they experience chronic stress and health issues when blocked from these natural social structures or from swimming freely in the open oceans.

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One Ocean Diving

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March 21, 2017

Hawaii State Legislature

Dear State Representatives,

My name is Kayleigh Burns and I am writing on behalf of One Ocean Diving and Water Inspired Conservation Group in support of HR136 on the banning of breeding and transporting captive dolphins in the state and to begin the phase out of dolphins in captivity used for the purpose of entertainment.

Dolphins and other cetaceans are highly intelligent and emotional animals that in the wild live in complex social dynamics traveling much longer distances than capable of being offered in captivity. Captivity has been proven to cause health issues among cetaceans and in the worst cases even death. Oahu's own Sea Life Park has seen the death of 124 dolphins.

Immersed in the Hawaiian culture of protecting our land, people, and all inhabitants it is our duty to ensure the care for our marine wild life. In Hawaiian culture the Nai'a, or dolphin, was believed to be "an oceanic tribe with equal rights to that of a human villager." Somewhere over time we have lost this belief. We beg you to instill those values for the next generations. Mahalo for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Kayleigh Burns

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Sonia Lovoi	Individual	Support	No

Comments: All of the living components of the Ocean make a dramatic impact on the environment and teach us that we can all live in harmony. Freedom is not a privilege, it's a right, and shouldn't be compromised for the purpose of human entertainment. Please give the same love and respect to Cetaceans, as you would like for yourself.
#keepthemfree

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Laura Rosch	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: As a visitor to Hawaii I urge you to end the practice of captivity in the name of tourism and humanity. People come to Hawaii to see these animals in nature not captivity. My tourist dollars go to locations that share my values on these things. Thank you.

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Stephanie Stankiewicz	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I would like to support HR136 which would phase out cetacean captivity. It is inhumane to keep these beautiful, social creatures isolated for entertainment or profit. As public sentiment changes, so must the laws governing regulation of these facilities. Thank you for your consideration.

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Elizabeth Raymond	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: The dysfunctional social structure of captive cetaceans is known to cause unnatural aggression and stress, resulting in injury, illness, or death to the animals and to humans. Educational content delivered by a captivity facility is often inaccurate and misleading, as animals are performing theatrical "tricks" rather than displaying natural behaviors. It is unethical to isolate a highly intelligent and social animal from its natural environment.

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WENDY LINTON	Individual	Support	No

Comments: It is unethical to isolate these intelligent and social animals and separate them from their families for the purpose of human entertainment. We are better than that. As the most powerful species on the planet, humans have a sacred responsibility to treat the animals in our care with respect and kindness. The purpose of their lives is not to entertain us. They have the right to live peaceful lives free from human intervention.

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Carl Guffain	Individual	Support	No

Comments: These animals deserve to live their lives in the wild, as social creatures, with their families. I have witnessed dolphins trapped in nets, panicked and stressed, while their relatives are trying to help free them. It was the most heartbreaking thing I have ever seen. If we can make a difference in these animals lives, whom never asked for any of this, I think it is important that we do. We are the dominant species and should be responsible for the torture and cruelty we put on this world and it's creatures. Thank you! Please help these animals stay out of captivity and in the wild where they belong and deserve to be!

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Shea	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: The captivity, breeding, and exploitation of marine mammals/animals in Hawaii should not be accepted. Hawaii is proud to house so many varieties of species in our Pacific Ocean, and with respect to that, we should not keep one species in captivity while we have laws to protect others, like the Hawaiian monk seal. Financial growth is the only gain from this situation. Children will not gain educationally from an experience with a marine mammal/animal because they (the animals) are placed in highly unnatural environments.

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Zoe Halliday	Individual	Support	No

Comments: It is unethical to isolate a highly intelligent and social animal from its natural environment. Please keep the Hawaiian islands pure, don't become corrupted just like the mainland already is!

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Danielle Labasin	Individual	Support	No

Comments: The dysfunctional social structure of captive cetaceans is known to cause unnatural aggression and stress, resulting in injury, illness or death to the animals and humans. It is unethical to isolate a highly intelligent and social animal from its natural environment. As a child, I always felt a special connect to animals and that has continued to grow as I have become an adult. One of the most amazing memories I have, is seeing dolphins interact in the wild, with their pod. Humans were safely on a boat, as we watched these beautiful and magnificent creatures swim, play and jump together. We need to be responsible for the future of these animals. They cannot decide their fate against the human world. All creatures deserve a right to live in their natural habitat. I would love for my children to live in a world where more animals were in the wild and not behind cages, glass, netting, laboratories or worse. We need to make a change and it needs to be now. Thank you for your time!

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William N Oleson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Dolphins in captivity...in Hawaii....oh, the irony. Swimming with a captive dolphin is just a short-lived vacation memory. The mental stress put on cetaceans in captivity is a lifetime sentence.

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Ryan Dashiell	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Emilee	Individual	Support	No

Comments: As a child, I was okay with going to animal sanctuaries as I didn't understand that it was harmful to the animals. As I grew up, I realized what really happens. No animal should be kept captive, unless they're in rehabilitation & will hopefully be set free due to recovery. Animals belong in the wild, no where else. Whales, & dolphins alike, all belong in the ocean. It's monstrous to think otherwise.

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Dear Sir/ Madam,

I write today to support the bill urging Hawaii facilities that hold captive cetaceans to discontinue breeding and phase out captivity.

I am compelled to write to share the knowledge I have with you that these beings need far more than even the most expansive and stimulating captive environment can provide. The science is that they need to roam 100 miles a day and they also need to remain in family groups. The science of their intelligence, social abilities and DNA confirm categorically that these animals cannot be kept in any human manufactured world. Their place is in the open ocean. The fact that these creatures cross vast oceans in the wild and that those in captivity have the ability to do so makes keeping them in large tanks

completely unacceptable to our level of understanding.

I understand that human beings have historically kept these animals in captivity however we are better than this now. Our intelligence is able to comprehend the extensive intelligence housed in their beautiful bodies. Our own science has shown their brains to house areas over and above the capabilities of our own brains. Can we imagine what it would be like for us to be confined in this manner. Yes they are sociable and yes they seem to like human company however we can also see the lack of fulfilment and there is only a matter of time before that lovely personality will wain and a deep depression will set in as a result from the lack of fulfilment and purpose intrinsic to their consciousness of being. For these beings have it inbuilt in their DNA over thousands of years of evolution to be in the wild and no amount of captivity will take that deep need away from them of exploration and survival within the ocean.

I pray that humans will wake up to this spirit and 'feel' the depth of the 'aliveness' of cetaceans and respect the great depth of their wisdom and their need to be free.

Heartfelt thanks for hearing my voice!

With Best Wishes

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rodrigo costa	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support House Resolution #136 and agree, that captive breeding of cetaceans should be stopped as soon as possible and also banned. As should their importation and exportation. Holding captive cetaceans solely for entertainment is outdated and a form of cruelty.

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nick athans	Individual	Support	No

Comments: This will be looked at in 50 years as twentieth century slavery. This industry supports a black market that threatens one of the smartest animals on this planet.

