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Before the House Committee on  
AGRICULTURE

Wednesday, March 22, 2017  
8:30 AM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 312

In consideration of  
SENATE BILL 700, SENATE DRAFT 1, PROPOSED HOUSE DRAFT 1  
RELATING TO ANIMAL CRUELTY

Senate Bill 700, Senate Draft 1, Proposed House Draft 1 proposes to amend Chapter 711, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), so that the offense of cruelty to animals in the first degree includes indigenous birds and cruelty to animals in the second degree includes restraints to dogs that deprive them of necessary food or sustenance. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) offers the following comments with regards to SECTION'S 2 and 3 of this measure as it relates to indigenous birds.**

The Department notes that the definition of indigenous bird as proposed under this bill covers all indigenous birds in Hawaii including those that are threatened and endangered. The Department agrees with this definition as it is consistent with the Department's definition of indigenous birds.

The Department also notes that the offense of cruelty to indigenous birds under Section 711-1108.5(1)(c), HRS, is considered an offense if two or more indigenous birds are affected. **The Department feels that the protections under this Statute should be provided if even one indigenous bird is tortured, mutilated, or poisoned, and should not be limited to a threshold of two birds.**

The Department suggests Section 711-1108.5(1)(c), HRS, be amended (bracketed, stricken, and highlighted) on page 4, lines 8-9, to read as follows:

(c) Tortures, mutilates, or poisons, or assists another in causing the torture, mutilation, or poisoning of [two or more] indigenous birds.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.



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

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**ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURE:**

S.B. NO. 700, S.D. 1, PROPOSED H.D. 1, RELATING TO ANIMAL CRUELTY.

**BEFORE THE:**

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

**DATE:** Wednesday, March 22, 2017                      **TIME:** 8:30 a.m.

**LOCATION:** State Capitol, Room 312

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

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Chair Creagan and Members of the Committee:

The Department of the Attorney General appreciates the intent of this bill while noting some concerns. The concerns identified below pertain only to the S.D. 1 portion of the bill that seeks to include “indigenous birds” within the animals covered by the felony offense of Cruelty to Animals in the First Degree, section 711-1108.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS).

The preamble to this bill notes discordance with the lack of protection afforded to indigenous birds as they may not fall within the protections of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (“Act”) or chapter 195D, HRS. In light of this, the bill proposes protection for these perceived unprotected birds.

However, neither the Act nor Chapter 195D create felony consequences for the destruction of endangered animals. Penalties for violations of these provisions range from petty misdemeanors to misdemeanors.

Wildlife, including indigenous birds, currently receive similar protections in chapter 183D, HRS, and section 13-124-3, Hawaii Administrative Rules, adopted by the Department of Land and Natural Resources. Any person convicted of killing such animals, under either system, shall be subject to misdemeanor penalties.

Moreover, indigenous birds currently fall within the purview of Cruelty to Animals in the Second Degree, section 711-1109 HRS. Penalty under this section constitutes a misdemeanor.

Hawaii case law prohibits law enforcement from charging individuals with a higher level offense when their conduct fairly amounts to a lesser offense. The above-referenced provisions each makes it difficult to establish that a prospective defendant's conduct constitutes a felony versus the misdemeanor.

Finally, one distinction between the misdemeanor offenses discussed herein and the proposed bill's felony offense is the italics mens rea, or state of mind required to establish guilt. The bill's intentional or knowing state of mind would require the prosecution to prove, beyond a reasonable doubt, that a defendant intentionally or knowingly killed an indigenous bird meaning, among other things, that a defendant intended to kill a bird that was indigenous, or that the defendant knew that the bird being killed was indigenous. This would be difficult to prove.



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**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE**  
**Twenty-Ninth State Legislature**  
**Regular Session of 2017**  
**State of Hawai`i**

March 22, 2017

**RE: S.B. 700, S.D. 1; RELATING TO ANIMAL CRUELTY.**

Chair Creagan, Vice-Chair DeCoite and members of the House Committee on Agriculture, the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu submits the following testimony in support of S.B. 700, S.D. 1.

The purpose of S.B. 700, S.D. 1 is to amend the offense of cruelty to animals in the first degree to include indigenous birds. The Department believes that indigenous birds would be an appropriate fit within our existing animal cruelty laws, which already provide felony penalties for torture, mutilation or poisoning of pet animals and equine animals.

