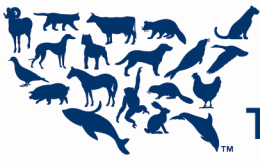


SB 593



**THE HUMANE SOCIETY
OF THE UNITED STATES**

**Testimony in Support of S.B. 593
Presented to the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Environment
February 1, 2017
Keith Dane, Policy Advisor
The Humane Society of the United States**

On behalf of The Humane Society of the United States and our supporters in Hawaii, thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony **in support of S.B. 593**, which would require research institutions to take “reasonable steps to provide for the adoption” of dogs and cats no longer needed for scientific purposes.

The Humane Society of the United States strongly supports both animal protection and public health. We have active programs to promote what are known as the three R’s: to **reduce** the number of animals used for research purposes; **refine** research so it causes less suffering; and ultimately **replace** animals with non-animal methods that are faster, less expensive and more relevant to human health than animal studies.ⁱ

In 2015, according to USDA data, there were a reported 87 cats and 188 dogs used in Hawaii. SB 593 simply provides an opportunity for these animals to live a life in a home as an adopted pet once their time in the laboratory has come to an end—something that each and every dog and cat deserves. A number of people who have adopted former research dogs and cats can attest to the resilience and affection of these animals once they are given the chance to flourish in a home environment. The Research Animal Adoption Bill ensures such an opportunity for any dogs and cats used for research conducted in Hawaii into the future. Importantly, the legislation does nothing to change the way research is conducted in the state.

There are a number of research facilities across the United States that have instituted successful adoption programs for dogs, cats and other animals. Importantly, SB 593 ensures that the authority as to when a dog or cat is determined no longer needed for scientific research still rests with the research institutions themselves. Additionally, the rescue organizations, that have the experience placing animals in suitable home, can choose whether to accept the animals offered by the laboratories; they will not be forced to do so.

Adoption programs, in addition to benefiting the animals, can decrease stress and improve morale among laboratory workersⁱⁱ. SB 593 is a win-win solution for dogs and cats in Hawaii laboratories and the workers who form bonds with these animals.

The Humane Society of the United States requests a favorable report on SB 593.

ⁱ See HSUS statement on animals in biomedical research, testing and education

http://www.humanesociety.org/about/policy_statements/statement_animal_research.html#.Uwth76Mo69I

ⁱⁱ Carbone, L. (1996/1997, Winter) Adoption of Research Animals. *AWIC newsletter*, Vol 7 (No. 3-4) Found online at

<https://archive.org/details/CAT10401495023>



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And members of the Committee on Agriculture and Environment

SB593

Wednesday, Feb. 1, 2017
1:15 p.m., Capitol Conference Room 224

The Hawaiian Humane Society would like to testify in support of SB593, which compels research facilities using cats and dogs in their work to offer healthy animals for adoption after their role in the research has concluded.

The Hawaiian Humane Society's mission is to promote the human animal bond and the humane treatment of all animals. The Society regularly finds homes for animals with all kinds of backgrounds.

As we understand, the state's primary research institution, the University of Hawaii, has a [protocol](#) in place for adopting out animals that remain healthy following research. But codifying this practice would require any other entities using dogs or cats for research to meet a similar standard.

The Hawaiian Humane Society supports SB593 and its intent to offer healthy dogs and cats a new life after being used for research.

Please let me know if I can be of assistance.

Aloha,

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January 31, 2017

Re: SUPPORT of SB 593, which requires research facilities to make available for adoption healthy cats and dogs that are no longer needed for research.

Dear Members of the Senate Agriculture and Environment Committee,

On behalf of the National Anti-Vivisection Society (NAVS), and our Hawaii-based supporters, please accept this testimony **in support of SB 593**, a proposal to give healthy dogs and cats no longer needed for research, testing or educational purposes a chance to be adopted into loving homes. This is a bill that provides for a compassionate alternative that just makes sense—an otherwise healthy dog or cat once used in research should be made available for adoption instead of facing euthanasia.

