



THE HUMANE SOCIETY
OF THE UNITED STATES

To: Honorable Chair Creagan, House Agriculture Committee members
In Support Of: HB2072, with amendments
Date: February 13, 2018 8:30 a.m.
Testimony By: Keith Dane, Hawaii Policy Advisor, The Humane Society of the United States

On behalf of Hawaii members and supporters of The Humane Society of the United States, I appreciate the opportunity to submit this written testimony in support of HB2072, to limit the tethering of dogs, with amendments.

HB2072 creates reasonable standards for chaining dogs who live outdoors, addressing a critical issue with impacts on both animal welfare and human health and safety. The legislation offers common sense protections for Hawaii's dogs: a) requires that dogs who are kept outdoors be provided proper and humane restraints, with collars and tethers that won't cause pain and suffering, b) provides basic standards for the type of chain used to prevent tangling and c) requires that dogs who are tethered or chained have constant access to necessary sustenance.

While our hope is that every dog would share a home with his or her human family, we recognize that is not always the case, so it is important that dogs who live outdoors be protected. Specifically, we support laws that provide minimum standards of care for dogs who live their entire lives at the end of a chain.

Constant, improper chaining puts a dog's health and safety at risk. In many cases, the necks of chained dogs become rubbed raw and covered with sores, the result of poorly fitted collars and the dogs' yanking and straining to escape confinement. Additionally, it is shockingly common for law enforcement officers to find dogs with embedded collars, a horrible situation where the collar grows into the skin, which typically requires surgery. Tethers can pose a serious risk to a dog's overall health. In a statement issued by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, experts explain, "a tether can become tangled around or hooked on the dog's shelter structure or other objects, further restricting the dog's movement and potentially causing injury."

The vagueness of our current law makes it difficult for law enforcement officers who want to take action before a dog has suffered an injury or death. HB 2072 will create clear guidelines for the owner and the officer. The intention of this bill is not simply to punish violators, but to create clear and reasonable expectations for the humane treatment of tethered dogs, and to allow responsible owners the ability to take proactive steps to comply.

We support those changes and the intent of the bill, and suggest the following amendments (contained in the attached HB2072 Proposed HD1):

- Expand the educational counseling and psychological assessment provision to all offenses under section 711-1109.
- Retain the current misdemeanor for unlawful tethering, as with other offenses under this section, rather than lowering penalties to a petty misdemeanor.
- Removing reference to 1st and 2nd degree tethering offenses.
- Clarify that each animal involved constitutes a separate offense.

HB 2072 is supported by The Humane Society of the United States and all four county-contracted humane societies in Hawaii. **The Humane Society of the United States requests a favorable report on HB2072.**

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for the purpose of fighting or baiting any bull, bear, cock, or other animal, and includes every person who encourages, aids, or assists therein, or who permits or suffers any place to be so kept or used;

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 - (B) Prevents the dog from obtaining necessary sustenance, as defined in this chapter;
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movement of the dog within the area allowed by the tether; or

(v) By means of a choke collar, pinch collar, or prong collar; provided that a person is not prohibited from using [~~such restraints~~] a choke collar, pinch collar, or prong collar when walking a dog with a hand-held leash or while a dog is engaged in a supervised activity; or

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SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2018.



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Date: Feb. 12, 2018

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
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RE: Testimony in support of HB2072: Relating to HRS 711-1109
Wednesday, Feb. 14, 2018, 8:30 a.m., Capitol room 312

The Hawaiian Humane Society supports the passage of House Bill 2072, which would prohibit the use of specific tethering equipment and techniques that are injurious to dogs. However, we oppose the proposed amendments reducing the penalties for a tethering violation.

We understand the intent of the penalty change is to compel compliance with the new law without imposing a misdemeanor charge. But as the animal service provider for Oahu, we can attest that our humane investigators already use education when possible to modify behavior. Citations are issued and charges are brought only if attempts at education have failed to change illegal behavior and there is documented evidence of harm to one or more animals. In recent years the Legislature has strengthened animal cruelty penalties to recognize the serious nature of these crimes. These amendments would erode those efforts.

We do agree that psychological counseling (page 5, line 13 through page 6, line 3) may be a useful tool for rehabilitating animal cruelty offenders. We would support the addition of that option to the existing sentencing guidelines for all animal cruelty cases. Our suggested amendments are attached.

The cruelty provisions of HB2072 will elevate the quality of life for dogs and enhance public safety. Aside from the penalty changes, HB2072 offers well-vetted language that was supported in the prior two sessions by both animal welfare groups and law enforcement.

We ask you to strike the language reducing penalties for violators and give the remaining bill your full support. Please let me know if I can be of assistance.

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February 11, 2018

Committee on Agriculture
House of Representatives, State of Hawai'i
State Capitol
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Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Testimony submitted via website:

<http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/submittestimony.aspx>

Re: **TESTIMONY REGARDING HB 2072**

HEARING DATE: Wednesday, February 14, 2018

TIME: 8:30 a.m.

PLACE: Conference Room 312, Capitol Bldg.

Dear Chair Creagan, Vice-Chair DeCoite, and Committee Members:

As you may know, the Pacific Pet Alliance (“PPA”) is a Hawai’i non-profit organization that promotes responsible pet ownership through education and advocacy. We thank you for the opportunity to submit this commentary regarding HB 2072, which seeks to address concerns over the tethering and sheltering of dogs.¹

We note that four different bills were introduced during the 2016 Hawai’i legislative session involving the issue of dog tethering. The four bills (HB 1592, HB 2215, SB 2378, SB 2273, and companion bill SB 2460) each proposed different requirements; none proposed that tethering be banned outright. None of those bills cited any source references or other materials from which their proposed tethering regulations were derived.² At least three of the bills were submitted at the request and with the support of Hawai’i Island-based organizations, and written to address situations specific to that island. The final bill was introduced by Hawai’i State Senate President Ronald “Ron” Kouchi.

¹ Because we are unfamiliar with any research data or other empirical support (if any) for the proposals advanced in this bill, at this time PPA neither opposes nor supports HB 2072.

² To our knowledge, neither the American Kennel Club nor the American Veterinary Medical Association have promulgated specific guidelines or recommendations regarding tethering. We have appended for the Committee’s consideration the American Kennel Club’s latest article discussing appropriate and humane ways that tethering can be used to help keep dogs safe.

In 2017, four bills were introduced regarding tethering (SB 754, SB 265, HB 151, and HB 55). The first three were carried over to the 2018 session. Again, none of the bills referenced the sources of their proposed tethering requirements.

Five tethering-related bills are pending in the current legislative session, HB 2072, HB 1298, HB 151, SB 754, and SB 265. Three of those bills are carry-overs from the 2017 session. Once again, the expert sources for these bills' tethering requirements (if any) have not been cited.

To date, the American Kennel Club ("AKC") has not developed a formal position statement or policy paper regarding dog tethering. The American Veterinary Medical Association ("AVMA") acknowledges tethering laws in 32 states, Hawai'i included, but has not adopted a formal position on the issue, nor has it proposed specific tethering requirements.

The primary intent and common theme among all of the tethering-related bills is to improve the overall welfare of dogs that are tethered. Although PPA declines to formally support HB 2072 in the absence of research data, empirical evidence, or "official" support from animal advocacy organizations such as the AKC or AVMA, PPA affirmatively supports the humane intent of the tethering-related bills that have been introduced, including HB 2072. We are encouraged that HB 2072 leaves open the option of safe, humane tethering, when appropriate, and we are pleased to see that HB 2072 includes an educational component in addition to its proposed penalties.

Thank you again for the opportunity to testify regarding this important issue. If the committee or any of its individual members have questions or wish to engage in further dialog, you may contact us by email at pacificpetalliance@gmail.com.

Very truly yours,

/s/ *Lynn Muramaru*

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Sassy's Story and the Question of Tethering

Question: What do these dog owners have in common?

- Owners who hike and camp with their dogs
- Owners in residential developments with architectural and fencing restrictions
- Disabled and blind owners
- Owners of working, herding, hunting, field trial and sled dogs
- Owners of escape-artist dogs

Answer: These and other good dog owners may choose to utilize tethering to provide their dogs with exercise and keep them safe.

Providing dogs with secure housing, exercise, playtime, and socialization is a concern for all owners. In recent years, tethering as a method of confinement for dogs has become a controversial topic, and numerous legislative proposals to ban or restrict tethering have been introduced in response to requests by anti-tethering activists and animal rights groups.

Supporters of such proposals often recycle appalling photos of dogs with bloody collars embedded in their necks and starving dogs on chains with no water or shelter. Pictures of such cruelty would horrify any dog lover.

But are tethering bans really the solution their supporters suggest? Laws in all 50 states already make it a crime to let a dog suffer injury from an imbedded collar or to fail to provide a dog with necessary food, water and proper shelter. A new ban on tethering is unlikely to impact the actions of lawbreakers who treat dogs cruelly in violation of existing laws. However, these proposals will adversely affect law-abiding citizens who use a variety of safe and accepted methods to humanely tether their dogs. *A better and more effective way to protect dogs from mistreatment is to ensure enforcement of cruelty and negligence laws, regardless of the method of confinement an owner chooses.*

Proposed anti-tethering laws are problematic for responsible owners who utilize tethering to improve the lives of their dogs. Consider the following:

Blind and disabled dog owners who don't have fenced yards or immediate access to dog parks. Should disabled persons be prevented from allowing their service dogs to enjoy outdoor playtime and off-duty relaxation via a tether?

Dog owners who hike and camp in parks where dogs must be restrained. Should these owners be forced to leave their dogs behind on these mutually-enjoyable adventures because they are not allowed to safely tether their dogs while resting on the trail or while in campsites?

Owners who live in residential developments where fences are prohibited or restricted to a height insufficient to safely contain a dog. Should their dogs be denied outdoor exercise and playtime on tethers?

Owners of hunting dogs, field trial dogs, and dogs properly conditioned to be humanely tethered outdoors in conjunction with training, hunting, and events.

Owners of sled dogs who use tethers and weatherproof dog houses to ensure the comfort and safety of sledding breeds that thrive in arctic climates.

And what about owners of escape-artist dogs? Not every owner is able to stay with their dogs 24-7. Dog owners have jobs, school, children, and other obligations. Tethering with proper access to shade, shelter, and water may keep an escape-artist dog safe when a fence does not.



Photo by Isabelle Francois © AKC

Sassy is a "pit bull". She lives in a quiet suburban neighborhood with a family of two adults, an 8-year-old boy, and a 10-year-old girl. Sassy spends most of her time inside with the family and sleeps at the foot of the bed.

Outside the downstairs family room is "Sassy's Place", a covered brick patio enclosed on three sides. Sassy's Place has a ceiling fan, dog toys, a cushy dog bed, a bowl of fresh water, and a snug doghouse. Sassy can step off the covered patio onto the beautifully landscaped grass of the fenced backyard for a potty break or to catch some rays.