Hawaii is fortunate to still have some indigenous birds that are not endangered, and we should not wait for them to become endangered before taking measures to protect them. To our knowledge, the only indigenous land animals in Hawaii are the hoary bat and monk seal, which receive heightened protection as endangered species, so it would not be necessary to consider any broader terms for this bill to protect Hawaii's indigenous land animals.

For the foregoing reasons, the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu supports the passage of S.B. 700, S.D. 1. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.



**THE HUMANE SOCIETY  
OF THE UNITED STATES**

**To:** Chair Creagan, House Agriculture Committee members

**In Support Of:** SB 700 Proposed HD 1

**Date:** March 22, 2017 8:30 a.m.

**Testimony By:** Keith Dane, Hawaii Policy Advisor, The Humane Society of the United States

My name is Keith Dane. I am the Hawaii Policy Advisor for The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS), and I appreciate the opportunity to submit this written testimony on behalf of our Hawaii members and supporters in support of SB 700 Proposed HD 1, to add indigenous birds to the felony cruelty code and limit the tethering of dogs, with a requested amendment.

Regarding the language updating the felony cruelty code, HSUS supports legislation to allow felony animal cruelty charges to be filed against individuals who torture, mutilate, or poison any animal, or assist another in causing these actions. In addition to the inclusion of indigenous birds as proposed in SB700, **we request that all animals, as defined by the cruelty statute, be afforded protection from felony-level animal cruelty.**

Under the current statute, it is a felony to intentionally or knowingly torture, mutilate or poison “pet” or “equine” animals but it is not unlawful to commit such heinous acts against other animals. All animals, regardless of whether they are our companions or free-roaming, should be protected from extreme acts of cruelty.

Abuse of animals has been consistently linked with other violent criminal behaviors. In fact, the FBI is now tracking crimes against animals alongside felony crimes like arson and murder because such acts are a strong early predictor of human violence. Studies have shown that up to 67 percent of violent offenders have committed acts of animal cruelty compared to nonviolent offenders. In one NJ study, 88 percent of families with physical child abuse also had histories of animal abuse and research shows that 43 percent of school shooters have histories of abusing animals.

Protecting animals from purposeful violence protects humans. This simple, commonsense update to our animal cruelty statute will protect all animals from intentional cruelty and make our communities safer.

In the event that the bill is not amended to include all animals, we request an amendment regarding the indigenous bird provision. Under the current version of the bill, it is an offense of the first degree to intentionally or knowingly torture, mutilate or poison, or assist another in causing the torture, mutilation or poisoning of ‘two or more indigenous birds.’ **We recommend inserting the words ‘any indigenous bird’ in place of ‘two or more indigenous birds’** because any such action to a single bird should be a felony, just as it is with regard to pet and equine animals. This minor change will make the provision consistent with the rest of the section and reflect the serious nature of such actions.

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

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

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

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

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

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

**The Humane Society of the United States requests a favorable report on SB 700 Proposed HD 1, with our requested amendment.**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Sylvia Dolena	Pele Lani Farm LLC	Support	No

Comments: Additions to previous testimony to include: ---the language to be amended to include torture, mutilation, or poisoning, or assisting another in causing the torture, mutilation, or poisoning of any indigenous bird as an offense (right now, the language would only make one of these actions an offense if it involves two or more indigenous birds).

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**Conservation Council  
for Hawai'i**

*Hawai'i's voice for wildlife*

*Kō Hawai'i leo no nā holoholona lōhiu*



Testimony Submitted to the House Committee on Agriculture  
By the Conservation Council for Hawai'i  
Hearing: Wednesday, March 22, 2017 8:30 am  
Room 312

Support for SB 700 SD 1 Relating to Animal Cruelty

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

Aloha. The Conservation Council for Hawai'i supports SB 700, which amends the offense of cruelty to animals in the first degree to include indigenous birds and cruelty to animals in the second degree to include restraints to dogs that deprive them of necessary food or sustenance.

We hope the proposed amendment will prevent future incidents such as the horrendous slaughter of moli (Laysan albatrosses) at the Ka'ena Point Natural Area Reserve in December 2015.

Please send a strong message that we will not tolerate animal cruelty directed at wildlife, and protect our moli and other indigenous birds. Please pass SB 700 SD 1. Mahalo nui loa for the opportunity to testify.

*Marjorie Ziegler*

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## Hawaiian Humane Society

People for animals. Animals for people.

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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 SB700: Relating to Animal Cruelty  
Wednesday, March 22, 2017, 8:30 a.m., Capitol conference room 312

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The Hawaiian Humane Society supports the passage of Senate Bill 700, which intends to protect indigenous birds from cruelty and would prohibit the use of specific tethering equipment and techniques that have been found to be injurious to dogs.