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arthur K	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support House Resolution #136 and agree, that captive breeding of cetaceans should be discontinued as soon as possible and henceforth banned. As should their importation and exportation. Holding captive cetaceans solely for entertainment is outdated and a form of unnecessary cruelty. Ak

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Tullika Saraf	Individual	Support	No

Comments: We as a people are AGAINST the antiquated, unsustainable, and immoral captivity of sentient beings!

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Hamdan Chowdhury	Individual	Support	No

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Howard Leicht	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I request that the Hawaii State Legislature urge Hawaii facilities that hold captive cetaceans for entertainment purposes to discontinue breeding and to phase out captivity. 1. Cetaceans, which include dolphins, whales, and porpoises, are highly intelligent and social animals. 2. The County of Maui has prohibited the exhibition of captive cetaceans since 2002. 3. Public opposition to the keeping and display of captive cetaceans has increased in the United States and worldwide. 4. The dysfunctional social structure of captive cetaceans is known to cause unnatural aggression and stress, resulting in injury, illness, or death to the animals and to humans. 5. Educational content delivered by a captivity facility is often inaccurate and misleading, as animals are performing theatrical "tricks" rather than displaying natural behaviors. 6. It is unethical to isolate a highly intelligent and social animal from its natural environment.

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Megan Roberson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Animals do not belong in captivity.

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Sam Merabi	Individual	Comments Only	No

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Jan Young	Individual	Support	No

Comments: It is imperative that these highly social and intelligent animals are not incarcerated in what can only be described as a "bathtub" and where humans require them to perform and entertain. Public opposition to the keeping and display of captive cetaceans has increased in the United States and worldwide. Encourage the viewing of these beautiful animals in the wild where they belong!

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Comments: save the dolphins

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Myra Shepard	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Dear Sirs and Madams, Dolphin captivity does not belong in Hawai'i or anywhere else as cetaceans (whales, dolphins, etc.) are highly intelligent, have structured family units, and are to be free in the wild. We have to protect their right to freedom and life. Respectfully, Myra Shepard

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
paige rich	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Dolphins, Orcas, Beluga Whales, & other sentient beings need to be left free in the ocean. Stealing them to exploit for entertainment, profit, or other reason other than rescue, rehab, release, is heinously cruel; it needs to end now. Thank you for being one of the first states to implement this measure as law!

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

Comments: Please consider the BAN of future captive cetacean for human entertainment/ profit. Not only is this actually incredibly harmful and causes extreme distress to the animals, but it's very dangerous for humans as well. Educational content delivered from these facilities are often misguided and false information. As a progressive and sustainable state, Hawaii should take full action and do its best to prevent this type of barbaric behavior. Thank you for your consideration

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Jennifer W	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Animals should be left in the wild where they belong. They are not for entertainment.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
tia pearson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: The County of Maui has prohibited the exhibition of captive cetaceans since 2002. • Public opposition to the keeping and display of captive cetaceans has increased in the United States and worldwide. • The dysfunctional social structure of captive cetaceans is known to cause unnatural aggression and stress, resulting in injury, illness, or death to the animals and to humans. • Educational content delivered by a captivity facility is often inaccurate and misleading, as animals are performing theatrical "tricks" rather than displaying natural behaviors. • It is unethical to isolate a highly intelligent and social animal from its natural environment.

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Lori Love	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Pooja	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Please free the animals. We have no right over them. This is cruelty!

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elisa	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Victoria Daughtery	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I an in full support of the ban on future captivity. It is inhumane and no "life" for the creatures at all. We as humans should be ashamed.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Michelle R Stefanik	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support HR136 because I believe it is morally and ethically wrong to keep any Cetacean captive simply for human entertainment. In nearly every case their enclosures are extremely inadequate to their size and normal habitat. Public opinion regarding this is growing in the US and worldwide. Hawaii should not be on the end of this movement but instead should adopt this measure now. Please pass this new measure to end captivity of Cetaceans throughout all of the Hawaiian islands, not just Maui.

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drews	Individual	Support	No

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING HAWAII FACILITIES THAT HOLD CAPTIVE CETACEANS FOR
ENTERTAINMENT PURPOSES TO DISCONTINUE BREEDING AND TO PHASE
OUT CAPTIVITY.

1 WHEREAS, cetaceans, which include dolphins, whales, and
2 porpoises, are highly intelligent and social animals; and

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4 WHEREAS, the County of Maui has prohibited the exhibition
5 of captive cetaceans since 2002; and

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7 WHEREAS, public opposition to the keeping and display of
8 captive cetaceans has increased in the United States and
9 worldwide; and

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11 WHEREAS, at least 14 other countries have banned or
12 restricted the exhibition and importation of cetaceans; and

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14 WHEREAS, California, New York, and South Carolina have each
15 passed legislation prohibiting the display of some or all
16 species of cetaceans; and

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18 WHEREAS, the National Aquarium in Maryland has decided to
19 retire their remaining dolphins to a seaside sanctuary by 2020,
20 which they will establish and operate; and

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22 WHEREAS, the dysfunctional social structure of captive
23 cetaceans is known to cause unnatural aggression and stress,
24 resulting in injury, illness, or death to the animals and to
25 humans; and

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27 WHEREAS, cetacean facilities have multiple animals
28 exhibiting unaddressed yet documented stereotypical behaviors,
29 such as floating motionless at the surface for prolonged periods
30 (known as "logging") and swimming in repetitive circles, an



1 indication of depression due to the stress of inadequate living
2 conditions; and

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4 WHEREAS, survivorship of cetaceans is reduced, sometimes
5 drastically, in a captive environment; and

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7 WHEREAS, the United States Marine Mammal Inventory Report
8 in November 2013 indicates that the causes of death for Hawaii's
9 captive cetaceans include food poisoning, capture-related
10 incidents, malnutrition, debilitation, drowning, jumping out of
11 enclosures, trauma, and failure to thrive; and

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13 WHEREAS, animals are injured or deformed due to the ongoing
14 unnatural and physical demands of a job in the entertainment
15 industry; and

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17 WHEREAS, conflicting messages of stewardship are
18 communicated because the Marine Mammal Protection Act forbids
19 feeding or attempting to feed marine mammal species in the wild,
20 but captive facilities incorporate feeding the animals as a part
21 of the "encounter" experience; and

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23 WHEREAS, educational content delivered by a captivity
24 facility is often inaccurate and misleading, as animals are
25 performing theatrical "tricks" rather than displaying natural
26 behaviors; and

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28 WHEREAS, it is environmentally unjust to prevent species
29 from playing their critical role in an ecosystem; and

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31 WHEREAS, it is unethical to isolate a highly intelligent
32 and social animal from its natural environment; and

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34 WHEREAS, Hawaiian values are neglected by disregarding the
35 ecological, cultural, and spiritual significance of cetaceans;
36 now, therefore,

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38 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
39 Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
40 of 2017, that the Hawaii facilities that hold captive cetaceans



