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Subject: *Submitted testimony for HB151 on Feb 3, 2017 08:30AM*

HB151

Submitted on: 2/1/2017

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

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

Comments:

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Subject: Submitted testimony for HB1516 on Feb 3, 2017 08:30AM

HB1516

Submitted on: 1/31/2017

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

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

Comments: I support HB 1516.

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HB151

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sandie Wong	Individual	Support	No

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Cc: GerritOsborne@gmail.com
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HB1516

Submitted on: 2/1/2017

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Gerrit B Osborne	Individual	Support	No

Comments: This is a common-sense bill which will provide care for animals whose owners have criminal animal abuse charges pending or filed against them. It is perhaps more important than those charges themselves as, without the care it will provide, many of those animals will suffer and die.

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Rep. Richard P. Creagan, Chair
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and Members
House Committee on Agriculture

Testimony in support of the intent of HB151 Relating to Offenses Involving the Confinement and Restraint of Dogs

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

The Hawaiian Humane Society supports the intent of House Bill 151, which expands section 711 of Hawaii Revised Statutes to include detailed language on unlawful confinement or restraint of a dog.

We agree with the sponsors of HB151 that dogs are happiest when they are treated as close members of their human families and that life on a chain can make a dog anxious and aggressive. And we applaud the committee for hearing all three tethering bills introduced in the House this session.

But while all intend to enhance the quality of life for dogs, we prefer the language in HB55 to that in HB151. Some of the provisions of HB151 are vague or subjective. In contrast the language in HB55 is well-vetted and specific.

We ask you to pass HB151 and give us the opportunity to work with others on amendments. The Society believes a tethering bill can be crafted that protects dogs, is enforceable and can gain broad support.

Please let me know if I can be of assistance.

Aloha,

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

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To: AGRtestimony
Cc: piggiesnwailea@gmail.com
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HB151

Submitted on: 2/2/2017

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Deborah Shannon-Ryken	Individual	Support	No

Comments: "I support HB151 and HB55"

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HB151

Submitted on: 2/2/2017

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

Comments: This is not how a society in 2017 treats its animals. If you can't care for an animal, don't have one.

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Submitted by: Donna Whitaker, Executive Director

Hawaii Island Humane Society

Date: February 2, 2017

Rep. Richard P. Creagan, Chair

Rep. Lynn DeCoite, Vice Chair

and Members - House Committee on Agriculture

Testimony in support of the intent of HB151 Relating to Offenses Involving the Confinement and Restraint of Dogs

The Hawaii Island Humane Society joins with other Animal Welfare Agencies in the State of Hawaii in support of the intent of House Bill 151, which expands section 711 of Hawaii Revised Statutes to include detailed language on unlawful confinement or restraint of a dog.

We agree with the sponsors of HB151 that dogs are happiest when they are treated as close members of their human families and that life on a chain can make a dog anxious and aggressive. And we applaud the committee for hearing all three tethering bills introduced in the House this session. But while all intend to enhance the quality of life for dogs, we prefer the language in HB55 to that in HB151. Some of the provisions of HB151 are vague or subjective. In contrast the language in HB55 is well-vetted and specific.

We ask you to pass HB151 and give us the opportunity to work with others on amendments. The Society believes a tethering bill can be crafted that protects dogs, is enforceable and can gain broad support.

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

Donna Whitaker

Executive Director

Hawaii Island Humane Society

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To: AGRtestimony
Cc: kamij9@gmail.com
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HB151

Submitted on: 2/2/2017

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

Comments: Please consider supporting this bill. Animal cruelty and violence are directly linked. It is beyond time to provide measures for those who cannot help themselves. We should be ahead of curve and rule with compassion.

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HB151

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

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

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Don Waguespack	Individual	Support	No

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HB151

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

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HB151

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Karen Duncan	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please help these poor dogs! I live in Laupahoehoe on the Big Island next door to two houses that tether their dogs. No one ever plays with them or walks them! They are so skinny and so sad. It breaks my heart. It is cruel and heartless. When they bark, they get screamed at or worse. One man told me he trained his dogs not to bark by using a cattle prod. Others have shocker collars on. Treating dogs this way is not the aloha culture Hawaii represents.

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HB151

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

Comments: I Support HB 151and HB55

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HB151

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

Comments: I support HB151 and HB55

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

Comments: As a life long dog owner I am pleading with the law system to no longer allow the teathering of dogs . All animals are sentient and fully aware of many of the same things humans are. All animals can become depressed and the selfish , uneducated justifications people come up with for the teathering of these poor dogs all over the island should without a doubt be illegal and acted upon at once . Thank you very much for taking the time to read this .