Cruelty is unacceptable when directed at any creature, human or animal. A significant body of research reveals overlap between people who abuse animals, of any kind, and those who abuse human beings.

While the Society does not distinguish between endemic, indigenous or introduced species in calling for the humane treatment of all animals, we appreciate the fact that SB700 means to fill a loophole that denies birds like the Laysan albatross the same legal protections afforded threatened or endangered birds. We prefer the bill's original language applying the charge to even a single bird that has been tortured, mutilated or poisoned.

The Society strongly supports most of the tethering provisions in SB700 SD1 HD1 proposed. However, while we support the intentions behind the language prohibiting 24-hour tethering we believe the measure will have negative unintended consequences as written.

Our field services team regularly educates owners about the danger that constant confinement and isolation poses to both dogs and the people around them. The difficulty in proving more than 24 consecutive hours of tethering may make the measure less effective than educational outreach. We would like to work with the Chair and committee members to craft an enforceable provision with the same goal in mind.

Please let me know if I can be of assistance.

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Bryan Kortis	Neighborhood Cats	Support	No

Comments: Please amend the language to include torture, mutilation, or poisoning, or assisting another in causing the torture, mutilation, or poisoning of any indigenous bird as an offense. Right now, the language would only make one of these actions an offense if it involves two or more indigenous birds.

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Kat Culina	Individual	Support	No

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Richard Camp	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am a resident of Hawai'i Island and an active voter. I feel strongly that the offense of cruelty to animals should absolutely extend to our unique native birds. Please pass this important measure, and ensure that offenders can be held accountable for such cruel and inexcusable actions.

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Jenny Prior	Individual	Support	No

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Kristen Teranishi	Individual	Support	No

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Kelly Kozar	Individual	Support	No

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Daniel Rubinoff	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am a resident of Oahu and an active voter. I feel strongly that the offense of cruelty to animals should absolutely extend to our unique native birds. How could it not?! Please pass this important measure, and ensure that offenders can be held accountable for such cruel and inexcusable actions.

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Lorraine Garnier	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am in support of SB700 "which the purpose of this Act is to provide further protections for indigenous birds by amending the offense of cruelty to animals in the first degree to include indigenous birds." Please amend the bill to include torture, mutilation, or poisoning, or assisting another in causing the torture, mutilation, or poisoning of any indigenous bird as an offense. WE must protect our indigenous birds to individuals uneducated in the destruction of nature and its animal and bird life. Thank you.

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Andrea Jani	Individual	Support	No

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Cynthia King	Individual	Support	No

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Mary Markl	Individual	Support	No

Comments: In regards to HR 136/HCR 208 resolution, please discontinue breeding and stop their captivity asap. These creatures are not objects and deserve the dignity of their natural environment, reintroduced there in the safest method. Thank you.

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Mary Markl	Individual	Support	No

Comments: SB700 Please amend cruelty to animals in the first degree to include indigenous birds and cruelty to animals in second degree to include restraints to dogs that deprive them of necessary food and water. Please amend the language to include anyone doing or assisting poisoning, torture or mutilations of any indigenous bird as each of their lives are sacred. I am in support of all of these protections.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Michael Richardson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: To: Hawaii State Senators From: Michael Richardson / 2241 Noah St. Honolulu Date: March 21, 2017 My name is Michael Richardson, a resident of Hawaii, parent of 4 young children, and active voter. I am writing in strong support of SB700. I strongly support the proposed requirement that the offense of cruelty to animals should absolutely extend to our unique native birds. Please pass this important measure, and ensure that offenders can be held accountable for such cruel and inexcusable actions. Sincerely, Michael Richardson, Hawaii Resident and Active Voter

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jessica Woo	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please amend the language to include torture, mutilation, or poisoning, or assisting another in causing the torture, mutilation, or poisoning of any indigenous bird as an offense. Hawaii is the extinction capital of the world and we need to hold people accountable for their role in any native animals death.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Javier Mendez-Alvarez	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Mary Menacho	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please Support SB700. This bill would add protection for our birds and prohibit inhumane dog chaining. It is up to us as human beings to protect our animals. Thank you for your time.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Barbara Hussey	Individual	Support	No