Every year, over 100 million animals are used as subjects of scientific and medical research, safety testing and for educational purposes. As recently as 2015, more than 19,000 cats and 61,000 dogs were used in research, teaching and testing, according to data obtained from the U.S. Department of Agriculture. In Hawaii, 87 cats and 188 dogs were reportedly used for these purposes by the University of Hawaii at Manoa in 2015, the most recent year for which this data is available. While this is not a large number, it suggests that the number of animals healthy and suitable for adoption may be small, and well within the means of local animal shelters or rescue groups to find them homes. The Hawaiian Humane Society has already indicated that they fully support this bill and would be willing to work with the university in finding good homes for dogs and cats as they become available.

Of course, if the dogs and cats are privately-owned animals who are being used by the university for veterinary treatment, this provision would not apply to them. The USDA records fail to provide information regarding how or for what purpose any animals are being used by licensed research facilities, or if the animals are owned by the university or by private individuals.

Most dogs used in research today are bred either in laboratories, by private companies, or come from owner giveaways. After the research protocol has been completed, the animal subjects may be needlessly euthanized even when they are still healthy and suitable for adoption. This bill would require an institution of higher education that receives public money (including those with a tax exempt status), a facility that provides research in collaboration with an institution of higher education, or a facility that conducts experiments on cats or dogs for science, testing, education or research purposes to evaluate their dogs and cats for health and suitability, and to then offer them for adoption.

The University of Hawaii system has an existing animal adoption policy, Policy 2.0, through the Office of Research Compliance. This policy states that: "Euthanasia is the primary means for the disposition of animals at the end of a study; however, in some special cases animals may be put up for adoption." This bill would change that presumption. Instead, the animal adoption policy should read that: "Adoption is the primary means of disposition of animals at the end of a study, unless the animal's health is compromised or the animals is otherwise unsuited for adoption in the view of the professional research

facility staff.” The Hawaiian Humane Society is already a designated vehicle, under this policy, for the adoption of these animals and has, as noted above, expressed a willingness to continue to do so.

Precedent for this kind of legislative remedy is growing. In 2014, Minnesota passed a law that requires publicly-funded institutions of higher learning to adopt out their dogs and cats used for research and education instead of routinely euthanizing them when they are no longer needed. Since the Minnesota bill was passed, four other states—California, Connecticut, Nevada and New York—have adopted similar legislation. Several more states have introduced similar bills in 2017.

A 2015 Gallup poll showed that 67% of Americans were “very” or “somewhat” concerned about animals used for research. The public largely agrees that animals no longer needed for research should be offered for adoption.

While the number of dogs and cats used by the University of Hawaii at Manoa is relatively small, it is a matter of “life or death” for each of those animals that have a chance to live in a home as a cherished companion after spending months or years in a research facility. This bill would ensure that all dogs and cats at the University of Hawaii, or at any other facility throughout Hawaii in the future, will have a chance to be considered for adoption—not as an exception, but as part of the normal process in using these animals.

Thank you.



Marcia Kramer
Director of Legal & Legislative Programs

Annual Report of Animal Usage by FY from U.S. Department of Agriculture APHIS website*

Animals Used by Hawaii Research Facilities in 2015

CATEGORY	CATS	DOGS
B-held, not used	0	0
C-no pain, no drugs	27	82
D-pain, with drugs	60	106
E-pain, no drugs	0	0
TOTAL	87	188

http://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal_welfare/downloads/7023/Animals%20Used%20In%20Research%202012.pdf

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Submitted on: 1/31/2017

Testimony for AEN on Feb 1, 2017 13:15PM in Conference Room 224

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Inga Gibson	West Hawaii Humane Society	Support	No

Comments: AMENDED TESTIMONY Support for SB593 Dear Chair Gabbard and AEN Committee Members, The West Hawaii Humane Society fully supports SB593. It has come to our attention that 87 cats and 188 dogs were involved in some form of research in Hawaii (per USDA APHIS 2015 report below). We are concerned about the necessity of using live animals when many non-live animal alternatives exist, however, we fully support that those animals be made available for adoption following any such research and that any veterinary or other costs involved in adopting the animals be the responsibility of the research facility. See Hawaii Charts for Columns C and D: https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/animalwelfare/SA_Obtain_Research_Facility_Annual_Report Thank you for your consideration. Inga Gibson West Hawaii Humane Society 808.922.9910

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improving the quality of lives of pets and their people.