1 for entertainment purposes are urged to discontinue breeding and
2 to phase out captivity; and
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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Agriculture
5 is urged to cease the issuance of permits for the interstate,
6 intrastate, and inter-facility transfer of captive cetaceans for
7 breeding or entertainment purposes; and
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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State opposes the
10 construction or development of any new captive cetacean
11 facilities for breeding or entertainment purposes; and
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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
14 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of
15 Agriculture, to be distributed to permitted facilities holding
16 cetaceans captive.
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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Georgeanne Matranga	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please phase out dolphin captivity in Hawaii. Ban future captive cetacean breeding and transfers. Animal abuse and captivity is not aloha. Thank you for your attention to my profoundly grave concerns. Sincerely, Georgeanne Matranga

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Karen Kolbe	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please vote to close facilities that hold the cetaceans for entertainment purposes. Those cetaceans belong to the sea as we belong on earth. Help understand humans to understand that. Make educational programs and be HUMAN.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Emie Keijzer	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: The County of Maui has prohibited the exhibition of captive cetaceans since 2002.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lena Greer	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: These animals are highly intelligent and keeping them in captivity is cruel. Many of these animals have died in captivity and bringing children to parks like these is only taking us backwards. In order for children to want to protect our animals and our waters then seeing them in their natural habitat will be the most beneficial.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
stuart read	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I would like to please urge you to support this proposal. It is now a well known fact, how socially aware and intelligent cetaceans are. It is proven that cetaceans do not fair well in captivity and suffer a substantially less life expectancy than their wild counterparts. They also struggle to form close social relationships within their groups so important to health and well being. I urge you to support this proposal for the future and end the breeding and transfer of cetaceans in captivity in Hawaii and receive world respect.

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Marla Arreola	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Educational content delivered by a captivity facility is often inaccurate and misleading, as animals are performing theatrical "tricks" rather than displaying natural behaviors. It is unethical to isolate a highly intelligent and social animal from its natural environment.

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Testimony In Support of Measure HR136

Aloha Senators,

My name is Ashley Steyaert, and I am writing on behalf of One Ocean Conservation in support of Measure HR136 because I believe it is important to stop the captive breeding of cetaceans in Hawaii for the well being of the would-be wild animals, firstly, and secondly for humanity's sake on island.

What these animals bred into captivity experience cannot be defined as a cetacean's life because it is devoid of its natural habitat, diet and normal social lifestyle. It is my understanding that the conditions under which they grow up (if they survive into adulthood) are quite arguably inhumane and have caused many captive cetaceans to exhibit distressed behavior or die alarmingly untimely deaths.

I believe that Hawaii can do better. These islands are recognized and prided for respecting and preserving a rich tradition of sustainable and mindful coexistence with the land, sea and all of its inhabitants. It seems only fitting that this measure be passed in a small but significant step towards the phasing out of the unjust, outdated and soulless practice of cetacean captivity for human entertainment.

Mahalo nui loa for your time and consideration,

Ashley Steyaert



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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kathryn Hughes	Individual	Support	No

Comments: The social structure of captive cetaceans is known to cause unnatural aggression and stress, resulting in injury, illness, or death to the animals and to humans. It is unethical to isolate a highly intelligent and social animal from its natural environment.

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I will preface by saying that I would not be the person I am without the power that having captive cetaceans, in so providing easy exposure to the public, holds. My first exposure to the megafauna of the sea was through SeaWorld. Facilities that have relied on captive marine animals have done a lot for in terms of conservation efforts and progress, with cetaceans possibly being the best example of such. With the first orca in captivity almost immediately transforming our perception of them from man-eating, fish-stealing creatures of the deep to loveable, almost human, charismatic organisms loved almost universally. But life, humans, and society are about evolution. We may escape the grasps of natural selection as a species, but without expelling the old, barbaric ways - even, if not especially, on cultural levels - we would not be who we are today and would feature so many more violent tendencies, many in the name of entertainment. We as a species are distinguished from all others by our consciousness, thriving on the process of self reflection to become better than ourselves and the generations before us, developing stronger relationships with one another as well as our environment. Holding cetaceans in captivity had a role to play in developing a healthy, conservation-centric relationship with these often threatened, vulnerable, and endangered organisms, in altering misconceptions that we held with whales, on which the health of our oceans rely, but this power of holding whales in captivity in the name of conservation has served its role, been fully exploited, and it is time for it to be phased out. These animals are massive, many of which travelling larger distances in a day than many of us will within our lifetimes yet we continue to force them into cement box homes, akin to a human life spent in a storage container, turning their complex sensory systems that are designed to ensure their survival into the weapons of their own destruction, deafening and disorienting them, and inciting unrest, violence, and depression, manifesting with suicide in many documented cases, within them. Beyond the inability to provide sufficient homes given their large size, advanced sensory systems (i.e. echolocation), and highly mobile lifestyles, the high intellect of these organisms, among the highest of all organisms, cannot be engaged in these circumstances, inciting mental distress as well as physical. I will forever be grateful for the exposure that facilities like SeaLife Park allowed me to have in connecting to the marine world at a young age, to which I have committed myself, but I strongly believe it's platform that is capable of adaption and evolution in its own right, able to find a future beyond the continuing of the captive breeding program, and will find ways to continue to engage the public with the marine realm. Rehabilitation of ill and injured individuals is still a viable means of connecting humans to the beautiful and foreign world of cetaceans without actively engaging in captive breeding, especially given the growing threats that cetaceans face and the high likelihood of increased needs for rehabilitative efforts on behalf of cetaceans, which completely merit captivity in many cases. The public can be engaged without imposing unethical and deleterious impacts on cetaceans. For all of these reasons, I strongly support this measure to ban captive breeding and phase out captivity.

Sophia Ellis

Pitzer College 2017

Organismal Biology and Environmental Policy

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This is my introduction file I wrote in 2013, some additional events (notably failed attempt to save two captive dolphins in Russia, in late 2015-2016) happened since this time but I'm too short on time for typing them in in detail right now. BUT I want to add additional text for this testimony, because it represents something a) developed at Hawaii b) much more progressive than anything you will find or hear from mainstream anticaptivity circles.

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Andrew Randrianasulu – randrianasulu@yahoo.com

Hello, all.

My name is Andrew Randrianasulu, sometimes aliased to AndrewR. I'm from Russia, Saint-Petersburg. Currently around 30 years old (born: 03/08/1982). Started to be interested in cetaceans around 11 years ago.

For my old website see: <http://cetacea.narod.ru/> As you can easily deduct from it - back in time I visited our dolphinarium quite often, first as just visitor (but I usually just occupied some free corner - without buying ticket!), then as some kind of volunteer (strange position for dolphinarium where they had NO volunteers at all! But myself was either lucky or remotely useful - with all books I bring in, or even printed out). I don't have too much videos or fotos from this era, but some definitely still exist on my hdd.