Comments: In my many years as a dog owner and am now the proud owner of two rescue dogs, both with hideous pasts and many irreparable injuries. I am a member of several animal rescue groups on the Big Island Of Hawaii and have seen first hand, dogs tethered and chained and the inhumane way these animals are treated. THEY HAVE NO VOICE to ask for help so Please, I am asking you to be THEIR VOICE and pass SB 700.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Suyin Phillips	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
sylvia cabral	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please remove animals who suffer cruelty and fine jail those who do it purposely.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Paul Krushelnycky	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support SB700. Our native animals, including birds, deserve at least as much protection from cruel acts as our pets and other domesticated animals, particularly if they do not fall under other federal or state protections. Please enact this bill, and hold violators accountable for cruel behavior to native birds.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
lynne matusow	Individual	Support	No

Comments: this is a very important bill. please pass. loopholes must be closed. and the recent adulthood of the person who killed/injured the albatross needs stricter sentence.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Margaret Koehler	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am a resident of Kauai and an active voter. I feel strongly that the offense of cruelty to animals should absolutely extend to our unique native birds. Please pass this important measure, and ensure that offenders can be held accountable for such cruel and inexcusable actions.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Melanie Hutchinson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am a resident of Oahu and an active voter. I feel strongly that the offense of cruelty to animals should absolutely extend to our unique native birds. Please pass this important measure, and ensure that offenders can be held accountable for such cruel and inexcusable actions.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
mary scalone	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am in support of making it an offense to tether an animal and leave them. It is painful to the animal and supports the owner being neglectful. Animals are often left without shelter from rain, wind or sun and without adequate food and water. If you take on ownership of an animal, you take on the responsibility to provide adequate care, tethering them for hours is not good care. These animals cannot advocate for themselves- please do the right thing and help them. Mahalo, Mary Scalone RN

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## AGRtestimony

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From: Rosemary Karlsson <rosemarykarlsson@gmail.com>  
Sent: Tuesday, March 21, 2017 6:58 AM  
To: AGRtestimony  
Subject: SB700 - support

I support Senate Bill 700 to add protections for birds, and prohibit inhumane dog chaining.

Rosemary Karlsson  
16-1885 Uilani Drive (and PO Box 492266)  
Keaau, HI 96749  
808-966-6589

## AGRtestimony

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From: JL <dr.janalevin@startmail.com>  
Sent: Tuesday, March 21, 2017 11:37 AM  
To: AGRtestimony  
Subject: SB700

I approve of SB700 as amended and would like to see it passed.

Sent from my iPad



## AGRtestimony

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From: Gabrielle C. <hairymonkeylegs@hotmail.com>  
Sent: Tuesday, March 21, 2017 1:23 PM  
To: AGRtestimony  
Subject: SB700 dogs chained

Hawaii is very "3rd world " when it comes to how animals- especially dogs. No life deserves chains. G. Connery

Sent from my iPhone

## AGRtestimony

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From: Shirley Miller <vince.miller6@me.com>  
Sent: Tuesday, March 21, 2017 7:27 AM  
To: AGRtestimony  
Subject: Sb 700

I think this would be s big step forward for animals in Hawaii

Sent from my iPhone

## AGRtestimony

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From: Estelle C <estelle.cruse@gmail.com>  
Sent: Tuesday, March 21, 2017 1:36 PM  
To: AGRtestimony  
Subject: Support senate bill 700 protect our birds and dogs!

Please do the right thing and protect our birds and dogs!!

☯ May all beings be peaceful. May all beings be happy. ☯

## AGRtestimony

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From: Mariano Delgado <marianoinny@hotmail.com>  
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2017 10:36 PM  
To: AGRtestimony  
Subject: I approve of SB700 as amended and would like to see it passed.

Aloha,  
I approve of SB700 as amended and would like to see it passed.  
Mariano Delgado  
Pahoa, HI

## AGRtestimony

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From: Ilene Harrington <ilenepch@yahoo.com>  
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2017 10:29 PM  
To: AGRtestimony  
Subject: Support the passage of SB700

It is time to come to terms with the cruelty imposed on our pet dogs through chaining and/or tethering. Often people say they believe tethering or chaining their dogs outside will protect their home. They couldn't be more wrong. Thieves love it when people have their dogs chained or crated outside. The thief then has full access to the home. If the dog were inside the house they would then be protecting the home.

People also say they would love to have a fence so they can let their dogs run free outside in a fenced area but they can't afford a fence. Fencing is free when pallets are used. Pallets are free all over the state. There are many videos on YouTube explaining how to make a fence with free pallets. Using the excuse of not being able to afford a fence is no longer valid when pallets are used.