Testimony by Alicia Maluafiti, PDP Board President
In support of SB 593 Relating to Animals

Senate Committee on Agriculture and Environment
Wednesday, Feb. 1, 1:15 pm, Rm. 224

Aloha Chair Gabbard and Members of the Committee,

Poi Dogs & Popoki (PDP) is a nonprofit animal welfare organization with a mission to help people and their pets. We are in support of SB 593 but offer some comments to shed light on the state of euthanasia in Hawaii. This is the saddest testimony that I have ever had to write.

While we appreciate the spirit and intent of SB 593 to save the lives of cats and dogs used as test subjects in research facilities, the reality check is that on the island of Oahu (and similarly on other islands), we euthanize 7 out of 10 animals. While feral cats are the statistical lead, Hawaiian Humane Society (animal control) reports that they euthanize animals that are:

- Fearful, aggressive towards humans or other animals, unsocialized, inappropriate elimination
- Ringworm, scabies, lice, and other skin diseases like mange, upper respiratory infection, injury, chronic health issues, dental issues, and other diseases
- Unweaned or under 6 weeks of age (kittens) or 4 weeks of age (puppies)

Of the approx. 9,500 cats taken in by HHS, 7,600 were euthanized. Of the 4,400 dogs taken in, 900 were euthanized. And according to the animal control contract report to the City & County of Honolulu, HHS reports that ZERO “adoptable” animals were euthanized.

These statistics are ONLY for animal control. They do not include the surrenders by owners. To put that into perspective, in the 2015 FY, HHS took in 16,100 animals as part of their contract with the City. But their Annual Report for that period indicates over 22,000 animals arriving and the same “methodology” for identifying animals to be euthanized still applies.

Saving lives requires more than just a mandate to a research facility to adopt those animals and give them a chance at a happy and healthy life. How many animals are there? Who deems them adoptable? How have they been socialized? What health challenges do they face after being poked and prodded and tested on? And for how many years have they lived lives inside a 2’x3’ kennel with no interaction with people or other animals?

If we can’t even save the 11,000+ animals that are euthanized by HHS on the island of Oahu for what most of the rescue community considers “treatable” conditions (both behavioral and medical), how do we expect to save the lives of these poor animals being used in research facilities?

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

Comments: ARH strongly supports this important legislation

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
keomailani von gogh	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha, although I do not support any research done on animals, I do support this bill. I would also add that the State or whomever is doing such research on these animals should appropriate monies to these non-profit organizations to help take care of these animals until they are adopted. mahalo

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Pollyanna Fisher-Pool	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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

Comments: I submit this testimony in support of proposed legislation in SB593 which requires research facilities to make available for adoption healthy cats and dogs that are no longer needed for research, and further authorizes research facilities to contract with local animal rescue organizations to facilitate the adoption of the cats and dogs.

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ellen jackson	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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28 January 2017

To: Hawaii State Legislature

Subj: Testimony in **support** of SB593 – RELATING TO ANIMALS

Members of the Hawaii Legislature:

I submit this testimony in **support** of proposed legislation in SB593 which requires research facilities to make available for adoption healthy cats and dogs that are no longer needed for research, and further authorizes research facilities to contract with local animal rescue organizations to facilitate the adoption of the cats and dogs.

I can make no stronger statement than merely repeating the words of Mohandas “Mahatma” (Great Soul) Gandhi who reminds us:

“To my mind,” he said, “I hold that the more helpless a creature, the more entitled it is to protection by man from the cruelty of man.”

In his total commitment to nonviolence, Gandhi always included the animals, stating, “The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated.”