First I was attracted to dolphins nearly like any other human - external beauty played big role I assume, while I had and have quite big myopia, so without my viewing glasses I need to look at some details very closely. I definitely found first big book of Lilly "Man and dolphin" in Russian, then bunch of other books on cetaceans, mostly outdated, as I understand today, but for me all this was very new and unknown. Back in time it was not really clear for me what I want to do around dolphins - I wanted to 'know' them, simply. I used to say I love them - but as early as in 2004 I definitely found out word 'love' is not something you can say freely, without responsibility! Captivity was well-known problem for me (thanks to Alexander Sheremet from Eilat) even back then - but until it hit hard I somewhat assumed all negative effects of it will always be 'somewhere else'. Not so! In really late 2004 my then-friend told me dolphin at Utrish Marine Biological station (starting point of whole Utrish dolphinarium) died due to some surgery mistake. He had fotos to back his words up I was hugely upset, even if I never know this dolphin - and published my very angry words at old Russianorca forum. It generated some responses. My friends' at dolphinarium were upset, but nothing really hard come out of it. Real hit was when dolphin I knew quite well (he was one of oldest, at 17 years old, dolphins!) one day become visibly ill, and next day, when I come to dolphinarium early for my watch shift - I was told there is no need for my help .. and even later, after few more days, Kostov, dolphinarium director told me Volka (dolphin) just died! Well, it was something to keep secret. I hated this kind of 'secrets', but really had no way to prove anything... There was another round, after Dasha (female dolphin with great tendency to be bold when needed, but only to point. Nor she, nor anyone else from cetaceans caused me any pain. If we don't count mental pain when I found myself beside self-beached dolphin on platform, and really feared he or she will not be able to return back into pool! They always return after some time, Volka for example was about to lay here with his lower jaw in my hand : (No matter how much I tried to push him gently back into water - he remained here!) give birth to young dolphin, only one successfully born in this pool. It was quite big event, and myself was hanging around again, doing my printer op job, and trying to be around at time

with least number of humans. It was really painful to watch new dolphin life confined in 'big' (50m long!) pool - with nothing real to learn about, and at nights it was even stranger - apparently young dolphin was really not sleeping, he swam around, play with water, or trying to ignite other dolphins to play with him - while they rarely did this, mostly floating around. Sure, Dasha played with him from time to time ... But at day they both were caged in some corner, like other dolphins before show or between training sessions. They all disliked those cages, even if significant part of their food was given to them there. Basically, if all dolphins orient themselves in direction of biggest and deepest water, and fly away as fast as possible when gate was open - you know they want OUT. Of course, there was much more - I played with those dolphins, some simple games you can play without entering water (to your shock I was very bad swimmer back then). Of course, no food from me - not because I wanted to play clean, just ... none asked me to feed dolphins, and I was not about to ask for this role, without additional reasoning. I was very happy to have those moments with dolphins, but in early 2006 it all become obvious - dolphinarium is nowhere near home for cetaceans, and worst thing was - even staff was not really interested in them. So, there for example were times when all dolphins were left locked in their cages - for hour plus. Just because no one run training sessions with any of them ... It must be noted dolphinarium director Igor Kostov was quite open and suggestive back in time - he suggested me to look up ethology, or science of animal behavior. He also said quite boldly - all animals in captivity suffer, even in best captivity! (and our pool, even if relatively big was far from 'best' captivity).

Well, even if I found it literally impossible to watch any dolphin show - I tried on few more occasions influence things, at Moscow (fail), at Ukraine (Evpatoria, Odessa - fail). My strange friendship with Kostov come to the end, to the point he told guards to escort me out. Starting from 2006 I gradually shifted nearly all my activity to Internet, English-language based websites, books, films. At times I return back and write something in Russian, when another dolphin dies, or it becomes impossible to NOT say something on all this captivity.

For some of my writings in Russian you might look at randrianasulu.livejournal.com

I'm not a student, I dropped after just first half-year of my programmer's education. I gained some knowledge about computers and software all by himself, reading mail-lists and trying out few things on my Linux boxes. I can't write program from scratch - but sometimes can help with debugging and troubleshooting. This and my love for reading is probably only things you might find remotely useful. I learned how to swim and dive a bit - but it was mostly untested since late 2005. I watched few wild dolphins in 2007, from shore, and once before this time - in 2005, again from shore in Gelendgik region (Black Sea).

What I wish right now? Freedom for all [this is just saying, of course I'm realist here - so in reality it will be one after another, group after group], obviously at my expense [dolphins, and beluga whales give me much more than I initially asked for - including this final night with Muza. So, I must return something _ real _ to those who survived ... only three out of nine definitely alive today, and here I only count dolphins I know personally]. For me advanced forms of communication seen as way to completely replace any nets, fences, satellite transmitters and all this arsenal designed to keep dolphins in chains. I'm quite skeptical and cautious - or at least I hope to be like this! - but even at minimal level real, two-way communication between cetaceans and humans must open door to completely different relations.

Even if in my captive encounters I never had this 'opening up' experience some of you had - at the same time I trust logic and intuition - cetaceans simply not behave like equally-sized wild animals!

I haven't run even amateur experiments with them - I was completely saturated by their play-hours with me. I was and still is interested in science, but as you can imagine if _ scientist _ [Oleg Lyamin] killed this unfortunate dolphin in 2004, whole dolphinarium business was run under 'scientific' cover, science often used as excuse for keeping dolphins captive ... even if in reality very same scientists openly admits captive facilities gives them very little time out of commercial programs - I definitely can't stay on side of THIS kind of science!! I love thinking, but really ashamed about ways most humans misuse their power.

As you can see - I mostly focused on captivity, or more correctly - on ending it, WITHOUT ending dolphin's and whale's lives! Wild research (or more like personal quest?) somewhere at close-second position. Maybe because even people who moved away from captivity to some wild-based research don't want to touch captives with 10ft pipe! Like they don't want to make their hands dirty, in sense?! Or at least I have this impression.

I hope there will be way forward. But hope alone is useless - lets MOVE forward!

Section "B"

Ken Levasseur and his "Third Phase program" :

Ken's Levasseur, an american scientist now living in Hawaii, is both famous for his liberation of two captive dolphins from Lou Hermann's laboratory where he worked in in 1977, than for his "Third phase program" project : his views and papers are being completely ignored by most of the activism since several years, and we think this particularly unfair, as his ideas and projects were paradoxically highly praised by several actors of the activism less than a decade ago. The fact that his views are being ignored is symptomatic of a larger issue with disregarding alternatives or movements going beyond sanctuaries as the "only solution" for captive cetaceans.

- 1) It relies completely on having a genuine, equal relation between two species - if the humans fail somewhere, the dolphins have all the rights and possibility to leave.
- 2) It has put forward the idea of making some unusual high-level, two-way (where dolphins/cetaceans become real practitioners, whose words matters!) communication as part of social reality.

Wording was aimed at scientifically-minded auditory, and some problems were left out of main articles in attempt to provide just most important points. It was in 1996! Unfortunately, work on those ideas stalled, and even with my small additions on replacing (gradually?) 'feeding' with cooperative hunting (fishing) and finding new ways of doing medicine, and a bit more polishing on how to show language and how to choose first subset of language to use together - those remain more like 'nice ideas' than complete plan from A to Z.

But may be making plan from A to Z on very beginning is wrong exactly due to unflexibility of such plans. Russell Hockins for example hopes at least Orcas can master use of interspecies language without spending too much effort on simplest concepts. [2] Only practice will tell.