On weekday mornings, Sassy comes to the kitchen for breakfast, has a walk around the neighborhood (on leash, of course), then chases balls and flying discs in her fenced backyard. Her family leaves for work and school at 7:30 a.m. While they're away, she spends her day in Sassy's Place.

Her family returns home around 5:30 p.m. and their first priority is to greet Sassy, throw some balls for her, and bring her inside. She takes part in the family's activities until bedtime. Sassy usually sleeps in the boy's room, though sometimes she prefers the cool bathroom floor.

Sassy is a happy, healthy, well-adjusted, well-loved dog.

But Sassy's days may be numbered—because Sassy's owners use a tether to keep her safe when she's in Sassy's Place.

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The issue is complex, and publications on tethering yield conflicting information. Proponents of anti-tethering laws often cite statistics that appear to indicate that tethered dogs are more likely to become aggressive. However, the conclusions about possible detrimental effects of tethering fail to isolate tethering as the direct cause of these problems. For example, was the dog's inappropriate behavior caused by the tether, or did it result from prior or concurrent neglect, abuse, teasing, or some other factor?

What do the experts say?

A Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine study on sled dogs concluded that "our findings provide no evidence that tethering was any more or less detrimental to dog welfare than being housed in pens" and urged additional controlled studies.¹

The United States Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (USDA/APHIS) prohibits facilities regulated under the Animal Welfare Act from using tethering as a means of primary enclosure for dogs unless approved in writing. This [rule was subsequently clarified](#) to recognize that under certain circumstances the use of tethering may be entirely appropriate and humane. APHIS additionally stated that the rule did not intend to imply that tethering of dogs under all circumstances is inhumane, nor that tethering under any circumstances must be prohibited.²

Both the American Kennel Club (AKC) and the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) have issued policy statements regarding animal welfare and the humane care of dogs, and both strongly condemn neglect and cruelty. However, neither organization has a specific policy statement on tethering.

The AKC supports use of cruelty and negligence laws to address a broad range of issues of animal mistreatment regardless of the source. AKC advocates for proper care and humane treatment of dogs that include an adequate and nutritious diet, clean water, clean living conditions, regular veterinary care, kind and responsive human companionship, and training in appropriate behavior. The [AKC's Care and Conditions of Dogs Policy](#) states, among other provisions, that a dog's primary enclosure shall be constructed and maintained so that dogs are securely confined and does not cause injury to the dogs. Protection from adverse or extreme weather conditions must be provided. Dogs should have play and exercise on a daily basis and daily positive human contact and socialization.

The AVMA's Animal Welfare Division states, "The AVMA has not adopted specific policy on tethering as proposals to date have been based primarily on various groups and individuals' perspectives rather than on actual data, and because the conditions under which dogs may be tethered are so highly variable. The impacts of tethering on dogs have not been well quantified and appear to be substantially impacted by breed, environmental conditions (e.g., substrate, climate, and what is available to the dog to occupy its time), opportunities for contact with conspecifics and people, and the duration of time the dog is confined."

Responsible owners use a variety of creative indoor and outdoor solutions to care for their dogs. Dogs come in all shapes and sizes, and owners are encouraged to carefully evaluate each individual dog's age, health, coat type, conditioning, and unique characteristics when determining the best ways to provide housing, safe confinement, playtime, training, socialization and other care.

¹Seong C. Yeon, et.al. *A Comparison of Tethering and Pen Confinement of Dogs*, Journal of Applied Animal Welfare Science, (2001, Lawrence Earlbaum Associates, Inc.), 4(4), 257-270.

²Federal Register, Vol. 62, No. 186, Sep. 25, 1997, Rules and Regulations, 50244.

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You see, Sassy is a skilled escape artist.

This is dangerous for any dog, and especially for a pit bull—a type of dog that suffers from many misconceptions.

Despite her owners' investment in a variety of fences, electronic confinement systems, and combinations thereof, Sassy continued to climb out, dig out, and defeat every boundary.

Sassy never went far. Neighbors said she just trotted around for a few minutes and then napped by the front door until her family got home. But during those few minutes of walk-about she was an at-large dog, which is against the law. And she wasn't safe.

What was her family to do? Doggie day care businesses in the community would not take a pit bull. Ten hours a day was too long to leave her in a crate. They tried letting her stay indoors and hired a dog walker to come in at midday. That worked for a few days, but then Sassy started tearing down draperies and destroying doorframes.

That's when the family tried tethering her in Sassy's Place. They carefully considered a safe length for the tether, made sure she would have shade, shelter and access to a potty area at all times of the day, and arranged it so she would not tangle with any impediments.

It worked. Sassy now stays safely tethered in Sassy's Place within the fenced backyard. Nothing is damaged, and Sassy is relaxed and ready to play when her family gets home.

But now the local county council is considering a tethering ban brought before them by a group of activists who claim that tethering is cruel and should be outlawed. A closer look at the proposal reveals that not only do the activists want to ban tethering; they also want to ban all unattended outdoor confinement of dogs, whether tethered or in fences.

So what will happen to Sassy? And to other dogs in the community? And to beloved dogs everywhere whose owners use tethers, pens, and fences to keep them safe?

These questions are being faced by dog owners across the U.S. as activists attempt to use legislation to impose their beliefs on others.



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Feb 14, 830am

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RE: SUPPORT for HB2072 with Amendments; Relating to Dog Tethering

The West Hawaii Humane Society respectfully urges your support of HB2072 with the below strengthening and clarifying amendments.

This important measure aims to limit the manner in which a dog is tethered to reduce the likelihood of entanglement or injury. Dogs are highly social animals who need interaction. Tethered dogs are 3 times more likely to bite than non-tethered dogs and of those bites, children are 5 times more likely to be the victims. Limiting dog tethering not only improves the quality of life and care for the dog but protects public safety, by reducing the likelihood of dog bites and aggression.

We suggest the following amendments:

- Expanding the educational counseling and psychological assessment provision for those who assist in the commission of unlawful dog tethering to ALL offenses under section 711-1109 and to apply to those who commit and those who assist in the commission of a violation. Counseling and psychological assessment is especially important in egregious cases of cruelty or those involving minors. Cruelty against animals is both a predictor and precursor to other violent behavior. For children who commit cruelty to animals it is important to identify if that child may be modeling such behavior or is a current victim of abuse.
- Animal care and control agencies should retain their current discretion to charge a misdemeanor for unlawful tethering, as with other offenses under this section, rather than lowering penalties to a petty misdemeanor. While most tethering offenses are related to a lack of education, resulting in a warning and education of the owner, other cases may be more serious, especially if the owner has repeatedly been warned or the offense results in serious injury or death of the animal.

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- (c) Mutilates, poisons, or kills without need any animal other than insects, vermin, or other pests; provided that the handling or extermination of any insect, vermin, or other pest is conducted in accordance with standard and acceptable pest control practices and all applicable laws and regulations;
- (d) Keeps, uses, or in any way is connected with or interested in the management of, or receives money for the admission of any person to, any place kept or used

for the purpose of fighting or baiting any bull, bear, cock, or other animal, and includes every person who encourages, aids, or assists therein, or who permits or suffers any place to be so kept or used;

- (e) Carries or causes to be carried, in or upon any vehicle or other conveyance, any animal in a cruel or inhumane manner;
- (f) Confines or causes to be confined, in a kennel or cage, any pet animal in a cruel or inhumane manner;
- (g) Tethers, fastens, ties, or restrains a dog to a doghouse, tree, fence, or any other stationary object ~~[by]~~, or uses a trolley, pulley, cable, or running line designed to attach a dog to two stationary objects:
 - (i) If the dog is under the age of six months unless the dog is engaged in a supervised activity;
 - (ii) In a configuration that:
 - (A) Entangles or endangers the dog; or
 - (B) Prevents the dog from obtaining necessary sustenance, as defined in this chapter;
 - (iii) If the tether is shorter than five times the length of the dog's body, as measured from the tip of its nose to the base of its tail, unless the dog is engaged in a supervised activity;
 - (iv) If the restraint is a tow or log chain or is disproportionate to the size or weight of the dog such that the restraint inhibits the free

movement of the dog within the area allowed by the tether; or

(v) By means of a choke collar, pinch collar, or prong collar; provided that a person is not prohibited from using [~~such restraints~~] a choke collar, pinch collar, or prong collar when walking a dog with a hand-held leash or while a dog is engaged in a supervised activity; or

(h) Commits or Assists another in the commission of any act specified in subsections (1) (a) through (1) (g) [~~;~~]; provided that a person who is convicted of committing or assisting another in the commission of an act specified in subsection (1) (g) this section shall , may, in addition to any other penalties, also be sentenced pursuant to subsection (4) (b). As used in this section, "assist" means to instigate, engage in, or further the commission of an act prohibited under this section.

(2) Subsection (1) (a), (b), (c), (e), (f), (g), and (h) shall not apply to:

- (a) Accepted veterinary practices;
- (b) Activities carried on for scientific research governed by standards of accepted educational or medicinal practices; or
- (c) Pest control operations conducted pursuant to chapter 149A by a pest control operator licensed pursuant to

chapter 460J, if the pest control is performed under a written contract.

(3) Whenever any animal is so severely injured that there is no reasonable probability that its life or usefulness can be saved, the animal may be immediately destroyed without creating any offense under this section.

(4) Cruelty to animals in the second degree is a misdemeanor for each abused animal, except ~~where~~ that if the offense ~~involves~~:

(a) Involves ten or more pet animals in any one instance
[which], then cruelty to animals in the second
degree is a class C felony[-]; or

(b) Involves nine or fewer pet animals in any one instance
and involves an act prohibited under subsection
(1)(g), this section then the defendant shall be
guilty of a petty misdemeanor and in addition to any
other penalties shall may also be sentenced as
follows:

~~(i) For a first offense under subsection (1)(g):~~

~~(A) Payment of a fine of not more than \$500 for~~
~~each abused animal;~~

(B A) If deemed appropriate by the court,
completion of educational classes in animal
abuse prevention; provided that the court
shall not order classes under this paragraph
if classes are not readily available from an
animal welfare organization or a similar

appropriate organization designated by the county in which the underlying offense occurred; and

~~(CB)~~ If deemed appropriate by the court, completion of a course of psychological counseling; ~~or.~~

~~(ii) For a second or subsequent offense under subsection (1)(g):~~

~~(A) Payment of a fine of not more than \$500 for each abused animal;~~

~~(B) Completion of sixteen hours of community service; and~~

~~(C) Imprisonment of no less than two days and no more than thirty days;~~

~~provided that, notwithstanding section 706-643(2), all fines collected under this paragraph shall be paid to the director of finance of the county in which the underlying offense occurred, as a general fund realization of that county."~~

SECTION 2. This Act does not affect rights and duties that matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were begun before its effective date.

SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2018.