The cruelty imposed on our pet dogs by chaining is inhumane. Chaining or crating a dog does nothing but create aggression, not protection. A protective dog is used to being around people and can tell when his family is being threatened. Dogs learn to be protective when they spend time with and are loved by their human family and are "part of the pack."

Chaining can also make dogs so aggressive they will attack anyone who happens by, such as curious keiki or delivery people. Unfortunately, dogs who suffer from continuous chaining and crating can maul people so badly they are disfigured for life, or may even die from the attack. No dog is born aggressive. Dogs become aggressive when they are abused and many abuse cases involve continuous chaining and crating.

When left outside chained dogs become a target to cruelty. They can be attacked by other animals or poisoned by people. They often live in their own feces and have little if any health care. They become anxious and depressed because they are social animals forced to live in a prison. Tethered outside dogs bark for attention making the neighbors angry.

I am asking that you please pass SB700. There is no Aloha in chaining or crating our dogs. Let's treat our dogs with kindness by ending the cruel practice of tethering.

Mahalo,

Ilene Harrington  
Kailua-Kona, HI

## AGRtestimony

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From: Laura H <laurahdez16@hotmail.com>  
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2017 10:16 PM  
To: AGRtestimony  
Subject: No more chaining dogs

**MAKE DOG CHAINING A FIRST DEGREE OFFENSE!** dog chaining is cruel it effects our Best Friends they are suffering if they live on a chain.  
Pleaseeee approve of SB700 as amended  
I would like to see it passed.

There are thousands of dogs in our state suffering. end the cruel practice of Chaining Dogs!!!

Laura Hernandez  
Po box 857  
Captain Cook, HI 96704

Cel phone: (808)333-2553

## AGRtestimony

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From: Sharon <sharona@hawaii.rr.com>  
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2017 9:13 PM  
To: AGRtestimony  
Cc: Rep. Scott Nishimoto  
Subject: SB700

Aloha,

Our neighbor's sweet dog (Panaewa) has been on his less than 5' chain perpetually since we moved to this area 4 years ago. The dog barks and his owners yell at him to shut up. That's it. That's this dog's life.

It's hard to see day in and day out.

We have to write to you in poor, abused Panaewa's defense, as there is nothing else we can do for this dog - and so many others like him.

But you can!!

Please be compassionate and humane, and pass SB700 - or do whatever it takes to stop this abuse.

Thank you.

Sharon and Matt Boswell  
Laupahoehoe, Hawaii

## AGRtestimony

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From: Amanie Canine <mollybbill@gmail.com>  
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2017 8:56 PM  
To: AGRtestimony  
Subject: Testimony SB700  
Attachments: Chaining\_OA.pdf; How many more children have to die before.rtf; TetheringHandout2016.pdf; comments.rtf

In support of Tethering resolutions our organization offers the following attachments as Testimony ~

I, Angie Ali, founder of Amanie K9 **was bit by a once chaine dog**. The poor dog was also fed gunpowder to make him a fighter. (yes chained-tethered dogs are rarely treated well and often portend serious problems such as domestic violence, drugs, dog-fighting or serious violence in society) . My hand has Not worked the same since. I also have a beloved retirement property in Volcano that is worth less due to the barking chained dogs next door, no-one living there, just pit bulls on chains having more pitbulls. We dont go up there anymore and its practically unsellable. This is Ok with Hihs and current law. The article below showing child victims explains exactly how these kids get mauled and includes the 17 month old that was mauled to death in Hawaii. We also lost an elderly lady in mounitian view mauled to death by dogs chained and let lose to kill in the evenings. This needs to change as Hawaii is Far Behind on Nationwide Animal Welfare Laws including Tethering and the result is impacting our entire lives in the community as we know it. 25 other states And counting have adopted tethering laws for the safety of their communities.