In Ken's own words [1]: *“According to this proposal, three basic (but related) changes must occur in the classical dolphin holding facility management plan. The first change must be to the use of social reinforcement, **exclusively**, in training and communication with dolphins, rather than food reinforcement with its food deprivation as motivation control. This change is implemented through a language program utilizing a human whistled language. The second change must be a "feed at will" policy that can be expected to double the food budget at participating facilities.”.... “Human language does more than command a subject to behave a certain way. True language communicates abstract social signals between practitioners which involve positive as well as neutral and negative attitudes. Human language allows the subject to **reject** commands while maintaining integrity! The result of this form of abstract communication is the creation of complex cultural systems as well as the reinforcement of **social bonds** between language users. The use of immersion language training, instead of operant conditioning in a new approach to interacting with dolphins, would help create the social bonds needed to make the replacement program work. **The flexibility and specificity of language** would remove much of the frustration and resulting stress from close human / dolphin interactions. A truly positive environment for learning and exchange could evolve under such a program.”.... “It is still scientifically possible that dolphins may someday demonstrate communication abilities at or near the adult human level using a human whistled language or a deciphered dolphin communication code. For this reason dolphin subjects **must be accorded the same respect as humans** if they are to be used in language experiments and programs. Because of this potential and the need for trust in order for the social approach outlined above to work, this respect **must** be built in and implemented from the planning stage of developing the language and human / dolphin interaction programs. “ ..”The Third Phase open-ocean programs **may** use enclosures where the dolphins can go and be secure, day or night, but access to and release from the enclosures **must** be available to the dolphins.” ..”Obviously for a program like this to work, the dolphins will have to want to stay or return to man-made enclosures. The best incentive for this is excellent treatment along with human companionship, as well as the obvious, interest generating activities. Under these conditions, these speaking / whistling dolphins would literally become ambassadors. “*

Of course, initial idea was a bit too tourist-based for my new views, yet we are not forced to follow just one text, there are others related philosophical works about finding our new place in the world, where tourism will be replaced by ..[pilgrimage](#)? Hard to name it accurately - something deliberately uneasy, and wonderful, with rules of interaction based on understanding of this wonder and relative fragility of it. See Anthony Weston's ideas, for example : “Environmental Ethics as Environmental Etiquette: Toward an Ethics-Based Epistemology”, published in vol. 21 of magazine Environmental Ethics, summer 1999, here is quote from p. 126-127, - “To begin with, certain kinds of self-fulfilling prophecies turn out to be crucial in ethics. There is, in particular, a kind of self-fulfilling prophecy in which one of the main effects of the “prophecy” is to reduce someone or something in the world—to make that person or thing less than they or it are or could be, to diminish some part of the world's richness and depth and promise—and in which this reduction in turn feeds back not only to justify the original prophecy but also to perpetuate it. This process is therefore **self-**

validating reduction. There are all too many examples. Animals reduced to pitiful or hostile vestiges of their former selves, whose incapacities and hostility are then taken to justify exploitation or further violence. "... " To break this cycle of "reduction," it is necessary to invoke a parallel cycle of "invitation"—indeed, quite precisely, self-validating invitation. Here the kind of **practice** asked of us is to venture something, to offer an invitation to, or to open a possibility toward, another being or some part of the world, and see what comes of it. We are called, in fact, to a kind of etiquette once again, but here in an experimental key: the task is to create the space within which a response can emerge or an exchange coevolve. " [...]" " Places, buildings, communities can be more or less inviting: we need to plan for what Mary Midgley calls the "mixed community." Considering—inviting—other animals in this sense, for example, partly means designing places and media where we can meet each other halfway. Sometimes it is as simple as designing places that they and we can safely share."

Speaking about wrong kind of relations embedded in current capitalist mentality I (A.R>) wish to add one more important bi-quotation.

First there is quote from Anarchist FAQ:

As well as economic incentives, the creation of externalities flows from the price mechanism itself. The first key issue, as green economist E. F. Schumacher stressed, is that the market is based on "*total quantification at the expense of qualitative differences; for private enterprise is not concerned with what it produces but only what it gains from production.*" This means that the "*judgement of economics ... is an extremely **fragmentary** judgement; out of the large number of aspects which in real life have to be seen and judged together before a decision can be taken, economics supplies only one — whether a thing yields a profit to those who undertake it or not.*" [Small is Beautiful, p. 215 and p. 28] This leads to a simplistic decision making perspective:

"Everything becomes crystal clear after you have reduced reality to one — one only — of its thousand aspects. You know what to do — whatever produces profits; you know what to avoid — whatever reduces them or makes a loss. And there is at the same time a perfect measuring rod for the degree of success or failure. Let no-one befog the issue by asking whether a particular action is conducive to the wealth and well-being of society, whether it leads to moral, aesthetic, or cultural enrichment. Simply find out whether it pays." [Op. Cit., p. 215]

But exactly this kind of objection was made by Savage-Rumbaugh (as quoted by Kenneth LeVasseur) against not just one researcher, but whole idea of operant conditioning!

". . . unlike the child, all of the actions carried out by Ake, Rocky, and the others in the test paradigm achieve a single goal--the receipt of a fish to eat (Herman et al. 1984; Herman 1987,, 1988; Schusterman & Krieger 1984, 1988). In the routines of daily life, a child learns to carry out different actions for different ends and becomes a functional partner in the interactions. The correspondence between the communication and its result, that is natural for the child, is not present in the dolphin and sea lion studies. . . .

". . . The dolphin, however, has little reason to learn in this way, since it

a) cannot make the signs the experimenter makes and

b) probably does not particularly want to 'take the frisbee to the hoop' in any case.

It is more interested in reinstating the 'effect' of receiving a fish than in the actions that were the result of the symbols 'take the frisbee to the hoop.'

". . . This is not to say that these animals lack intentionality and do not communicate to each other or to humans. Within the test situation, however, these capacities have no opportunity for expression. . . .

Children learn many words that permit them to affect their world in many different ways. **Dolphins learn many words that affect the world all in the same way (they produce a fish).** Until training paradigms are utilized that permit the animal to do more than obtain one type of reward, the subjects cannot be expected to realize their potential for symbolic communication."

So, removing totally wrong set of relations between humans and ex-captives (dolphins) also very much demand different, non-hierarchical, non-reductionist relations between humans. Especially if we consider the whole thing will most likely happen in standard capitalist society, so following will be more than applicable unless human/human relations at whole project site will be vastly more supportive towards each other (in addition to being supportive to ex-captives!) in direct sense (so skewed economic power overrepresented in std. society will have less impact than usual on those humans) than it is typical for modern times!

Another quote from AFAQ:

"Thus if the president of company X has a mystical experience of oneness with nature and starts diverting profits into pollution control while the presidents of Y and Z continue with business as usual, the stockholders of company X will get a new president who is willing to focus on short-term profits like Y and Z. As Joel Bakan stresses, managers of corporations "*have a legal duty to put shareholders' interests above all others ... Corporate social responsibility is thus illegal — at least when it is genuine.*" Ones which "*choose social and environmental goals over profits — who try and act morally — are, in fact, immoral*" as their role in both the economy and economic ideology is to "*make much as much money as possible for shareholders.*" [**The Corporation**, pp. 36–7 and p. 34] "

For combating such outcome much more direct support between humans should be maintained. (who also must be deep thinkers, be able to regulate themselves, self-critical and seek some unusual goal - so even if they not politically anarchists - they better to share some of key features of anarchism!). Relying on external monetary donations or rich visitors will easily put whole project under hammer of very system it tries to at least avoid, and at best successfully combat as example of different kinds of relations, not limited to anthropocentered relations!