HB-2072

Submitted on: 2/8/2018 12:33:27 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/14/2018 8:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

decoite2 - Amanda

From: maliemalamalama@gmail.com
Sent: Saturday, February 10, 2018 6:37 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: HB 2072, SUPORT

Dear Legislators,

I've often wondered why people acquire pets when they have no intention of caring for them. I have had the honor of caring for many dogs in the course of my lifetime, and not once did I tether a dog with the intention of having them live their lives in that manner. People who do should not own animals. Considering the well-established fact that abuse to an animal is a precursor to harm to people, and considering that neglect is a form of abuse, the neglectful, abusive practice of dog chaining and tethering must be made illegal. I urge you to please make HB 2072 a priority.

Mahalo,
Jolene Auvil
1644 S. King St.
Honolulu, HI 96826

decoite2 - Amanda

From: rob ogno <robogno1@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 10, 2018 11:31 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: Tied up dogs!

Stop letting dogs be tied up their whole lives!! This breaks my heart!!

Please stop the cruelty!!

Rob Ogno

decoite2 - Amanda

From: Suyin Phillips <suyin@hawaii.edu>
Sent: Monday, February 12, 2018 9:32 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: SUPPORT for HB 2072 to Limit Dog Tethering

Dear legislator,

I've waited years for this issue to return to the table at the state legislature. Did you know that in California it's illegal to tie your dog to something (a post, tree, structure) for more than just a few mins (while you run in and grab a coffee, mail a package, etc..). And in Hawaii, it's perfectly legal to tie your dog to a tree for his entire life, so long as you stick a water bowl and cover in reach? Such is the case of Taisho, who sits and ages in a grassless dirt front yard in my mother's neighborhood of Waialae Iki. We neighbors recall when the puppy first arrived about 10 years ago. We were concerned when the cute fluffy puppy was tied to their mango tree ... day and night, and NEVER seen on a walk. Taisho remains tied to that tree, day and night, year after year, since she arrived at their home 10 years ago. I have approached the owners, an elderly Japanese couple, asking if I may walk their dog ... no luck. I've filed complaints to the Hawaiian Humane Society, but their hands are tied bc it's not illegal in Hawaii. I've even considered stealing the damn dog. Wouldn't it be splendid if HB 2072 is passed and I could make one last call to HHS and that dog could be rescued from that f@*king tree for the last couple years of her now senior life? I pulled over and took this attached picture of her just today.

I strongly SUPPORT HB 2072 to limit dog chaining/tethering! Hawaii needs protection for neglected tethered dogs from Waianae to Waialae Iki! Thank you for taking the time to listen your constituents.



Suyin Phillips
Adjunct Professor
Social Sciences, Human Development
Kapi'olani Community College
Suyin@hawaii.edu

decoite2 - Amanda

From: Rosemary Karlsson <rosemarykarlsson@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 10, 2018 9:23 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: HB2072 to limit dog chaining-tethering

Please support HB2072 to limit dog chaining-tethering. It is cruel to chain/tether a dog as they are very social animals. It also makes them neurotic and aggressive.

Rosemary Karlsson
16-1885 Uilani Drive
Keaau, HI 96749
808-966-6589

decoite2 - Amanda

From: Terry M Thirion <terry@enjoylifenow.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 11, 2018 7:42 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: Please implement

I support Bill HB 2072 ,

Terry M Thirion
terry@enjoylifenow.com
<http://www.terrythirion.com>

HB-2072

Submitted on: 2/12/2018 4:20:53 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/14/2018 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
colin luck	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support HB2072.

Colin Luck

68-1770 Kekoa Pl

Waikoloa, HI 96738

HB-2072

Submitted on: 2/12/2018 4:31:07 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/14/2018 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Eric Ako DVM	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

HB-2072

Submitted on: 2/12/2018 4:53:59 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/14/2018 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Susan Hammer	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please pass HB2072, which would prohibit the use of specific tethering equipment and techniques that have been found to be injurious to dogs.

I have seen first hand the torture inflicted on animals left on tethers day in and day out. Keeping an animal on a tether does not gift it freedom to find shelter; defecate away from it's resting place; find food and water when needed. In extreme cases, the line/chain is often buried in the skin of the animal and eventually kills the animal from infection. I see it often on the Big Island and it needs to stop. People need to treat animals kindly with regard to their safety and needs.

I request that the committee strike the proposed amendments reducing the penalties for a tethering violation. These amendments represent an erosion of steps taken by the Legislature to take animal cruelty crimes more seriously.

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Submitted on: 2/12/2018 5:02:28 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/14/2018 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kathy Takayama	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am in strong support however I humbly ask that you PLEASE strike the proposed amendments reducing the penalties for a tethering violation. Dogs are such social animals and it breaks my heart to think of the possibility of them being harmed. All they want is to be loved and give much more love back.

HB-2072

Submitted on: 2/12/2018 5:24:41 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/14/2018 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
M. Markl	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Hello Committee Members and Chair(s):

I support and urge you to pass HB2072. We need strong laws to protect the innocent dogs to prevent unnecessary pain to them. Thank you.

HB-2072

Submitted on: 2/12/2018 6:25:47 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/14/2018 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Magda Khordoc	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

HB-2072

Submitted on: 2/12/2018 7:56:20 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/14/2018 8:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Please restore original penalties for tethering.

HB-2072

Submitted on: 2/12/2018 9:36:07 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/14/2018 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Selene Mersereau	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please pass this bill but do not lower the penalty for tethering violations. With each step we can achieve a more humane world. Sincerely, Selene Mersereau

HB-2072

Submitted on: 2/13/2018 1:22:03 AM

Testimony for AGR on 2/14/2018 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Natalie Parra	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support HB2072 – please pass this bill with amendments to retain the current penalty for a tethering violation, expand the educational counseling and psychological assessment provision to all violations of the cruelty to animals in the second degree statute and clarify that each animal involved in a violation constitutes a separate offense.

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Submitted on: 2/13/2018 5:05:41 AM

Testimony for AGR on 2/14/2018 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Rene Umberger	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Mahalo for hearing this important measure. Please considering the following amendments:

1. Retain the penalty for a tethering violation,
2. Expand the educational counseling and psychological assessment provision to all violations of the cruelty to animals in the second degree statute
3. Clarify that each animal involved in a violation constitutes a separate offense..

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HB-2072

Submitted on: 2/13/2018 12:33:34 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/14/2018 8:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

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HB-2072

Submitted on: 2/13/2018 12:41:54 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/14/2018 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Michelle Escobar	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

It is time for Hawaii to make dog owners accountable for the well-being of their dogs. There is too much cruelty on our islands. Drive around any neighborhood on the Hilo side and there are dogs who are permanently attached to heavy chains, often with dirt, gravel or mud all around them. They're considered lucky if they have a doghouse to take shelter in. It is cruel, it is everywhere, and it is staring us in right the face. Please help protect those with no voice.

HB-2072

Submitted on: 2/13/2018 1:20:37 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/14/2018 8:30:00 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Stephanie McLaughlin	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support HB2072. Please pass this bill with amendments to retain the current penalty for a tethering violation, expand the educational counseling and psychological assessment provision to all violations of the cruelty to animals in the second degree statute and clarify that each animal involved in violation constitutes a separate offense.

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HB-2072

Submitted on: 2/13/2018 1:28:47 PM
Testimony for AGR on 2/14/2018 8:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Let's really BE the Aloha State...we allow abysmal treatment of animals here. Please support this bill to help animals. Mahalo.

LATE

HB-2072

Submitted on: 2/13/2018 1:36:42 PM
Testimony for AGR on 2/14/2018 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jennifer Real	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am writing to express my support of HB 2072. Too many dogs in Hawaii are kept in deplorable conditions on chains. When I first moved here from the mainland, I left like I was in a third world country, not the USA, with all the dogs on chains! We need legislation with penalties that can be enforced to help improve the conditions of these poor defenseless animals. HB 2072 is a step in the right direction.

Thank you,

Jennifer Real

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HB-2072

Submitted on: 2/13/2018 2:02:21 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/14/2018 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
marianne jones	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support this bill. Chained dogs are cruel and dangerous and pose serious risk on Big Island

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HB-2072

Submitted on: 2/13/2018 2:08:49 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/14/2018 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Janeel Hew	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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HB-2072

Submitted on: 2/13/2018 2:13:59 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/14/2018 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
C. Azelski	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support HB2072 in order to improve the living condition of potentially neglected pets. Thank you.

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Submitted on: 2/13/2018 2:33:36 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/14/2018 8:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Please pass this bill. There is nothing more depressing to see in Beautiful Hawaii than suffering dogs. These dogs get tangled, if they are offered water they can't get to it. Please stop the abuse Hawaii allows to be inflicted upon these defenseless animals

LATE

HB-2072

Submitted on: 2/13/2018 2:42:43 PM
Testimony for AGR on 2/14/2018 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Janine Tully	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

In support of HB 2072 - Limiting dog chaining and tethering.

Janine Tully, President

Windward Dog Park Hui

HB-2072

Submitted on: 2/13/2018 3:12:17 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/14/2018 8:30:00 AM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Carly Nihei	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support HB2072.

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HB-2072

Submitted on: 2/13/2018 3:39:53 PM
Testimony for AGR on 2/14/2018 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Cynthia F Tucker PsyD	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please pass HB2072, which would prohibit the use of specific tethering equipment and techniques that have been found to be injurious to dogs.

Most of the language in this bill was supported in the prior two sessions by both animal welfare groups and law enforcement. It is a step in the right direction.

We do, however, request that the committee strike the proposed amendments reducing the penalties for a tethering violation. These amendments represent an erosion of steps taken by the Legislature to take animal cruelty crimes more seriously.

Please reject the reduced penalties for violators and support the rest of this bill.

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HB-2072

Submitted on: 2/13/2018 3:45:16 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/14/2018 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Linda Vandervoort	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

decoite2 - Amanda

From: Angie Ali <foxywhitetip@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2018 7:20 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: Support for HB2072

More supporting testimonies

Verizon LTE 7:12 PM thepetitionsite.com

Laura S.
Oregon a month ago

Inhumane, needs to stop. I lived in Hawaii for 32 years and have seen this inhumane treatment time and time again We must treat dogs better, they do not deserve this awful treatment.

SEND ★

Karen D.
Hawaii a month ago

There are too many neglectful owners of dogs. It's animal abuse to leave your dog tied up to a chain all day with little to no human interaction day after day! Particularly in Hawaii on the Big Island where there are fire ants that bite animals that have no way to get away from them. It's painful to the dog and causes blindness. It's cruel! If you think a chained dog is going to deter people from robbing you.. think again. Dogs need to be protected and cared for versus tied up, ignored, and exposed to weather and the elements. This IS animal abuse!!!!

SEND ★

cindy L.
New Mexico a month ago

SEND ★

Billie Jo S.

North Carolina

What kind of question is that, Why is
Because animals are beings just like
have feelings, they get cold, they get
feel pain mental physical and emotion
deserve to be treated as we do.

SEND



LAURIE D.

Barbara H.