When asked if they feel the law has been a good thing, here is what some of the No chain county Animal Control Directors had to say ~ In direct opposition to our Hawaii HIHS lobbying against animal welfare laws -

<http://www.unchainyourdog.org/documents/Testimonials.pdf>

(north Carolina) Ms. Brown said the ordinance has been “absolutely good” for the dogs in the communit y. Dogs that are chained without human contact and love become problems for the community. (N. Carolina Wilmington)

Carthage Missouri - Ms. Artym said that some residents do not like the ordinance, but it has been good for the community. Since the ordinance was enacted, which was around 1993, there are less dogs at large in the community and less dog bites reported. She said chained dogs are much more aggressive. (Carthage, Missouri)

Ms. Destreza believes the ordinance has been a good thing in that it has helped with the pitbull fighting rings and with incidents of aggression. They felt the chaining led to aggression and a low quality of life for the dogs. Ms. Destreza states most of the chained dogs are pit bulls and they’ve had a problem with pit bull fighting in the area. She feels the ordinance has helped them additionally with this problem. (New orleans, Louisiana)

Do you feel the law has been a good thing? Lawton Oklahoma - Rose Wilson- Animal Control Director , stated ~ Yes. While some dogs are relinquished, if they can be rehabilitated and are friendly, they are placed up for adoption. Ms. Wilson says dogs that are not adopted and ultimately euthanized, are better off because they were out of control and dangerous to the community. Lawton has seen a decrease in the number of dogs dying from heat strokes and from strangulation on chains. Ms. Wilson states that chained dogs are bad for the community because they are much more likely to bark and also more likely to bite. The chaining causes them frustration and stress.  
(Lawton, Oklahoma)



HIHS is **NOT** an animal welfare organization - they are animal control and extermination organization whose lobbying is in violation of their 501c3 status. The conflict of interest comes from their 2 million dollar extermination contract with the county of Hawaii. whereby they are testifying against animal welfare laws.

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In 1997, the **USDA ruled** that people and organizations regulated by **Animal Welfare Act** cannot keep dogs continuously chained.

The **American Medical Veterinary Association (AVMA)** has also come out publicly against dog tethering. In a press release for Dog Bite Prevention Week, the AVMA stated, "Never tether or chain your dog because this can contribute to aggressive behavior."

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**So - what problems are associated with dog tethering ?**

**1-Chaining is inhumane and unsafe for dogs**

Dogs are, by nature, social beings who thrive on interaction with people and other animals. A dog kept chained in one spot for months or years suffers immense psychological damage. A continuously chained dog usually becomes neurotic, anxious, and aggressive.

In many cases, the necks of chained dogs become raw and infected from too-tight collars. Dog tethers can easily become entangled with other objects, choking or strangling the dogs. Chained dogs cannot escape threats such as floods, storms, or attacking animals.

**2-Chaining is a safety hazard for people**

Dogs naturally feel protective of their territory. When confronted with a perceived threat, they respond according to their fight-or-flight instinct. A chained dog, unable to take flight, often feels forced to fight. A study by the Centers for Disease Control found that chained dogs are 2.8 times more likely to bite. The dogs most likely to bite are male, unneutered and chained. Tragically, the victims of chained dog attacks are usually children. Dogs shouldn't be allowed to run loose either. Dogs should be socialized and kept inside the home or in fenced yards.

If the 24 hour clause is so objectionable to HIHS we are ok with removing it entirely to read - No tethering or chaining AT ALL unless supervised activity. That would certainly simplify things -  
This is how it appears in many other states -

**Here is an example from randolph county - fliers -**

**ATTENTION - CHAINING/TETHERING OF DOGS NOT ALLOWED IN RANDOLPH COUNTY**

The Randolph County Animal Control Ordinance has changed. Tethering or chaining of dogs is no longer allowed in Randolph County.

Residents have until January 1, 2017 to find another way of keeping dogs on their property.

Dog owners can:

- tether a dog for a reasonable period of time to allow for bathroom breaks
- tether a dog on a runner for a reasonable period of time that allows the dog to exercise

On January 1, 2017, residents who tether or chain their dogs will receive a warning citation. If the dog remains tethered, there will be a fine.

If you need help finding other options for keeping your dog on your property, please contact the animal shelter at 336-683-8235 or the following dog rescues:

- RC Humane Society

- Happy Hills Animal Foundation
- Flying Hounds Fences

We are looking forward to help implement the coming changes our community so desperately needs.

Angie Ali  
Amanie K9  
Puna, Hawaii  
(320) 200 8480

## AGRtestimony

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From: Avi Okin <aniko65@live.com>  
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2017 8:51 PM  
To: AGRtestimony  
Subject: SB700

I support any bill that reduces dog chaining(tethering). SB700 is one of those bills and I support it. There is too much cruelty to dogs in Hawai'i already and it must be ended.  
Mahalo.

Avi Okin  
Waimea, HI 96743  
Hawai'i Island

Sent from my iPad

## AGRtestimony

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From: A. E. Jamison <shebringsthesun@gmail.com>  
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2017 12:17 PM  
To: AGRtestimony  
Subject: Support SB700

Please support Senate Bill 700 to add protections for birds, and prohibit inhumane dog chaining. I believe that all animals deserve to be protected from harm.