Whole AFAQ located at <http://theanarchistlibrary.org/library/the-anarchist-faq-editorial-collective-an-anarchist-faq>

But this relatively lately found by me (A.R.) anarchist view put serious doubts on realisation of Ken's initial idea about transforming dolphinarium into such community place, where really mutually supportive mixed-

species commune may live. What kind of event must happen to even 'progressive' dolphin owner for him or her (unfortunately female dolphin trainer, dolphin owner, etc not really softer than males!) to abandon not just dolphin exploitation, but human exploitation, environment exploitation, and so on? May be such transformation still possible with some humans, but at least Ken's own attempt at it while filming "Beneath the Blue" movie failed - none at this captive swim-with facility was moved enough to become visible supporter of idea! (for some details you can start at

<https://wayofthedolphinblog.wordpress.com/dolphin-issues/>)

In personal communications with Ken we agreed this everpresent in capitalists fear of bankruptcy ("what we will do if most/all dolphins will need to go for some even more extended period of time?") must be realistically addressed, probably by completely shifting monetary-generating activity from being _depended_ on dolphin's real continued presence - yet now I'm not sure just allowing same mindset to ruin just slightly different part of life is acceptable. Probably some can be convincing by showing how capitalism as practiced today IS reductionism, and thus ignoring 'capital' of social relations, and dolphins know how to make a lot of very attractive relations with their human friends (they are masters of such relations, not depleted by all our material culture confusion! Yes, ours are depleted, because we can easily confuse social and personal relations with desire for some material items or money, and all this exaggerated by specific of our dominative nature).

Scott Taylor in his vision of "Dolphin Village" did remarkable error, assuming whole dolphin/human place must be multi-deca-million-dollars luxury resort, attractive and factually accessible only by rich elite. Lets not resort to such thing, especially because it was envisioned as nothing more but even more glamorized captivity! Place must be attractive by its ability to support life, starting from very basic food (for both or more than two species ...with dolphin's area much extending into sea/ocean, literally limitless) and spiraling up to all kinds of social support we value.

Another key point from both anarchist's tradition and philosophy - is to make direct action/practice, not just use 'donate' button. Why? At very least because it gives a lot more - feels of temperature and distance, sounds of the sea and rocky landscapes, better understanding of your limits and limitations and possibilities hidden in reality. I (AR) experienced this myself during failed attempt at freeing captive dolphins Delfa and Zeus in late 2015-early 2016.

But main problem in realization of any truly alternative project seems to be (after overcoming initial inability to think outside the box, and when ideas become widespread enough to become workable) exactly highly unequal and hierarchical nature of current human society - any 'deviant' project torpedoed not just by existing laws, but by more mainstream activists and their organizations! Our documents hopefully will help to make some ideas more advanced and coherent - but they alone can't help with breaking this barrier between theoretical possibility and practice. May be law-related problems sometimes overestimated and overstated by proponents of mainstream views - especially if we talk about supporting ex-captives by human people who already live in area, not some specialized 'project' with its need to be law-obeying to the last dot in lawbook. But then if exactly moving captives to sea currently tied to some mainstream perspective about 'providing safe and professional (!) secured (!) place' - we definitely need some political work! Political in sense of providing transfer for captives (this process in itself was mostly ignored by activists - even if it remain quite stressfull for cetaceans and their experience during it may hugely impact their behavior on arrival! We developed some ideas about starting human/cetacean re-

relations very early simply for facultating even transport process itself in much more cetacean-friendly manner than it currently can be done by dolphinarium industry standards of (non)care, yet attempts at implementing those ideas also blocked by unsettling hierarchical power from dolphinarium industry, now also way too well represented in 'anti-captivity' activist's circles), yet effectively suppressing development of new captive place! With usual caution about nature of human politics - in attempt to buy support humans often make all sort of nice promises, yet after coming to power they even literally shot down ex-comrades, and break from their promised goals! So, allowing anyone to gain even 'moderate' by society's mainstream standards control over how it must be done, about who will allowed to enter and who will not, any reuse of State/corporate/institutional power must be effectively resisted. "How?" is very open question ...

Notes

[1] - <http://whales.org.au/published/levasseur/levass3b.html>

[2] - <http://www.kintocetaceans.org/human...>

[3] - <http://dolphintale.com/Interspecies...> - "Large scale thinking is required, and a huge commitment by the Human family to this new level of relationship. To develop the type of coastal environment ideal for the interspecies villages of the future will cost tens of millions of dollars. (The Waikaloa Hilton Hotel on Hawaii has Dolphins living in it's artificial lagoon, and the development costs of the hotel were reported to be around \$350 million dollars.....)". Speaking about what was envisioned by Lilly - at least in the "The mind of the dolphin" he emphasized and highlighted necessity of voluntary contact. Quote from very end of book: (p. 275) "It is suggested that shallow water "parks" be established. Such parks would be in areas which the dolphins naturally seek. The underwater and above-water facilities are to be designed so as to allow voluntary contacts between the species. Neither man nor dolphin are to be constrained in their own or in the other's medium. " (word voluntary was highlighted in italics in original text) But I guess this fixation on hugely visual attractive luxury resorts as model disabled most of real development, even at concept level. Yes, there was small 'interspecies village' at Hawaii around local libre dolphins, yet its impact on situation with human/cetacean relation was nowhere big enough - it just survived in parallel with bigger captive place! 😞 :(- <http://www.joanocean.com/Human-do.h...>

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caitlin	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please ban the cruel breeding and transport of dolphins to Hawaii. No one comes to Hawaii to see captive sea life.

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Clair Sturton	Dolphin Project	Comments Only	No

Comments: Animal Abuse & Captivity are NOT Aloha!

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Axel Liljhagen	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: The animal abuse this park stands responsible for have been going on for decades...

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natasha	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I support this bill. Dolphins are sentient beings that's deserve respect and freedom. #emptythetanks

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opalyn	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Support the call to discontinue dolphins breeding in captivity

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Nicole Nazemi	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: These magnificent group of animals have the right to live out their lives in their natural environment with their family. We do not, nor have we ever had the right to strip them from their mothers and their families for our entertainment and profit. It is unethical to steal their lives from them; they have done nothing to harm us. The manner in which these animals are taken is atrocious and horribly cruel. Imagine if that was done to you. Imaging being taken from your family and your life, being isolated or being placed with other animals not from your family, in a man-made environment a millionth the size of your natural habitat. These animals are highly intelligent with advanced nervous systems and filled with emotion. The isolation, depression, and boredom they face is soul-crushing. I am proud that Maui has prohibited the display of captive crustaceans since 2002, and I 100% fully support the continuation of this prohibition. Thank you Maui for choosing the ethical action since 2002. The animals thank you.