Nevada

Having lived on the Big Island of Hawaii, I have seen the horrible chaining abuse dogs suffer through legislative session will actually Do Something about the terrible chaining and tethering of dogs.

SEND 

Suzanne L.

Colorado

Sincerely,

Angie

Cell(320)200-8480

Amanie K9

"To err is human, to forgive canine"

decoite2 - Amanda

From: Amanie Canine <mollybbill@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 12, 2018 7:00 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: HB2072

This is a Small sampling of comments regarding the tragic dog chaining on this island -

Verizon LTE 9:49 AM thepetitionsite.com

Kathy J.
Hawaii 2 days ag

I moved here from the mainland. The mountain of paperwork I had to fill out to bring my three dogs here was daunting, not to mention the enormous expense. I assumed, because of this, dogs were treated like family here. They are not. I am unable to walk my dogs, on a leash, in my own neighborhood for fear of being attacked by roaming dogs. I am unable to let my dogs outside in my fenced yard because of the roaming dogs. These are not ferals, they have collars (and sometimes tags). I've seen them dragging chains and ropes behind them that they've broken free from. 2 dogs killed my neighbors baby goat, who was penned up. There are so many small children in my neighborhood and I fear for their safety. It's not just about the welfare of the chained dogs, it's about the welfare of whole communities.

SENT ★

Debora L.
Portugal 2 days ag

SEND ★

eva o.
Germany 2 days ag

Hawaii

3 days ago

I love dogs. They deserve good lives inside homes!

SENT ★

Alison M.

Hawaii

3 days ago

The pit bull who lives next door to me has been on a chain for many years. He just took it's second victim, a small, sweet dog who got too close. I was the first victim, where I had my leg mauled trying to save my dogs. These dogs need to have a safe and loving environment or not be in Hawaii! Get pit bullis and all dogs off the chain. Thank you!

SEND ★

jorgina B.

Hawaii

3 days ago

This is worst thing you can do as a pet owner, they have feelings, don't have a pet if you don't know how to take care of them with LOVE!!!

SENT ★

Kathleen E.

Michigan

3 days ago

SEND ★

SEND



Candi H.

Hawaii

I see dogs all over Puna DiatRICT in time. These dogs are neurotic and from years of abuse and neglect.

SENT



Sincerely,
Angie
Cell(320)200-8480
Amanie K9
"To err is human, to forgive canine"

decoite2 - Amanda

From: Amanie Canine <mollybbill@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 12, 2018 7:45 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: 2-14-18 SUPPORT for HB2072

Chair Creagan-

We have gathered and submitted Thousands Of comments many are at your office in support of getting these poor dogs off their logging chains and cleaning up this community. Normalizing abuse leads to more abuse.

Please pass this Bill -

Respectfully -

Angie Ali

Owner- Osolicious Orchards

Amanie K9

Cell(320)200-8480

"To err is human, to forgive canine"

decoite2 - Amanda

From: Jennifer Chiwa <jennifer.chiwa@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2018 12:58 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: Testimony in Support of HB 2072, Hearing 2/14/18, 8:30 am

Aloha, Members of the Committee on Agriculture. My name is Jennifer Chiwa.

Please support HB 2072 which would prohibit use of tethering equipment and techniques that would harm dogs. However, please strike prepared amendments which would reduce penalties for a tethering violation. These amendments reduce the seriousness of animal cruelty crimes. Thank you.

Jennifer Chiwa

decoite2 - Amanda

From: tailwind . <shyaura@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 12, 2018 8:05 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: Support HB2072

For Forgotten Felines and all their volunteers, staff and officers support this bill.

Leslie Farnel
PO 1309, kihei hi 96753
[808 385 0699](tel:8083850699)

Sent from my T-Mobile 4G LTE device

decoite2 - Amanda

From: Drinda Maxwell <fancyfree@hawaii.rr.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2018 12:11 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: I support HB2072

Sent from my iPhone

decoite2 - Amanda

From: Ginny Tiu <g2@hokua.org>
Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2018 8:19 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: Please support HB 2072 and HB 2593

Dear Chair Creagan and Committee members,

Please pass HB 2593 as amended. I realize that free roaming cats are an issue that needs to be addressed, but we must always look for humane and effective ways.

Please pass HB 2072 but strike the proposed amendment reducing the penalties for violators and clarify that each animal involved in a violation constitutes a separate offense. These animals are living creatures who suffer as we do but totally depend on us to do the right thing for them.

Thank you very much for your kind consideration.

Aloha,
Ginny Tiu

Sent from my iPhone

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HB-2072

Submitted on: 2/13/2018 3:49:58 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/14/2018 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Diana Gula	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support this bill. I believe it's abusive to animals to leave them tied up outside all the time. I hope this cruel practice will stop. They are worse than imprisoned, some for their whole sad lives. It's torture.

decoite2 - Amanda

From: Teriitavae Perez on behalf of Rep. Cindy Evans
Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2018 4:03 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: FW: HR 2072 Attn Agriculture Committee



From: Laura Dvorak [mailto:lauradvorak@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2018 4:00 PM
To: Rep. Cindy Evans <repevans@capitol.hawaii.gov>
Subject: Re: HR 2072 Attn Agriculture Committee

Correction: HB 2072 not HR 2072. My apologies.

On Feb 13, 2018, at 3:57 PM, Laura Dvorak <lauradvorak@hotmail.com> wrote:

Greetings-

I am a 9 year resident of East Hawaii and a public servant working in the locals schools and non profits. I am in support of this Bill HR 2072, to protect our four legged dog companions who do not have a say in how they are treated. Dogs are dependent on us but we are dependent on them also, for company and emotional well being, as well as for hunting and home security. Many families may not even intend to mistreat their animals but feel they do not have other options when building/fencing supplies are so costly. I am confident in our legislature to make the pono decision to not only hold those accountable who treat their dogs like furniture, but also to provide affordable alternatives to heavy, short chains. Programs such as Fences for Fido (OR/WA) could be replicated here.

Thank you for your time,
Laura Dvorak

decoite2 - Amanda

From: Teriitavae Perez
Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2018 4:03 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: FW: HB2072



From: Julie McIntyre [mailto:watersedgebay411@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2018 3:55 PM
To: Rep. Cindy Evans <repevans@capitol.hawaii.gov>
Subject: HB2072

I support this bill

Julia McIntyre

HB-2072

Submitted on: 2/13/2018 4:17:25 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/14/2018 8:30:00 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jamie Mims	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

I am writing IN SUPPORT of HB 2072. Animals should never be subjected to cruelty, neglect and abuse. It must stop! Please pass HB 2072.

Mahalo,

Jamie Mims

LATE

HB-2072

Submitted on: 2/13/2018 4:20:11 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/14/2018 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Cassandra Pai	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I fully support this Bill. If we are going to change our ways as humans to be more compassionate and loving society we must start with the creatures who look to us to be their voice. We as a community need to help others gain the correct knowledge to better care for our furry animals we call our pets. They are not just pets, they are a member of your family or in dog language a member of the pack. Mans best friend looks to us for protection and in turn gives us theirs and their unconditional love. Love has no chains 24/7. Love does not keep you separated from your family and left to be alone for long periods of time. When you tie up a dog away from its main care giver you create an environment where the dog feels unsafe. This can cause excessive barking and high anxiety which can lead to an aggressive dog that would otherwise be friendly but is never given the chance to socialize with their human family or other dogs. Imagine yourself having to stay tied up 24/7. Never being able to walk on long walks as dogs do by nature to form bonds with their pack and create trust would not only be detrimental to a dogs social behavior but would change their behavior for the worst. It is a Myth that hunting dogs or any dog needs to be starved from food and affection. I have worked with many dogs and a famous dog trainer Caesar Milan. I have worked with rehabilitated dogs, timid, scared, frightened, and aggressive dogs. What Dogs need is your time and attention. As with anything in life you get good at what you practice at and we need to begin practicing more humane laws to protect these animals. With this bill we can help educate the general public on the nature of dogs and change the future for not only the dogs but for us as a human race. Lets work on changing how we look at animals. This bill can help do just that. Thank you

decoite2 - Amanda

From: Victoria Anderson <vanderso@hawaii.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2018 12:06 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: Please strongly support HB 2072



Dear Legislators:

Please strongly support HB2072. Please pass this bill with amendments to retain the current penalty for a tethering violation, expand the educational counseling and psychological assessment provision to all violations of the cruelty to animals in the second degree statute and clarify that each animal involved in a violation constitutes a separate offense.

Mahalo nui,

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Victoria B. Anderson
Associate Professor of Linguistics
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decoite2 - Amanda

From: spikecat1@aol.com
Sent: Monday, February 12, 2018 7:09 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: 2-14-18 support for HB 2072

Sirs,

I support HB 2072. Please pass this bill with amendments to retain the current penalty for a tethering violation, expand educational counseling and psychological assessment provision for all violations of the cruelty to animals in the second degree statute and clarify that each animal involved in the violation constitutes a separate offense.

Sincerely yours,
Judith Aikawa, MD
37 Apali Way
Kula, HI 96790

decoite2 - Amanda

From: Ginger Chock <gingerchock@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2018 8:25 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: 2-14-18 Support for HB 2072

I support HB2072 – please pass this bill with amendments to retain the current penalty for a tethering violation, expand the educational counseling and psychological assessment provision to all violations of the cruelty to animals in the second degree statute and clarify that each animal involved in a violation constitutes a separate offense.

decoite2 - Amanda

From: amblades@hawaii.rr.com
Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2018 2:52 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Cc: kdane@humanesociety.org
Subject: 2-14-18 Support for HB2072

Dear Leaders,

I support HB2072 – please pass this bill with amendments to retain the current penalty for a tethering violation, expand the educational counseling and psychological assessment provision to all violations of the cruelty to animals in the second degree statute and clarify that each animal involved in a violation constitutes a separate offense.

Sincerely,

April Blades
1232 Young St Apt 8
Honolulu, HI 96814

decoite2 - Amanda

From: maile goo <goomaile@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2018 6:47 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: Stong Support for HB 2072: 2/14/18

Aloha,

I strongly support the passing HB 2072 with amendments to retain the current penalty for a tethering violation, expand the educational counseling and psychological assessment provision to all violations of the cruelty to animals in the second degree statute and clarify that each animal involved in a violation constitutes a separate offense.

Passing of HB 2072 in our aloha State is the pono thing to do.

Mahalo,

Maile Goo
3683 Woodlawn Terrace Place
Honolulu, Hawaii 96822

decoite2 - Amanda

From: Maya Dolena <mayadolena@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 12, 2018 7:27 PM
To: AGRtestimony; Richard Creagan
Subject: 2-14-18 Support for HB 2072 - Animal Tethering - Cruelty

Chair Creagan and AGR Committee Members,

I strongly support HB2072 – please pass this bill with amendments to retain the current penalty for a tethering violation, expand the educational counseling and psychological assessment provision to all violations of the cruelty to animals in the second degree statute and clarify that each animal involved in a violation constitutes a separate offense.