Thank you,

Alexis

## AGRtestimony

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From: Stephanie Tatum-Ford <stephanie.propertybuyershawaii@gmail.com>  
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2017 11:32 AM  
To: AGRtestimony  
Subject: Dog tethering Bill SB700

### To Whom It May Concern:

I am appalled at the abuse of dogs here on the Big Island by chaining/tethering, etc. **THIS IS ABUSE**, I approve of SB700 as amended and would like to see it passed.  
Please do this for the sake of the poor animals who horribly abused by humans who don't care how they treat animals.  
Mahalo

Stephanie Tatum-Ford  
for Property Buyers Hawaii  
and William N. Jardine

## AGRtestimony

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From: JL <dr.janalevin@startmail.com>  
Sent: Tuesday, March 21, 2017 11:37 AM  
To: AGRtestimony  
Subject: SB700

I approve of SB700 as amended and would like to see it passed.

Sent from my iPad



TO: House Agriculture Committee  
March 22, 2017 830am  
FROM: Inga Gibson, West Hawaii Humane Society  
RE: STRONG SUPPORT SB700 Proposed HD1; Relating to Animals

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Dear Chair Creagan, Vice-Chair DeCoite and Agriculture Committee members,

The West Hawaii Humane Society fully supports SB700, proposed HD1, to add indigenous birds to the felony animal cruelty statute and to limit the tethering of dogs.

Many know that a number of our indigenous Albatross were brutally killed at Kaena point last year. Unfortunately, even give the malice and torture involved in these killings (legs cuts), the perpetrators only face misdemeanor charges. SB700 would raise the penalties for the intentional killing of these animals, as all animals deserve protection from such brutal and unnecessary treatment. Felony level penalties, which carry higher fines and possible jail time, would help to deter such future heinous acts. Given the potential to deter future crimes we recommend that this apply to any (1) bird, not 2 or more.

Regarding the addition of provisions to prevent inhumane dog tethering, extensive research demonstrates that tethered or chained dogs are 3 times more likely to bite and of those cases, 5 times more likely to bite children. Limiting the tethering of dogs to only those periods of time or activities where they are supervised by their owners, helps to improve both the dogs' welfare and community safety. Dogs are highly social species and need interaction and socialization to decrease the likelihood of aggression and other dangerous or nuisance behaviors.

The language in the proposed HD1 relating to dog tethering contains the same language as passed by the full House last session (HB1592 HD1). This language was determined by the Honolulu Police Department and contracted animal control agencies (county humane societies) to be the most fair and enforceable. While we encourage all pet owners to keep their dogs indoors, we appreciate that there may be limited periods of time when an owner, without a fence for example, may need to temporarily tether their dog. This is acceptable when the owner is on the property to ensure the dog does not get loose or become entangled.

Thank you for your consideration of this testimony.

Best, Inga Gibson

West Hawaii Humane Society  
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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Laura Myers	Individual	Support	No

Comments: It is heartbreaking to see animals abused, neglected, and mistreated. You have the power to improve the lives of countless animals who feel pain and fear and want nothing more than to be loved and cared for. Just as Hawaii has been proven to be a leader in solar initiatives and medical insurance, we can be known as progressive caretakers of creatures who cannot protect themselves. Thank you for your support of this bill.

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Stephanie McLaughlin	Individual	Support	No

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deborah bukala	Individual	Support	No

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Lois Crozer	Individual	Support	No

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From: Margaret Kearns <margaretekearns@gmail.com>  
Sent: Tuesday, March 21, 2017 4:44 PM  
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Subject: SB700

I support this amended legislation to prohibit dog chaining in Hawaii. This is animal cruelty, dogs are pack animals and need socialization with humans and other dogs. This imprisonment must stop.

Please do what you can to get this legislation passed.

Thank you,

Margaret Kearns

Kailua-Kona, Hawaii Island 96740

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From: Bryan Vasquez <rediheating@gmail.com>  
Sent: Tuesday, March 21, 2017 9:57 PM  
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I recently moved to Kailua-Kona and have been appalled by the amount of chained dogs I see. I hear them crying and/or barking day and night waiting for anyone to pay attention to them. Before I moved here I thought I was moving into an area that embraced love and kindness through the Aloha Spirit. I believed that to be true because on my many trips to Hawaii prior to moving here, myself and my wife and children was always treated kindly.