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Alexis Araw	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support HR 136 in banning the breeding and transportation of captive cetaceans in moving towards phasing out cetacean captivity! Cetaceans are highly intelligent and social animals and captivity has proved for over 50 years to be detrimental to their health and well-being. Please support this bill and follow California and other countries in ending the breeding of cetaceans in captivity!

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Sherron Bull	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support Resolution HR136 as well as legislation to prohibit the capture, breeding and/or exhibit of any cetacean for any purpose. It is reprehensible that this occurs in Hawaii of all places, particularly for show or entertainment. Cetaceans are highly intelligent and social animals that range the ocean freely. They live in pods with their extended families and are very close, particularly mothers and their babies. There is no justification for imprisoning nor exhibiting these animals. Captive cetaceans are forced to live in abnormal, unnatural and constrained circumstances; which causes stress and aggression and often results in injury, illness and an early death. It is totally unethical to imprison these highly intelligent, social animals. Public opposition to such capture & displays are increasing in the US and the world. The County of Maui has prohibited the exhibition of captive cetaceans since 2002, and the entire State of Hawaii should do the same. Please pass this resolution to protect our cetaceans in Hawaii. And consider passing legislation that will protect these animals. Thank you for your consideration. Sherron Bull Island of Hawaii

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Timothy Reimer	Individual	Support	No

Comments: When a visitor comes to Hawai'i they are greeted with images of sea turtles, dolphins, and whales. We have done a great deal to save the endangered honu and to protect the majestic hump back whales, however our treatment of dolphins is still abysmal. How can we claim dolphins to be one of our treasures when we allow corporations on our Islands to exploit them for profit? The treatment these beautiful animals endure throughout their lives when held in captivity is beyond deplorable. Many of the people of Hawaii wish to no longer be associated with the barbaric practice of keeping cetaceans imprisoned purely for corporate profit. Please listen to your community, to your people, and stop this archaic, barbaric practice from continuing. Defend the aina by protecting it's children. Please do the right thing and vote yes on HR136.

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Susan Fong	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Cetaceans should remain free in the wild. They are not here to entertain human beings. They should NOT be confined or bred for human enterprise or entertainment.

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Mackenzie Jahnke	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I just wanted to say that the fact that Hawaii is still participating in captivity of cetaceans is truly heartbreaking, not to mention a great embarrassment. With all of the information we have on the capture of these amazing animals and the horrific subsequent lives they are forced into as captive animals, it is immoral to continue this practice. Even animals who are born into captivity still suffer the trauma of not having a natural family unit, living in unhealthy conditions, and being forced into repetitive unnatural behavior. We know that money speaks loudly in these islands, but I beg of you, do not succumb to corporate interests. Do what you know in your soul to be right. Don't allow the continued abuse of these beautiful animals. Vote yes on this measure and make our state the true place of aloha that we claim to be.

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Yashodhara Singh	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Ban future cetacean breeding and transfe!immediately!!

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sarah	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: HR136 - I am from Canada, though all of our oceans are connected... Vancouver Aquarium has just banned the display of cetaceans. We will no longer keep whales and dolphins captive. The world is watching you, and all its souls. Mahalo, hono pono pono.

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Kevin Woodall	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I encourage you to pass this measure. These creatures should not be held in captivity. Recently, I visited the Big Island and saw Dolphins at a resort, in a small pool or area with shallow water. What a shame. Please change this practice. Thank you.

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Dear Senators,

I am writing to you to urge you all to support HR 136 regarding the phasing out of dolphin captivity in Hawaii. I previously worked at the Oceanic Institute in Waimanalo which is next door to Sea Life park, a facility which holds dolphins for entertainment purposes. While I was working in the area, I became aware of the disgusting conditions and neglectful animal husbandry practices in use at this facility and others on the island. After getting to observe these animals in the wild, it's very clear that the dolphins held in captivity in these facilities display several abnormal behaviors such as logging and stereotyped repetitive behaviors due to the conditions in which they are being held. While I understand that the purpose of these facilities is for educational purposes, the welfare of the animals should come first.

The dolphins in these facilities are being exploited for profit with little regard to their quality of life or basic husbandry requirements. Regulatory agencies that are supposed to protect the dolphins such as the USDA Animal Plant and Health Inspection Service have failed to effectively enforce regulations after repeatedly citing Sea Life Park for a lack of shading over their enclosures as well as concerns regarding the lack of records or regulation for the number and duration of interactions with humans in their swim with dolphins program.

There is simply no need for dolphin captivity on an island surrounded by the ocean and home to many different species of cetaceans. There are many responsible operators that offer educational tours to take guests out to see these animals in the wild where they belong. Banning the breeding and transport of dolphins would effectively phase out dolphin captivity for entertainment purposes in Hawaii would allow businesses such as Sea Life Park and Dolphin to adequately prepare and adjust their business model if needed. Please make the current generation of dolphins in captivity in Hawaii the last one that has to endure the inhumane and cruel husbandry practices associated with the captivity industry. Thank you for taking the time to consider this request.

Sincerely,
Blake Thompson



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March 21, 2017

RE: In Support of HR136

Please accept this letter in support of HR136: a resolution to phase out cetacean captivity in Hawaii, from Rachel Carbary, Founder of Empty the Tanks Worldwide. Empty the Tanks is a global organization that seeks to educate the public about cetacean captivity through worldwide awareness campaigns. I personally have been campaigning against the captivity of dolphins and whales for over 6 years. I have been to Taiji, Japan, which is one of the largest exporters of wild caught dolphins in the world. Taiji, Japan is also infamous for their annual dolphin slaughters, which were documented in the film *The Cove*. I have witnessed both the slaughters and the captures of wild dolphins. This personal experience as well as documented scientific proof about the harm captivity causes to cetaceans, is the reason why Empty the Tanks fully supports the passing of this resolution.

Dolphins are incredibly intelligent, social, active and emotional creatures that we share this planet with. There is no justification to keeping them in concrete pools for entertainment or profitable reasons. Hawaiian waters are home to wild dolphin families. These animals swimming wild and free bring joy to families who live and travel to Hawaii. The idea of keeping dolphins in captivity is a horrible contradiction to this natural beauty that Hawaii is lucky enough to have. Cetaceans are denied everything natural to them in captivity. They do not eat, swim, socialize, reproduce, or die in ways that are even remotely natural to them. How could Hawaii justify keeping these amazing animals in a concrete pool, being continuously bred and transferred around, while wild dolphins swim free just off the coast?

I hope you show your support for HR136 and that Hawaii can send a strong message that they value wild animals free in their natural habitat.

Sincerely,

Rachel Carbary
Founder
Empty the Tanks Worldwide

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My name is Savannah Rey and I am a student here on Oahu studying marine biology. It is unethical to isolate a highly intelligent and social animal from its natural environment. These animals deserve to be in their natural habitat, because nobody should be forced to live in a cement pool. If this were a situation regarding human captivity, it would not even be a question whether it would be okay to trap people in a tiny cage. Could you imagine living in a room maybe the size of your bathroom or even shower? The psychological suffering would be horrible in itself, but also this would be extremely harmful physiologically. Cetaceans travel hundreds of miles in the open ocean and we have no right to try and alter this in their evolution because it will not work. I am from San Diego, and have met with trainers who had worked at SeaWorld who had come to work to find dolphins out of the tanks and on the floor in the open air, as an attempt to get out of the tiny pool they had been living in. Or sadly, possibly as an attempt to end their life. This is not normal behavior that is seen in natural setting, this is stress caused by this unnatural structure which they were forced into. The island of Oahu is an amazing place filled with so much history which is very closely tied to the ocean. It would be a shame to try and “educate” people about these miraculous animals in such a cruel and unnatural way. Please consider HR136 as a way for us to move forward and not be the reason for the decline of the health of this species. Mahalo nui loa.