Sylvia Maya Dolena
Director, Aloha Animal Advocates
Owner, Pele Lani Farm LLC
PO Box 986, Pahoa, HI 96778

decoite2 - Amanda

From: juliet Pearson <julietjohns@me.com>
Sent: Monday, February 12, 2018 7:36 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: Support HB2072

Aloha,

I support HB2072 – please pass this bill with amendments to retain the current penalty for a tethering violation, expand the educational counseling and psychological assessment provision to all violations of the cruelty to animals in the second degree statute and clarify that each animal involved in a violation constitutes a separate offense.

Mahalo,
Juliet Pearson

decoite2 - Amanda

From: Laurie Pottish <pottishl001@hawaii.rr.com>
Sent: Monday, February 12, 2018 5:34 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: 2-14-18 Support for HB 2072

I support HB 2072 – please pass this bill with amendments to retain the current penalty for a tethering violation, expand the educational counseling and psychological assessment provision to all violations of the cruelty to animals in the second degree statute and clarify that each animal involved in a violation constitutes a separate offense.

Thank You,
Laurie Pottish
2892 Iwalani St.
Makawao. Hi 96768

decoite2 - Amanda

From: Frances Pueo <owlit1@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 12, 2018 11:13 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: "2-14-18 Support for HB 2072".

I, Frances Pueo Support -HB2072 – That Prohibits the tethering of dogs if under six months of age (unless supervised); please pass this bill with amendments to retain the current penalty for a tethering violation, expand the educational counseling and psychological assessment provision to all violations of the cruelty to animals in the second degree statute and clarify that each animal involved in a violation constitutes a separate offense.”

There never is Aloha in any form of animal abuse.

**Frances Pueo, Pres Hui Pono Holoholona
(808) 769-1128, P.O. Box 943, Mt. View, Hi 96771**

Teriitavae Perez

From: Teriitavae Perez on behalf of Rep. Cindy Evans
Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2018 3:16 PM
To: Teriitavae Perez
Subject: HB2072

I want to express my wish for the passage of HB2072. There is no aloha in chaining dogs. They are pack animals who thrive on social contact and when chained they suffer both physical and psychological trauma and abuse.

My wish would be to completely outlaw chaining and crating of dogs. But until we get to that point I am asking that you pass HB2072.

Mahalo,

Ilene Harrington

Teriitavae Perez

From: Elizabeth Fryer <elizabethfryer@ymail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2018 2:07 PM
To: Rep. Cindy Evans
Subject: HB 2072

I fully support HB 2072 and if you are a decent human being you will too

Sent from my iPhone

Teriitavae Perez

From: Dixon, Jaime L <jaime_dixon@uhc.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2018 3:09 PM
To: Rep. Cindy Evans
Subject: HB2072

I support the bill. Someone needs to monitor the conditions for these poor creatures.
Thank you,

Jaime L. Dixon, RN, BSN, Service Coordinator, UnitedHealth Group
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Teriitavae Perez

From: Cj <racoljoa@hawaii.rr.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2018 3:12 PM
To: Rep. Cindy Evans
Subject: Bill HB2072

In support of Bill HB2072.

Please support his bill

The cruel circumstances in which so many of these animals are kept is unacceptable. Aloha must extend to all living

Sent from my iPad

decoite2 - Amanda

From: Jasmine Toomalatai <1903jasmine@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2018 12:00 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: HB2072

I have witnessed many accounts of animal cruelty regarding the tethering of dogs.

I support HB2072 – please pass this bill with amendments to retain the current penalty for a tethering violation, expand the educational counseling and psychological assessment provision to all violations of the cruelty to animals in the second degree statute and clarify that each animal involved in a violation constitutes a separate offense.

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decoite2 - Amanda

From: Gillian Boss <gillian1@hawaii.rr.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2018 12:41 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: 2-14-18 support for HB 2027

I support HB 2072 – please pass this bill with amendments to retain the current penalty for tethering violation. Expand the educational counseling and psychological assessment provision to all violations of the cruelty to animals in the second degree statute.
Clarify that each animal involved in a violation constitutes a separate offense.

Thank you.

Gillian Boss

decoite2 - Amanda

From: Andrea <birdofparadise@hawaii.rr.com>
Sent: Monday, February 12, 2018 8:02 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: 2-14-18 Support for HB2072

Aloha,

I support HB2072 – please pass this bill with amendments to retain the current penalty for a tethering violation, expand the educational counseling and psychological assessment provision to all violations of the cruelty to animals in the second degree statute and clarify that each animal involved in a violation constitutes a separate offense. Cruelty to animals is intolerable. If that is not enough justification for expanding this bill, please note that research and documentation have confirmed that cruelty to animals often leads to cruelty to humans, too.

Mahalo for your consideration.

Andrea Nandoskar
440 Lewers Street, Apt. 702
Honolulu, HI 96815

decoite2 - Amanda

From: Pam Verrey <pamverrey@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2018 1:22 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: Support for HB2072

I support HB2072 – please pass this bill with amendments to keep the current penalty for a tethering violation, expand the educational counseling and psychological assessment provision to all violations of the cruelty to animals in the second degree statute and clarify that each animal involved in a violation constitutes a separate offense.

Pamela Verrey

decoite2 - Amanda

From: Nancy Willis <nancyinmaui@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, February 12, 2018 6:11 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: HB2072

“I support HB2072 – please pass this bill with amendments to retain the current penalty for a tethering violation, expand the educational counseling and psychological assessment provision to all violations of the cruelty to animals in the second degree statute and clarify that each animal involved in a violation constitutes a separate offense.”

Thank you.

Nancy Willis
483 South Kihei Road #117
Kihei, HI 96753
(808) 344-0357

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Submitted on: 2/13/2018 4:35:03 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/14/2018 8:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I agree with this bill. We need to continue to fight for those who can't fight for themselves. Animals should be given the more than just the bare minimal. This bill only asks that they get that. In all honesty , we should be doing so much more for them. This is bill is a great start.

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Submitted on: 2/13/2018 1:53:56 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/14/2018 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Richard P. Creagan	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

This is a test to see if testimony can be submitted. Jason Young

HB-2072

Submitted on: 2/13/2018 4:37:29 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/14/2018 8:30:00 AM

LATE

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Diane Neuman	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Such cruelty to animals must be checked and punished. I have seen too many dogs on a short lease with no water, no shelter, no food. Some have been hunting dogs others pets. Please stop this cruelty.

LATE

HB-2072

Submitted on: 2/13/2018 4:55:02 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/14/2018 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Chris Madsen	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

This needs to be done. I lived next to a woman that systematically starved her three dogs and police/humane society would do next to nothing. She would feed them every 3 days because I guess she figured out they didn't die that way just look like they were on deaths door. And the amount of noise they constantly made from suffering was truly unbearable.

Currently, nothing is done to stop people from being evil or wicked to animals in Hawaii. No animal should spend its life being tied on a short leash 24/7 while being slowly starved to death, but worse never actually dying just barely living another 3 days until a next meal. I have seen this with my very own eyes.

Some of these people doing this are methed out of their minds and do similarly wicked things to their own children. Repeat abusers should be banned from ever owing an animal again in the State of Hawaii. Animal abuse or child abuse should be seen as a red flag to see what other abuse is actively going on.

Mahalo,

Chris Madsen

LATE

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Submitted on: 2/13/2018 4:58:11 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/14/2018 8:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Aloha,

I support this bill and any other bill that will improve conditions for chained, tethered dogs in Hawai.

This is not "aloha".

No dog or animal deserves the horrific treatment that many endure here in Hawaii. If dogs are allowed to be treated this way, we all know what that can lead to.....child abuse, etc.

Please help make Hawaii a state that punishes abusers: jail time, heavy fines, etc.

Please help make Hawaii a state that respects dogs and other animals.

It's appalling that this unimaginable abusive treatment exists.

Do something!

Mahalo

LATE

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Submitted on: 2/13/2018 4:59:12 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/14/2018 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jennifer Jo	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I urge you to please pass this Bill. It is heartbreaking to see animals tied up on a short chain for their entire lives. It is extremely cruel and animals deserve to be treated with love as they are adopted as pets not objects from rescue organizations and the ASPCA. Imagine how you would feel only have 5-10 feet of room to move around your entire life? Thank you for your consideration and I look forward to a favorable outcome.

LATE

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Submitted on: 2/13/2018 5:10:31 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/14/2018 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kat Culina	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please prevent animal abuse.

LATE

HB-2072

Submitted on: 2/13/2018 5:11:19 PM
Testimony for AGR on 2/14/2018 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kallie Barnes	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support this Bill because it shows a basic human decency that animals have access to food, water, and a decent amount of exercise.

LATE

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Submitted on: 2/13/2018 5:17:32 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/14/2018 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lizbeth Guadiz-Franco	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/13/2018 5:25:40 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/14/2018 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Paula Quealy	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha, I am in strong support of this bill to protect Hawaii's dogs. I am a professional canine behaviorist and a local resident of Hawaii. Hawaii's laws regarding the protection, treatment and advocacy of dogs are SHAMEFUL and need updating immediately. We can and should do better Hawaii. Thank you and so much aloha!

LATE

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Submitted on: 2/13/2018 5:48:39 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/14/2018 8:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I support this bill. Societ can be judged on how they treat their animals.

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Submitted on: 2/13/2018 6:12:53 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/14/2018 8:30:00 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sherrell Watson	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am a home owner and resident of Hawaiian Paradise Park on the Big Island, and am surrounded by properties with tightly chained & kenneled dogs who howl all hours of the day & night. I have lived all over the world, and quite frankly I have seen few places that treat their dogs as poorly as Hawaii, even 3rd world Latin American countries treat their animals better (and that's saying something). It's absolutely appalling and completely unnecessary cruelty! Seriously, enough already!

LATE

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Submitted on: 2/13/2018 6:26:42 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/14/2018 8:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I submit my testimony in favor of HB2072. Domestic animals should, at the very least, have access to shelter, food, and water. There should also be standards regarding sanitary living conditions for the animal(s) and consequences for multiple offenders (i.e. fines, community service, education training, or possible prohibition of owning or acquiring additional animals). Mahalo nui for making the time and effort to address this issue and work towards improving the quality of life for neglected and abused animals.

LATE

HB-2072

Submitted on: 2/13/2018 6:45:46 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/14/2018 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Eric Baicy	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I live in Hawaii County and I'm embarrassed at the cruel treatment that dogs are subjected to here from dog fighting to being chained to corners of houses as a poor man's security system. Animals here on the Big Island are treated worse than I have seen in most countries around the world, including very poor communities. This bill doesn't do enough to stop this abuse and to educate people on the ethical treatment of animals, but it is a good start. If the House can not support this bill, I'll be deeply disappointed in their ability to improve the quality of life here for the citizens and animals on this island.