Those cats and dogs that have been subject to research, in particular, are deserving of some shred of decency for what time may be remaining for them. In the spirit of Aloha please support this bill to save as many of these animals from euthanasia or worse and allow our rescue organizations the opportunity to find loving homes for the rest of their days.

Aloha and Mahalo,

Ralph Bishop

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Javier Mendez-Alvarez	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lee Cuccia	Individual	Support	No

Comments: While this doesn't ban animal testing (which needs to be done!), it is a step in the right direction. Mahalo.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Shelly Esmeralda	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I don't support using animals for research; better scientific models are available rather than torturing sentient beings that have no voice. Cats should be offered the chance for homes and neuter programs should be supported to humanely reduce the population. If you were serious to save animals, you would ban any importation of animals (cats, dogs, birds) to the islands and make it mandatory to neuter all animals; thereby making it necessary for society to adopt animals that are not wanted. This is a humane and environmentally friendly re-use model. Mahalo.

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From: [Courtney](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: SB 593 bill
Date: Monday, January 30, 2017 8:33:58 AM

My name is Courtney Yanovitch and I live at 91-1209 Kaikohola Street, Ewa Beach HI. 96706. I am contacting you to express my support for SB 593, an act that will require research laboratories to allow those dogs and cats that survive experiments to finally get a chance at a home life. It will cost the state nothing, will not impact the research, and most importantly will save lives.

I know as a tax-payer I subsidize these experiments at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. According to the USDA they use about 188 dogs and 90 cats a year. This bill will not flood the shelters and homes can be found for these survivors.

Thank you for your attention and I will look forward to following this bill and how you vote.

Mahalo,

Courtney Yanovitch

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Michael](#)
To: [AEN Testimony](#)
Subject: SB 593 Bill
Date: Monday, January 30, 2017 9:20:37 AM

My name is Michael Yanovitch and I live at [91-1209 Kaikohola Street, Ewa Beach HI. 96706](#). I am contacting you to express my support for SB 593, an act that will require research laboratories to allow those dogs and cats that survive experiments to finally get a chance at a home life. It will cost the state nothing, will not impact the research, and most importantly will save lives. I know as a tax-payer I subsidize these experiments at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. According to the USDA they use about 188 dogs and 90 cats a year. This bill will not flood the shelters and homes can be found for these survivors. Thank you for your attention and I will look forward to following this bill and how you vote.

Mahalo, Michael Yanovitch

Sent from my iPhone

From: [espero1 - Carolyn](#)
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Subject: FW: SB 593
Date: Tuesday, January 31, 2017 11:21:15 AM

From: Dana Marie [<mailto:dmj1980@gmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, January 30, 2017 10:16 PM
To: Sen. Will Espero <senespero@capitol.hawaii.gov>
Subject: SB 593

My name is Dana Jenkins and I live in Kapolei. I am contacting you to express my support for SB 593, an act that will require research laboratories to allow those dogs and cats that survive experiments to finally get a chance at a home life. It will cost the state nothing, will not impact the research, and most importantly will save lives.

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Sincerely,
Dana Jenkins

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Subject: FW: SB 593

From: Lisa Richard [<mailto:Lisac1071@hotmail.com>]
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Subject: SB 593

My name is Lisa Richard and I live in 96818. I am contacting you to express my support for SB 593, an act that will require research laboratories to allow those dogs and cats that survive experiments to finally get a chance at a home life. It will cost the state nothing, will not impact the research, and most importantly will save lives.

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Subject: FW: SB 593 - Hawaiian Beagle Freedom Bill

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Subject: SB 593 - Hawaiian Beagle Freedom Bill

Aloha,

My name is Ingrid Deoliveira and I live at 434 Kunehi St, Kapolei. I am contacting you to express my support for SB 593, an act that will require research laboratories to allow those dogs and cats that survive experiments to finally get a chance at a home life. It will cost the state nothing, will not impact the research, and most importantly will save lives.

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Much Aloha,

Ingrid Deoliveira
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