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Manny Alvarado	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: In Support of HR136 Hello Dear Sir/Madam my name is Manny Alvarado. I would like to ask you and all your committee to please help our animals be free. They don't deserve to be in small pools, alone in the midst of silence. They are not objects to be used whenever we want. The vastness of the ocean is their home and where they deserve to live and roam free. Imagine you being in a room with all the necessary amenities a bed, tv, food, but this room has no windows. You can't see any friends or families, you can't explore the outer world, you can only dream of going out but you can't. Wouldn't you like for someone to come and save you? Wouldn't you ask God our Heavenly Father to rescue you and help you??? I know I would, because freedom is everything. So please I ask you in the Name of Jesus Christ to free these animals for they are not ours. Thank You and have a wonderful day!

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Emily Collins	Individual	Support	No

Comments: The dysfunctional social structure of captive cetaceans is known to cause unnatural aggression and stress, resulting in injury, illness, or death to the animals and to the humans.

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Kim Murphy	Individual	Support	No

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kathy dunn	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I support this resolution; all animals are sentient and should never be held in captivity. To hold Cetaceans in captivity who in their natural habitat travel hundreds of miles every day for food and other life giving activities, raise families and live in relationship with others of their kind, is absolute cruelty. Mankind is the care taker of the planet and it is our job to care for other creatures, protect them, and make possible all that is necessary to allow them to live naturally according to their species needs. To do any less is not to fulfill our responsibilities to the life around us. Making money off of treating them cruelly is an abomination, as well. Thanks for hearing these comments; please be compassionate and merciful, and make this Resolution into a bill. Thank you.

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lily	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Keeping animals captive for any reason is cruel and inhumane.

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Stephen Collins	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Hello - I would like to offer some comments on my opposition to holding cetaceans (dolphins, whales, and porpoises) captive for entertainment purposes 1 - The County of Maui has prohibited the exhibition of captive cetaceans since 2002 and public opposition has increased in the United States and worldwide over the past several years. 2 - Captivity causes aggression and stress in cetaceans, potentially causing injury or illness or even death death to the animals and danger to humans. 3 - The information delivered by a captivity facility is often incorrect or misleading in terms of the natural behavior and safety of these animals. 4 - I believe that it is unethical to isolate a highly intelligent and social animal from its natural habitat. I would appreciate any assistance that you can render to these beautiful animals in the form of protective legislation. Thank you. Stephen Collins

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Richard Cardenas	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Hello, my name is Richard Cardenas and I support this measure as it will keep the highly intelligent and social dolphins, whales, and other cetaceans wild. The exhibition of captive dolphins have remained prohibited since 2002, I urge that this record remain unbroken in the face of Donald's administration, in the face of a measure in Alaska that just was allowed to kill sleeping bears and wolves including their young. Please.

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**Statement of Donald C. Baur
Testimony in Support of H.R. 136**

I am submitting this testimony in support of House Resolution Number 136, *Urging Hawaii Facilities That Hold Captive Cetaceans For Entertainment Purposes To Discontinue Breeding And To Phase Out Captivity*.

I am an attorney in private practice in Washington, DC. I have over 30 years of experience with environmental law, with a specialty in ocean law, endangered species, and marine mammals. I have served as General Counsel of the U.S. Marine Mammal Commission, an attorney for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and currently represent a number of nonprofit organizations involved in marine mammal conservation, including opposition to the captive maintenance of cetaceans for public display purposes and the establishment of seaside sanctuaries for the “retirement” of captive whales. Based on this experience, I can attest to the negative impacts of captivity on cetaceans, and the importance of laws and resolutions like H.R. 136.

Dolphins and whales are far-ranging, cognitively complex, and emotionally sophisticated animals. They have physiological, psychological and social needs that cannot be met by captive maintenance facilities. Their advanced intelligence, sensory capabilities, and social awareness make them perfectly adapted to life in the open-ocean, but serve as a terrible detriment to their wellbeing in captive environments. As a result, captive dolphins are subject to chronic stress, predisposed to illness, and frequently die well before their natural life expectancy.

There are no public education benefits derived from captive maintenance of cetaceans that cannot be surpassed by properly implemented programs involving these animals in the wild. The benefits of such experiences, including support for the local economy, are nowhere more evident than in Hawaii, with its abundant opportunities for such experiences. My recent trip to Hawaii during this year’s “whale season” allowed me to participate in several spectacular encounters with wild whales. There is no place in the world that can rival Hawaii for personal experiences with whales in the natural environment, and it is indeed incongruous for those opportunities to occur within a setting where captive maintenance is tolerated. H.R. 136 would send a strong signal that the State of Hawaii does not support captive maintenance of these magnificent animals. Hawaii should join the other states in helping to bring an end to captive display of cetaceans.



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Joan Lloyd	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Marine wildlife should not be captured and held hostage for human amusement. Leave reef wildlife free.

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Angelica Baird	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Educational content delivered by a captivity facility is often inaccurate and misleading, as animals are performing theatrical "tricks" rather than displaying natural behaviors. OVERALL, It is unethical to isolate a highly intelligent and social animal from its natural environment.

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bernadette sebastiani	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I wholly support HR136. I passionately implore you to pass this measure. It is unethical to isolate highly and social, intelligent and sentient beings from their natural environment. I thank you for considering this.

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bruce sims	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Cetaceans ARE capable of self-identity, e.g. individual acknowledgement. As such, ANY animal that has such a similarity to the human species should NOT be made a captive of homo sapiens.

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Lois Binetsky	Individual	Support	No

Comments: It is our obligation as human beings to support life, not to exploit it. Please let these dolphins live out their lives in peace in their natural habitat. They deserve no less. Thank you

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Kelvin Hui	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Do not use dolphins as attractions! They are intelligent animals.

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Alexa Cheznowski	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I used to work for a swim with the dolphins company where we were told to tell guests, when they asked if the dolphins swimming space was too small. We were to respond with, "no, in the wild, the dolphins only stick to small territory, meaning the space we provided here at the facility is enough." This never felt right to me. I always felt as though I was deceiving the guests. I knew these intelligent animals needed a much larger area. I am so against animal captivity, because I have see the way the dolphins become depressed when given such a small area of space to live out their entire I lives. It was heart breaking.

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Krystal Albert	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Captivity is harmful to the animals. They should not have to suffer for our entertainment. They are sentient beings and deserve to live freely in their natural habitat. I SUPPORT THIS BILL and will not financially support any organizations that breed or purchase animals for captivity for our entertainment and the the organizations financial gain.

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Laurie Chandler	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please do not hold captive!

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