LATE

HB-2072

Submitted on: 2/13/2018 7:09:42 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/14/2018 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dawn West	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/13/2018 7:28:05 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/14/2018 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Richard Davis	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Suzan Starr	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Cruelty to animals is totally unacceptable. Chaining animals and caging them as their permanent existence address in totally cruel and inhumane. How would you feel if your existence is connected to a six foot chain, unable to be mobile, for the rest of your life?

HB-2072

Submitted on: 2/13/2018 8:18:40 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/14/2018 8:30:00 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Susan Bambara	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

LATE

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Submitted on: 2/13/2018 9:25:41 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/14/2018 8:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

If animals can not be properly cared for then they should not be kept. Chaining animals only breeds aggression in said animals which is dangerous to others and unfair to the animal.

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Submitted on: 2/13/2018 9:35:54 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/14/2018 8:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/13/2018 9:46:31 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/14/2018 8:30:00 AM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Tara Gomez	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support this Bill! Please do what's right to save the life and ease the pain of so many helpless dogs and animals left to starve and suffer needlessly. Please pass Bill HB2072.

Thank you,

Tara Gomez

Ewa Beach, HI

LATE

HB-2072

Submitted on: 2/13/2018 10:11:42 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/14/2018 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jana Levin-Strojny	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/13/2018 10:32:14 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/14/2018 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Michelle Jake	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support this bill

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Submitted on: 2/13/2018 11:13:58 PM
Testimony for AGR on 2/14/2018 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Allen Niren	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support the bill because animals should not be chained outside. Why own a pet when you keep them chained up outside all the time? Dogs are pack animals, They want to be with their pack/family. I also think that putting a dog in a kennel all day long without any interaction is also abuse and should be brought up. That happens alot in Maui. There is one case where they have three to four dogs in one kennel and the owners never take the dogs out and never interact with them. There needs to be more laws in place to hold animal owners responsible.

LATE

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Submitted on: 2/13/2018 11:20:00 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/14/2018 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Barb Cuttance	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support this Bill.

Dogs need to be able to express their social needs. When they are chained 24/7 because they are not able to - they are being treated cruelly.

Please pass this Bill.

Barb Cuttance

14/266 Papaya Farms Road

Pahoa

Hawaii 96778

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Submitted on: 2/14/2018 12:13:29 AM

Testimony for AGR on 2/14/2018 8:30:00 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Helene P Navaro	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support HB2072. Please pass this Bill with amendments to retain the current penalty for tethering violation. Unmonitored tethering is simply Cruel and will make the chained dogs or tethered dogs more aggressive in the end.

Thank you for your kind consideration and support for HB2072.

LATE

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Submitted on: 2/14/2018 1:38:17 AM

Testimony for AGR on 2/14/2018 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jennifer Ho	Sierra Club	Support	No

Comments:

I am in favor of this and any other similar proposals to prevent cruelty to animals. We see chained neglected animals and hope this bill can stop this. A person capable of neglecting/ abusing an animal in likelihood is unkind to other vulnerable family members. Intervention to remove animals to safety from abused, chained, starved, lacking humane care is an opening to observe/protect beyond the animal, to the human family as well. Services exist for helping people. It's time we say cruelty is not condoned. After removing an animal the neglectful owner should not be able to obtain that animal again or any other animals until they have taken a class on animal care. "The greatness of a nation can be judged by the way its animals are treated." - Mahatma Gandhi

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Submitted on: 2/14/2018 6:41:54 AM

Testimony for AGR on 2/14/2018 8:30:00 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Rob Guzman	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support HB2072. It is an important step in minimizing suffering for dogs in Hawaii. Even news about this bill becoming law will result in a dialogue within communities about more ethical treatment of dogs. I see no downside.

LATE

HB-2072

Submitted on: 2/14/2018 6:58:05 AM

Testimony for AGR on 2/14/2018 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Janelle Gomes	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support HB2072 on behalf of the poor four legged friends who can not defend themselves!

Mahalo

Janelle Gomes

LATE

HB-2072

Submitted on: 2/14/2018 7:07:57 AM

Testimony for AGR on 2/14/2018 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
ERICA PEREZ	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

To: Chair of AGR Committee

From: Erica Perez

I am testifying in support of HB 2072 RELATING TO SECTION 711-1109. I am a proud owner of two large breed dogs and see mistreatment of animals in rural Hawaii county frequently. This mistreatment often goes un-noticed and is not addressed by law enforcement.

Passing this bill will protect animals from the inhumane acts around the state. Let Hawaii be known for something else, not for the torture and mistreatment of animals. It is a visual eyesore to tourists and locals alike.

Mahalo nui,

Erica Perez

(animal lover)

LATE

HB-2072

Submitted on: 2/14/2018 7:53:51 AM

Testimony for AGR on 2/14/2018 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Liam Kernell	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

I wish to express my support for HB2072. While not all in Hawaii may share the predominantly Western sense of compassion for dogs, keeping dogs on short chains without adequate shelter and access to sustenance, and restricting their movement is inhumane, plain and simple.

In my neighborhood in Honokaa, for example, countless households keep dogs on short chains, often in direct sunlight without shelter from sun, rain, and wind. Many of these dogs bark and cry frequently, which is not only an indicator that they seek attention, shelter, or food and/or water, the constant noise does not bode well for residential property values, and can impact public safety if our law enforcement officials are having to respond to frequent noise and/or animal cruelty complaints.

Personally I would like to see chaining or tethering dogs outlawed entirely, but this bill is a positive step toward ensuring our canine friends live more comfortable lives, and may even make owners consider a little more compassion for man's best friend.

Mahalo for your consideration.

LATE

HB-2072

Submitted on: 2/14/2018 8:15:58 AM
Testimony for AGR on 2/14/2018 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sandra Van	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

As the owner/operator of the Geneva's Phoenix German Shepherd Rescue Shelter for dogs, I see first-hand the horrific effects of inhumane treatment to dogs. Many come to us literally at death's doors, starved, thin, emaciated and on at least one occasion, with a chain fastened so tightly around her neck that it was cutting into the flesh. We literally had to use bolt cutters to remove it. That dog required months of medical care and hundreds of dollars in veterinary care, but we did eventually find a wonderful forever family for her. Anything that can be done to prevent this and other cruelty is long overdue.

LATE

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Submitted on: 2/14/2018 8:16:38 AM

Testimony for AGR on 2/14/2018 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Carrie Harrington	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

To the Honorable members of Hawaii's State Legislature:

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Submitted on: 2/14/2018 8:43:25 AM

Testimony for AGR on 2/14/2018 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
jeff santini	Individual	Support	No

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HB-2072

Submitted on: 2/14/2018 8:50:09 AM

Testimony for AGR on 2/14/2018 8:30:00 AM



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

Comments:

Gandhi, "The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its *animals* are *treated*."

Sadly we fail in this area. A place where Aloha lives, our treatment of dogs sure doesn't show it.

Dogs cry in sorry and in joy, to me that proves they have a soul. We need to teach owners that to chain them up 24 / 7 is just cruel. These poor dogs sit next to their own waste covered in flies and fire ants biting their eyes.

There is a quote that says, "If I can't make you think, I'll have to make you feel". Making a law and enforcing this law WILL bring about change. It may take a generation, but it will happen.

PLEASE PASS THIS. Mahalo, Barbara Robertson.

HB-2072

Submitted on: 2/14/2018 11:03:07 AM

Testimony for AGR on 2/14/2018 8:30:00 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Teri L Skillman	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am a dog owner and I support HB2072. I am very concerned that there is a correlation between chaining dogs and domestic violence. Why have a dog if it only exists on a chain? It needs love like any family member.

HB-2072

Submitted on: 2/14/2018 12:22:48 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/14/2018 8:30:00 AM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Corinne Kotake	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support the bill

decoite2 - Amanda

From: suelyn tran <suelyn_tran@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 14, 2018 9:27 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: Support for HB 2072 (2/14/2018)



Dear Committee Members:

I firmly support HB2072. Dogs, especially those under the age of 6 months, should not be tethered. Any tethering that results in the harm or neglect of a dog should be illegal. Our laws should reflect society's concern of the well-being of animals.

Thank you for your support of HB2072.

Suelyn Tran

decoite2 - Amanda

From: Teriitavae Perez on behalf of Rep. Cindy Evans
Sent: Wednesday, February 14, 2018 8:51 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: FW: HB 2072

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From: Christin Greenland [mailto:nearsnowline@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2018 4:08 PM
To: Rep. Cindy Evans <repevans@capitol.hawaii.gov>
Subject: HB 2072

I support House Bill 2072. I don't believe we should allow dogs to be tethered in Hawaii, but I appreciate that this bill is a good start to improve animal cruelty laws in Hawaii. Hawaii is very behind in enacting animal cruelty laws in comparison with the rest of the country, therefore I support this bill and any others related to improving conditions for animals.

Thank you,

Christin Greenland

11-3923 11th St

Volcano, HI 96785

decoite2 - Amanda

From: Teriitavae Perez on behalf of Rep. Cindy Evans
Sent: Wednesday, February 14, 2018 8:50 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: FW: HB2072

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From: Tara Allen [mailto:taraallenhawaii@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2018 4:17 PM
To: Rep. Cindy Evans <repevans@capitol.hawaii.gov>
Subject: HB2072



Aloha,
I support HB2072. Lets end animal abuse in Hawaii!
Mahalo,
Tara Allen

Sent from my iPhone

decoite2 - Amanda

From: Teriitavae Perez on behalf of Rep. Cindy Evans
Sent: Wednesday, February 14, 2018 8:50 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: FW: I support HB2072

From: Maui Up Close [mailto:mauiupclose@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2018 4:38 PM
To: Rep. Cindy Evans <repevans@capitol.hawaii.gov>
Subject: I support HB2072

I support HB2072



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From: Teriitavae Perez on behalf of Rep. Cindy Evans
Sent: Wednesday, February 14, 2018 8:50 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: FW: I support HB2072

From: Margie MacPherson [mailto:mmacpherson@hrcc-hawaii.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2018 4:38 PM
To: Rep. Cindy Evans <repevans@capitol.hawaii.gov>
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Maui Secretary

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Sent: Wednesday, February 14, 2018 8:50 AM
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From: Kandy Kiddlez [mailto:kandykiddlez@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2018 4:38 PM
To: Rep. Cindy Evans <repevans@capitol.hawaii.gov>
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From: Teriitavae Perez on behalf of Rep. Cindy Evans
Sent: Wednesday, February 14, 2018 8:50 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: FW: HB2072

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From: Leslie Heard [mailto:laheard1003@aol.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2018 4:44 PM
To: Rep. Cindy Evans <repevans@capitol.hawaii.gov>
Subject: HB2072

Aloha,

I support this bill and any other bill that will improve conditions for chained, tethered dogs in Hawaii.

This is not "aloha".

No dog or animal deserves the horrific treatment that many endure here in Hawaii. If dogs are allowed to be treated this way, we all know what that can lead to.....child abuse, etc.