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HB151

Submitted on: 2/1/2017

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

Comments: Please be the moral and compassionate voice for dogs and make it an illegal practice to tether them. Dog ownership comes with many responsibilities. One is care of the animal. That care must extend beyond feeding and watering. Dogs are social animals and their care must reflect this. They need exercise, protection from the weather and social interaction. Tethering is not a humane practice and not in the best interest of the dog. It is a life of misery. Please end it.

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HB151

Submitted on: 2/1/2017

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

Comments: It is with much aloha that I ask that this bill be passed. Chaining and tethering of dogs is inhumane and excessively cruel. I have two rescue dogs whose beginning were horrendous. Now they are with us in a loving home and are no longer subject to cruelty. I am sincerely asking to pass HB 151. WE are their voice because dogs cannot speak for themselves. Now we ask YOU to do the same. Mahalo nui loa.

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HB151

Submitted on: 2/2/2017

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

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

I u support passing both HB 55 and HB 151.

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

AGRtestimony

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

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

AGRtestimony

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

To whom it may concern:

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

Mahalo,
Lianne Thompson

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Testimony in support of HB1516 Relating to Animal Forfeiture

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

The Hawaiian Humane Society strongly supports the passage of HB 1516, which would allow for a society for the protection of animals to petition for full custody of animals that have been rescued prior to the filing or final disposition of criminal charges against the owner of the animals.

The following is a current example of why we are in strong support of this measure. The Hawaiian Humane Society rescued more than 300 dogs from a Waianae property as part of an animal cruelty case. To date it has cost more than \$460,000 to provide the needed care to the dogs AND we are not yet able to adopt them into a permanent home because the owner of the dogs has not yet been criminally charged. These dogs, which have already suffered greatly deserve to be placed in permanent homes as soon as possible. Passage of HB 1516 will allow for the potential of forfeiture to occur prior to criminal charges being filed so that situations like the one happening right now can be avoided in the future.

This measure would allow for the animals to be placed in new homes at the beginning of the case, thereby eliminating exorbitant costs of maintaining the animals in limbo while keeping the integrity of the criminal prosecution intact. We strongly feel that the wellbeing of the animals should be the priority when pending criminal charges.

Thank you for the opportunity to present to the committee and we respectfully ask for you to pass HB 1516.

Respectfully submitted,

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

AGRtestimony

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

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

Sincerely,

Siobhan Radway

Sent from my iPhone

AGRtestimony

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

I Veronique Leferink support both HB 55 and HB 151.

Aloha,
Veronique

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AGRtestimony

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

Aloha,

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

Sincerely,

Andrea J. Minor
Papaikou, HI

AGRtestimony

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

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

Respectfully,

Angela Berry
Holualoa Resident, Hawaii Island

AGRtestimony

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

Aloha,

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

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

Aloha,

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

AGRtestimony

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

Aloha, Hawaii Lawmakers,

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

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

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

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

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

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

Respectfully,

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

AGRtestimony

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

Greetings.

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

Thank you,

Keoki Cortez
Capt. Cook, HI 96704

AGRtestimony

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

I support passing both HB 55 and HB 151.

Linda Willaby
12-280 Mapuana Ave
Pahoa, HI 96778

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

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

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

AGRtestimony

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

Dear Sir or Madam,

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

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

Mahalo,
Pamela Small
Kamuela, Hawaii

AGRtestimony

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

Aloha Legislators,

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

Mahalo,

Rob Guzman

Pahoa, Hawaii Island.

AGRtestimony

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

I support both bills...HB 55 and HB151

AGRtestimony

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

Aloha,

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

Mahalo,

Dale Harrington

78-7024 Mololani St.

Kailua Kona 96740

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AGRtestimony

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

Aloha,

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

Mahalo,

Ilene Harrington
78-7024 Mololani St.
Kailua Kona 96740

AGRtestimony

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

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

Mahalo.

AGRtestimony

From: Pamela Davis <liberate@hawaii.rr.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 2, 2017 2:34 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: Testimony in SUPPORT of HB151

This electronic mail is submitted in SUPPORT of HB 151, relating to unlawful confinement/restraint of dogs.

The Bill is to be heard Friday Feb. 3 at 8:30 am by AGR/JUD

I support this bill because it provides standards which are sorely needed to prevent cruel confinement.

Sincerely,

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AGRtestimony

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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From: colin luck <colin.luck@att.net>
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Subject: HB 55 and HB 151



I support HB 55 and HB 151

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

Colin Luck colin.luck@att.net

AGRtestimony

From: magda_khordoc@att.net
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Subject: HB 55 and HB 151



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

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AGRtestimony

From: rick-strojny@use.startmail.com
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Subject: HB55 and HB151



Aloha Committee Members,

I strongly support the passage of HB55 and HB151.