It seems there is a whole "behind the scenes" situation going on with cruelty to animals in our state. It is absolutely shameful. And without proper laws there is no way to enforce humane treatment of our pet animals. How are we going to raise our children to respect all living creatures if we are not models ourselves in that very humane treatment?

Dogs are social animals and thrive on interaction with their pack. Their pack is their human family. To keep them isolated and alone on a chain or in a crate is prison for them and it's completely against their nature. I implore you to pass SB700 as a first step in the process of improving conditions for our pet dogs and hopefully in the future there will be additional bills that will further protect all of God's creatures.

Mahalo,

Bryan Vasquez

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From: Melanie Thomas <melanieann72@yahoo.com>  
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Subject: Testimony

Please pass SB700. A while back there was an AKC story with objections to other tethering bill's wording, that story was removed from the government relations website and it is no longer applicable nor does it apply to SB700.

Yes it would be preferable to have wording in the bill describing the length of the tether as being proportionate to the size of the dog, however I approve of the wording in SB700 because it is important to have some way to determine if a dog is tethered on a chain that is too short and the 10 feet SB700 is recommending works for now.

Additionally it is important that SB700 has included provisions for supervised tethering such as when a dog is engaged in supervised activity like grooming.

In conclusion I support this bill as it has been amended.

Melanie Thomas  
Waikoloa, Hawaii

Mahalo

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Brenda Nelson <brendanelson@hawaii.rr.com>  
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Stop chaining animals. It's dog abuse.

Brenda Nelson  
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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Cathy Goeggel	Animal Rights Hawai'i	Comments Only	Yes

Comments: Committee on Agriculture Rep. Richard Creagen, Chair Rep. Lynn DeCoite, Vice Chair and Members of the Committee Wednesday, March 22, 2017 8:30 am, Conference Room 312 Hawai'i State Capitol in re SB 700 SD1 Proposed HD1  
Comments: Support with amendments ARH supports this bill, with the suggested amendment that the number of indigenous birds affected should be one, rather than two. The recent slap on the wrist issued by the State for the egregious slaughter of Albatrosses by Punahou students in 2015 is proof that the state does not take protection of animals seriously- We also remind the Committee that ALL birds are sentient beings and deserve protection. We also suggest that tethering dogs should be abolished completely. Dogs are social animals who need to be considered as family, not just "watch dogs." Sadly, we have observed too many dogs on O'ahu who spend their lives tied to tires, concrete blocks and suffer from loneliness and rain and heat. It is time for Hawai'i to improve the lives of these companion animals. Mahalo Cathy Goeggel  
President

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Wayne Niide	Individual	Support	No

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Tulsi Greenlee	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support this bill. Thank you Tulsi

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Victoria Anderson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please amend Section 3.1.c to say, "Tortures, mutilates, or poisons, or assists another in or causes the torture, mutilation, or poisoning of any indigenous bird."

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Chairman Sen. Mike Gabbard  
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**SB700 – SUPPORT**

The Windward Dog Pak Hui is in support of SB700, which intends to protect indigenous birds not covered under the federal Endangered Species Act or Ch. 195D of the Hawaii Revised Statutes. By adding them to the law prohibiting cruelty to animals in the first degree, SB700 strengthens cruelty protections for indigenous birds. It also prohibits the use of specific tethering equipment and techniques that have been found to be injurious to dogs.

Please pass this measure.

Windward Dog Park Hui, President  
Janine Tully  
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Frances Pueo	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Support but request amends the offense of cruelty to animals in the first degree to include indigenous birds and cruelty to animals in the second degree to include restraints to dogs, horses, cattle, any and all animals that deprive them of necessary food or sustenance. In support, but suggest language to be amended to include torture, mutilation, or poisoning, or assisting another in causing the torture, mutilation, or poisoning of any indigenous bird as an offense (right now, the language would only make one of these actions an offense if it involves two or more indigenous birds).

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sue clark	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support SB700! And also ask that this Bill be amended so it includes torture, mutilation, poisoning, or even helping someone to commit these cruel and criminal acts on ANY indigenous bird. Too much cruelty is going on and there is so much suffering, it needs to stop. Laws need to be a voice for the voiceless. Laws need to be enforced and people need to be held accountable for their cruel actions. Thank you, Sue Clark

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Kim Murphy	Individual	Support	No

Comments: The language should be amended to include torture, mutilation, poisoning or assisting another in causing the torture, mutilation or poisoning of any indigenous bird as an offense.

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