Please help make Hawaii a state that punishes abusers: jail time, heavy fines, etc. Please help make Hawaii a state that respects dogs and other animals.

It's appalling that this unimaginable abusive treatment exists.

Do something!

Mahalo

Sent from my iPhone

Aloha and Have a Great Day!
Leslie Heard

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From: Teriitavae Perez on behalf of Rep. Cindy Evans
Sent: Wednesday, February 14, 2018 8:50 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: FW: Hb2072

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From: kranzsilks@aol.com [mailto:kranzsilks@aol.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2018 4:48 PM
To: Rep. Cindy Evans <repevans@capitol.hawaii.gov>
Subject: Hb2072

I strongly support this bill.

Sent from my iPhone

decoite2 - Amanda

From: Teriitavae Perez on behalf of Rep. Cindy Evans
Sent: Wednesday, February 14, 2018 8:50 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: FW: HB2072

From: taglapp [mailto:taglapp@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2018 5:14 PM
To: Rep. Cindy Evans <repevans@capitol.hawaii.gov>
Subject: HB2072



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I support this bill.

Dogs who are chained with no way to exercise are more prone to hip dysplasia a debilitating, painful condition which will cripple a dog within a few years.

Dogs are a pack animal and need to have another being with them to be mentally healthy. Being alone 24/7 will lead to antisocialism, which leads to aggressive behavior, and people getting bit.

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

decoite2 - Amanda

From: Teriitavae Perez on behalf of Rep. Cindy Evans
Sent: Wednesday, February 14, 2018 8:58 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: FW: HB2072

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From: kitch richie [mailto:kitchrichie2@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2018 5:57 PM
To: Rep. Cindy Evans <repevans@capitol.hawaii.gov>
Subject: HB2072

Aloha I would like to give my testimony against animal abuse. We desperately need laws and strict punishments. The education different people have regarding the care of pets is so different and there needs to be a guideline to follow. No matter what animals have to be treated with love and respect. It kills me to see dogs left alone day after day, rain or extreme sun tied up and living for no other reason so the human can say they own a pet 😊. Please speak for the dogs that need to feel loved. Provide hotlines for pickup of animals that owners can not care for anymore offer help. Please consider making a good well thought out law that is clear. Punishments are needed so that people will listen and start thinking about how they actually are treating their dogs chained in the dirt outside with no love. Mahalo 🙏🐕💕 Kitch Richie

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From: Teriitavae Perez on behalf of Rep. Cindy Evans
Sent: Wednesday, February 14, 2018 8:50 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: FW: HB2072

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From: Mira Heimgartner [mailto:mira.heimgartner@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2018 5:59 PM
To: Rep. Cindy Evans <repevans@capitol.hawaii.gov>
Subject: HB2072



I support this bill. Please vote for it. We need to do something about the terrible animal abuse happening in our islands. I live in Puna and see it all the time.

Mahalo
Mira

From: Teriitavae Perez on behalf of Rep. Cindy Evans
Sent: Wednesday, February 14, 2018 8:49 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: FW: HB2072



From: Cherie [mailto:koidream@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2018 6:02 PM
To: Rep. Cindy Evans <repevans@capitol.hawaii.gov>
Subject: HB2072

Aloha,

We desperately need to improve conditions for chained dogs in Hawaii. Allowing neglect and abuse of companion animals desensitizes observers. For CHILDREN, it NORMALIZES THE CRUELTY and abuse. It is psychologically and emotionally damaging to witness neglected and abused animals. Children will grow up thinking it is OK to treat living creatures that have rich emotional lives (it's been scientifically proven that dogs feel affection/love and bond like humans do) like things to be tied up and forgotten outside. There is also correlation between people who abuse animals graduating to abusing spouses and children.

Unfortunately, not everyone grows up in a stable loving home. The role of government is protect those who cannot protect themselves. Sometimes the government needs to provide structures so that people, despite their dysfunctional (or downright toxic) family beliefs systems, are compelled to do the appropriate thing and take care of and provide a good quality of life for their pets.

Mahatma Gandhi has said: The greatness of a nation can be judged by the way its animals are treated.

Hawaii needs to show ALOHA isn't just for humans. We must be pono and malama not only ourselves but our 'aina and our fellow living creatures.

Mahalo for your consideration,
Cherie Okada-Carlson
Captain Cook, HI

--"We did not change as we grew older; we just became more clearly ourselves." — Lynn Hall

decoite2 - Amanda

From: Teriitavae Perez on behalf of Rep. Cindy Evans
Sent: Wednesday, February 14, 2018 8:49 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: FW: HB2072

From: Cathy Yamashita [mailto:cyamashita@clubaloha.net]
Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2018 6:03 PM
To: Rep. Cindy Evans <repevans@capitol.hawaii.gov>
Subject: HB2072



I SUPPORT BILL HB2072.

I feel that it is definite cruelty to animals to have them tethered! I have seen too many dogs even in my own neighborhood that are tethered to a tree, a post, etc, 24 hours a day with no water out in the blazing hot sun; or freezing cold rain with no shelter at all; just horrific! We wouldn't do that to a human and get away with it, why can someone do that to a dog? Tethering a dog in the back of a truck is just as wrong – many have fallen out of the truck and ended up hanging themselves.

More laws to punish those who are cruel to animals need to be established and enforced.

Catherine Yamashita

decoite2 - Amanda

From: Teriitavae Perez on behalf of Rep. Cindy Evans
Sent: Wednesday, February 14, 2018 8:49 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: FW: I support BILL HB2072



From: Pat & Scarlet Eskildsen, Lena Naipo [mailto:kahulanuiband@aol.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2018 6:59 PM
To: Rep. Cindy Evans <repevans@capitol.hawaii.gov>
Subject: I support BILL HB2072

Aloha,

Just wanted to let you know I support BILL HB2072 I have seen some really sad situations here in Hawaii and I think it is time to step up and be a voice for these beautiful animals who live in Hell for most of their lives. Dogs are mans best friend. Lets at least give them some relief from being tied up on a 2 foot chain. Please....Mahalo!
We are watching this closely and hope that we show progress towards compassion.

Mahalo nui!

Scarlet Eskildsen and the Band Kahulanui.

decoite2 - Amanda

From: Teriitavae Perez on behalf of Rep. Cindy Evans
Sent: Wednesday, February 14, 2018 8:49 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: FW: HB2072



From: Sharma Whitbeck [mailto:starlinkdesigns@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2018 7:44 PM
To: Rep. Cindy Evans <repevans@capitol.hawaii.gov>
Subject: HB2072

Please stop this horrible treatment it's in humane! And cruel

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

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Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2018 7:44 PM
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I SUPPORT THE BILL!!!!

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Sharma Whitbeck [mailto:starlinkdesigns@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2018 7:47 PM
To: Rep. Cindy Evans <repevans@capitol.hawaii.gov>
Subject: Fw: HB2072

I support improving conditions for chained dogs .! Most definitely

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From: Kayci Benevides [mailto:kcbnvds@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2018 8:11 PM
To: Rep. Cindy Evans <repevans@capitol.hawaii.gov>
Subject: HB2072

I support the bill because I want animal abuse to end! Chained up dogs is unacceptable. Dogs are meant to be mans best friend which means they should be treated with love, respect, and compassion. I have adopted and rescued three dogs from previous owners who have caged and neglected them. We are all creatures of God and there should be laws to protect all animals. Animals should have rights and we are their voice so hear my voice.

Kayci Benevides

decoite2 - Amanda

From: Teriitavae Perez on behalf of Rep. Cindy Evans
Sent: Wednesday, February 14, 2018 8:49 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: FW: HB2072



From: Julie Kron [mailto:juliekron74@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2018 8:14 PM
To: Rep. Cindy Evans <repevans@capitol.hawaii.gov>
Subject: HB2072

I support HB2072. I have 6 rescue dogs and donate monthly to the local rescue groups here on the Big Island. Dogs do not belong chained 24/7. That is not fair to them. They need to socialize, run and get exercise.

Thank you for your consideration.

Julie Kron

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Julie Kron
Rodan + Fields Level I Executive Consultant
www.jkron.myrandf.com

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From: Teriitavae Perez on behalf of Rep. Cindy Evans
Sent: Wednesday, February 14, 2018 8:49 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: FW: Support hb2072

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From: Andi Ryon [mailto:ashluk@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2018 8:35 PM
To: Rep. Cindy Evans <repevans@capitol.hawaii.gov>
Subject: Support hb2072

Please consider this testimony to support hb2072.

The inhumane treatment of dogs in Hawaii is rampant. To leave a dog on chain 24 hours or most of that is clear abuse. The dog cannot move or function in normal ways. Dogs are proven social animals... I'm not saying the dog has to live in the house but at least be able to move freely and with adequate food and shelter.

Please support this bill

Thank you Andrea Ryon
Registered voter Maui

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From: Teriitavae Perez on behalf of Rep. Cindy Evans
Sent: Wednesday, February 14, 2018 8:49 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: FW: In Support of HB2072

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From: Jennifer Kogan [mailto:dadmun2@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2018 8:40 PM
To: Rep. Cindy Evans <repevans@capitol.hawaii.gov>
Subject: In Support of HB2072

I feel there should be realistic regulations regarding the chaining of dogs to prevent cruelty and abuse of animals.

This would include constant access to plentiful food and water, positive human and/or animal interaction, and plenty of time off-chain.

I support HB2072 and appreciate your time and consideration.

Mahalo,

Jennifer Kogan

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From: Teriitavae Perez on behalf of Rep. Cindy Evans
Sent: Wednesday, February 14, 2018 8:49 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: FW: I support HB2072



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From: Maile Van Unen [mailto:mailebv@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2018 8:41 PM
To: Rep. Cindy Evans <repevans@capitol.hawaii.gov>
Cc: wkemp3131@gmail.com
Subject: I support HB2072

Please fight for the animals well being! I support the bill and ask for your help to pass it. I'm 22 years old and my fiancé (27) are part of the future of Hawai'i. We are pescatarians and believe that dogs are just another shape/form of family and if people take the time to adopt or buy a dog, they should put in time to take care of them and keep them happy just like they would do to their own family members. People need to be held accountable for the unfortunate things they do to animals and in general.

decoite2 - Amanda

From: Teriitavae Perez on behalf of Rep. Cindy Evans
Sent: Wednesday, February 14, 2018 8:49 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: FW: HB2072



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From: honu Biz And Personal [mailto:honuimpressionz@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2018 8:42 PM
To: Rep. Cindy Evans <repevans@capitol.hawaii.gov>
Subject: HB2072

Aloha,

Please help the chained dogs of all of Hawai'i get treated more humanely. Thank you for your time in this. Have a beautiful night.

Aloha,
Meghan Franklin
Resident of Maui

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From: Teriitavae Perez on behalf of Rep. Cindy Evans
Sent: Wednesday, February 14, 2018 8:48 AM
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From: Kurosawa, Jaime J [mailto:Jaime.Kurosawa@otis.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2018 8:43 PM
To: Rep. Cindy Evans <repevans@capitol.hawaii.gov>
Subject: HB2072

> I whole heartedly support this bill. What if you lived your days and nights on a chain? You see the sun rise and set and you can't hardly move. That is cruelty. Things need to change. Pets are living beings. They deserve much more.