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

Thank you,

Rick

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AGRtestimony

From: Dr. Jana Levin DVM DAVDC <drjanalevin@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 2, 2017 4:42 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: HB 55 and HB 151

I support HB 55 and HB 151.

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
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HB151

Submitted on: 2/3/2017

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
De MONT R. D. CONNER	Ho'omana Pono, LLC.	Oppose	Yes

Comments: We STRONGLY OPPOSE this bill. Where does all this attack on pet owners end? How much more attacks on a persons pursuit of Life, Liberty & Happiness will our society tolerate before we revolt! Pet ownership is not easy. We have 8 dogs, all of whom are placed strategically around our home for our protection. 4 are kennelled & 4 are on running chains. Though my dogs are amid of pitbull/Shar pei/Doby they are quite docile, yet protective. Now you are attempting to criminalize the way I house my dogs? I don't have a fence all around my yard, to fence in my yard would be cost prohibitive at this time. I do have plans to fence in my yard so my babies can run. Until then, I keep them safety confined to their respective areas. With our problems with over crowding in our prisons & jails, we don't need to continue this path of criminalizing every aspect of our lives. Please defer this bill.

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Comments for HB 1298, HB 151, & HB 55

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

The Pacific Pet Alliance is a Hawai'i non-profit organization that promotes responsible pet ownership through education and advocacy.

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

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

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

Thank you for this opportunity to testify before you.

Lynn Muramaru
Board Member
Pacific Pet Alliance



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HB151

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Avi Okin	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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HB151

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

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

Comments: I am adding my voice to the many who are speaking on behalf of all the dogs who have no voice and remain in such abusive circumstances. No dog should be treated with such neglect as to be tethered outside at all times. Please pass this bill HB151 and begin the humane treatment of all dogs in Hawaii.

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HB151

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Caroline Johnson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support HB151

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HB151

Submitted on: 2/2/2017

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kathleen O'Reilly	Individual	Support	No

Comments: As a letter carrier on the Big Island I would see dogs tethered all the time on my route. Some of these dogs were tethered on 4ft chains with no room to move, lying in their feces and urine with little to no contact. I would report this abuse weekly to the Humane Society, but most times the abuse continued because the Humane Society did not have the laws to back them up. It was disheartening and depressing to see these animals treated like throw away garbage. Owners should have fences built around their property or their dogs on at least a 10ft tether so the poor animal can get some exercise and have a spot where they can urinate and defecate. It is very depressing and sad to look at these poor animals and not be able to help them. The state needs to pass this law to help these animals and to educate dog owners .

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AGRtestimony

From: Cathy West Dale <cathywestdale1970@gmail.com>
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To: AGRtestimony
Subject: Support for HB55/HB151



Support for HB55/HB151

AGRtestimony

From: Leslie <lesliekaycrawford@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 2, 2017 7:37 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: Support of HB 55 and HB151



Dear committee members,

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

Mahalo,

Leslie Crawford

Sent from my iPhone

AGRtestimony

From: Linda Costa-bryan <sicilianbella53@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 2, 2017 9:23 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: HB 56 and HB 151



To All Concerned;

I am not a veterinarian, do not own an animal boarding facility, am not an animal psychologist but I do know that animals have feelings and respond to loving and care. If a person is willing to take on the responsibility of owning an animal then they need to have the animal's best interest at heart. Tethering an animal, alone, for long periods of time is not in an animal's best interest. This can be likened to animals at a zoo who do not have enough room to exercise and not enough activity to stimulate their brain. This leads to actions and behaviors that are not normal for anyone or anything. Destructive behavior, repetitive behavior, anger, anxiety and aggression can be results of tethering or confinement.

I fully support the bills coming before your committee. It is not perfect but it is a start. If we consent to take an animal into our lives and our home then we should be held responsible for how they are treated. If you can not be a responsible pet owner then you don't deserve to have one in your life. How would you want to be treated?

Thank you for your time;

Linda Costa-Bryan

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



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

Aloha,
Michelle Escobar
Hilo, HI

AGRtestimony

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



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

•Nani Dart & Ohana•

AGRtestimony

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



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

AGRtestimony

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I support HB 55 and HB 151.

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From: Leslie Heard <laheard1003@aol.com>
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To: AGRtestimony
Subject: Tethering



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

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

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

Sent from my iPhone

Aloha and Have a Great Day!
Leslie Heard