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> Thank you for pushing this bill through.

>

> Jaime Kurosawa

> Account Manager

> Otis Elevator Company

> 863 Halekauwila Street, Suite 4

> Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

> 808-216-2635

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From: Teriitavae Perez on behalf of Rep. Cindy Evans
Sent: Wednesday, February 14, 2018 8:48 AM
To: AGRtestimony
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From: Jaime Kurosawa [mailto:jaime.kurosawa@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2018 8:47 PM
To: Rep. Cindy Evans <repevans@capitol.hawaii.gov>
Subject: HB2072

Please please pass this in support of our beloved fur friends who are helpless and rely on us to speak for them.

decoite2 - Amanda

From: Teriitavae Perez on behalf of Rep. Cindy Evans
Sent: Wednesday, February 14, 2018 8:48 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: FW: HB2072



From: Carol May Wong [mailto:cwong5283@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2018 8:47 PM
To: Rep. Cindy Evans <repevans@capitol.hawaii.gov>
Subject: HB2072

I am in support of this bill HB2072.

Mahalo,
Carol

decoite2 - Amanda

From: Teriitavae Perez on behalf of Rep. Cindy Evans
Sent: Wednesday, February 14, 2018 8:48 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: FW: HB2072



From: lisa Bartoletti [mailto:lisabartoletti@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2018 9:00 PM
To: Rep. Cindy Evans <repevans@capitol.hawaii.gov>
Subject: HB2072

I SUPPORT IMPROVING CONDITIONS FOR CHAINED DOGS in HAWAII

I support fines for people who treat dogs badly, such as chaining. Dogs are incredibly social creatures. To chain them is to destroy their spirit. I hope for an in depth education campaign, backed by fines for noncompliance. I support HB2072.

Thank you for your time and effort.

Lisa Bartoletti

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Lisa Bartoletti

808.938.0031 call or text

[808.965.0643 home](tel:808.965.0643)

decoite2 - Amanda

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To: AGRtestimony
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From: crowsmilk@gmail.com [mailto:crowsmilk@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2018 9:01 PM
To: Rep. Cindy Evans <repevans@capitol.hawaii.gov>
Subject: HB2072

I support bill HB2072,

Chaining of dogs due to lack of funds for adequate fencing has got to end. Dogs deserve love and aloha and a healthy home environment.

In this Chinese New Year of the Dog, consider their values embodied: Loyalty, Humility, Unconditional Love.

Mahalo for your time, I am a 2nd grade teacher in Hilo and I teach students about Compassion for all humans, animals, and all beings.

Sarah

Enviado desde mi iPad

decoite2 - Amanda

LATE

From: Teriitavae Perez on behalf of Rep. Cindy Evans
Sent: Wednesday, February 14, 2018 8:48 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: FW: HB2072

From: rebeccacorby [mailto:rebeccacorby@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2018 9:18 PM
To: Rep. Cindy Evans <repevans@capitol.hawaii.gov>
Subject: HB2072

Please pass this bill to help all the abused dogs all over the big island. I'm so sick of all the chained up dogs here, its disgusting cruelty. Dogs are not lawn ornaments!

HB2072

Rebecca Corby
Pahoa citizen

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

decoite2 - Amanda

From: Teriitavae Perez on behalf of Rep. Cindy Evans
Sent: Wednesday, February 14, 2018 8:48 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: FW: FULL SUPPORT OF HB2072

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From: K. V. [mailto:kv.37@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2018 9:30 PM
To: Rep. Cindy Evans <repevans@capitol.hawaii.gov>
Subject: FULL SUPPORT OF HB2072

I am in full support of bill HB2072 regarding improving conditions for chained dogs in Hawai'i.

We live in such a beautiful place, paradise, and far too often we see animals suffering chained up - many times for life. No attention, affection or care is given - this needs to end now.

decoite2 - Amanda

From: Teriitavae Perez on behalf of Rep. Cindy Evans
Sent: Wednesday, February 14, 2018 8:48 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: FW: I support HB2072



From: Kristina Brommels [mailto:mkbrommels@kw.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2018 9:56 PM
To: Rep. Cindy Evans <repevans@capitol.hawaii.gov>
Subject: I support HB2072

I support HB2072.

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Sent: Wednesday, February 14, 2018 8:48 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: FW: Support HB2072

-----Original Message-----

From: Jess Gmail [mailto:oceansj6982@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2018 10:07 PM
To: Rep. Cindy Evans <repevans@capitol.hawaii.gov>
Subject: Support HB2072



I support this bill. Dog abuse is so prevalent in Hawaii and something must be done.
Mahalo

Sent from my iPhone

decoite2 - Amanda

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From: sanaka422@gmail.com [mailto:sanaka422@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2018 10:32 PM
To: Rep. Cindy Evans <repevans@capitol.hawaii.gov>
Subject: HB2072

Aloha,

I am writing in support of improving conditions for chained dogs in Hawaii. As a kamaaina and a dog owner I have witnessed the misery and deplorable conditions that many dogs experience chained at all times on often inhumanely short leashes with minimal care. It is not with Aloha that these dogs are being cared for and as members of the community we owe it to our Keiki and Kupuna to be better and set an positive example. I ask that the current statute be revised to reflect that cruelty to animals especially with the use of constant and/or short restraints without regular care, exercise and affection be regarded as an offense to the Hawaii State Legislature. These beautiful animals are part of our Ohana, let's start treating them like they are.

Mahalo,

Samantha Nakamoto
Kona, Hawaii
29 years old

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decoite2 - Amanda

From: Teriitavae Perez on behalf of Rep. Cindy Evans
Sent: Wednesday, February 14, 2018 8:47 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: FW: HB2072

From: Diana Tevaga [mailto:dtevaga@hawaii.edu]
Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2018 11:16 PM
To: Rep. Cindy Evans <repevans@capitol.hawaii.gov>
Subject: HB2072

Aloha,

I humbly write to share my support for Bill HB2072 to prohibit certain restraints and tethers that endanger or deny sustenance to a dog.

In my opinion there are dangers to chaining or tethering a dog for an extended period of time and also for short periods by themselves. Below are a list of the horrible possibilities that can happen when neglectful pet owners chain or tether their dog(s).

- Cannot escape from aggressive wild animals(ie: wild pigs) or free-roaming dogs
- Do not receive adequate physical activity.
- Death by strangulation after trying to jump over an object, such as a dog house
- May be more likely to bite than well-socialized dogs.
- Are susceptible to overheating and freezing in extreme weather.
- Often lunge or pull against a chain, causing abrasions and injury to the neck.
- Suffer high-exposure to disease-carrying insects including ticks, fleas, and mosquitos.
- Are forced to urinate and defecate in the same area where they eat and sleep.
- May bark continuously from boredom and frustration.

I wholeheartedly support any Bill that will provide a dog the happy life it deserves to have.

Mahalo nui,
Diana Tevaga

decoite2 - Amanda

From: Teriitavae Perez on behalf of Rep. Cindy Evans
Sent: Wednesday, February 14, 2018 8:47 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: FW: Strong support for HB2072

From: Bobbi Cuttance [mailto:bobbi.kanekiki@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2018 11:17 PM
To: Rep. Cindy Evans <repevans@capitol.hawaii.gov>
Subject: Strong support for HB2072

LATE

I strongly support this Bill.

I see dogs chained permanently in many parts of Hawaii Island.

Dogs are social animals and need to be able to live in such a way as to express their social needs, anything less is cruel.

Please pass this Bill.

Mahalo and warmest regards

Bobbi

Bobbi Cuttance
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Until we, the people, are willing to free our animal slaves, our own higher nature will remain enslaved". Sun - Gentle World.

decoite2 - Amanda

From: Teriitavae Perez on behalf of Rep. Cindy Evans
Sent: Wednesday, February 14, 2018 8:47 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: FW: HB2072



From: Caitlin Peil [mailto:cpeil124@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2018 11:48 PM
To: Rep. Cindy Evans <repevans@capitol.hawaii.gov>
Subject: HB2072

Aloha,

I 100% SUPPORT IMPROVING CONDITIONS FOR CHAINED DOGS in HAWAII!!! We must be aware of their pain and their inability to tell us they are hungry, thirsty, or in pain. We must stand together and rise up against the ignorance of our community member who do not know how to properly love and care for an animal. It is up to us as officials to pass laws and implement structure, education, and actions towards this injustice against them! Thank you for supporting the voiceless and being the hope for the hopeless.

Mahalo,

Caitlin Peil

decoite2 - Amanda

From: Teriitavae Perez on behalf of Rep. Cindy Evans
Sent: Wednesday, February 14, 2018 8:47 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: FW: HB2072



From: jerrold smart [mailto:jerroldsmart42@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2018 11:51 PM
To: Rep. Cindy Evans <repevans@capitol.hawaii.gov>
Subject: HB2072

Aloha,

I 100% SUPPORT IMPROVING CONDITIONS FOR CHAINED DOGS in HAWAII!!! We must be aware of their pain and their inability to tell us they are hungry, thirsty, or in pain. It is up to us as officials to pass laws and implement structure, education, and actions towards this injustice against them!

Mahalo,

Jerry Smart

decoite2 - Amanda

From: Teriitavae Perez on behalf of Rep. Cindy Evans
Sent: Wednesday, February 14, 2018 8:47 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: FW: i SUPPORT THE BILL HB2072



From: Vida Yap [mailto:vidaryap@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, February 14, 2018 3:25 AM
To: Rep. Cindy Evans <repevans@capitol.hawaii.gov>
Subject: i SUPPORT THE BILL HB2072

Dear Honorable Senate Members,

I support HB2072 that protects dogs that are being chained by their owners. It is cruel to hear them cry at all hours of the day and night because they cannot move freely,. These social animals are left to the elements of heat, rain etc. I have seen the chains around their necks, where with each movement it rips into the flesh and is left untreated. In addition, an Eskimo dog house does not provide a proper shelter. This cruel treatment needs to stop.

May the Living God give you the insight to manage this issue.

Sincerely,
Vida R. Yap

decoite2 - Amanda

From: Teriitavae Perez on behalf of Rep. Cindy Evans
Sent: Wednesday, February 14, 2018 8:44 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: FW: HB2072

From: Spring [mailto:hellojoy@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, February 14, 2018 5:57 AM
To: Rep. Cindy Evans <repevans@capitol.hawaii.gov>
Subject: HB2072



I SUPPORT THE BILL!!!

PLEASE END THIS ANIMAL CRUELTY. YOU CAN'T CHAIN UP DOGS NEGLECTED.. BEING STARVED AND THIRSTY TO DEATH EVENTUALLY. HAVE A HEART AND PLEASE HAVE THE LAWS DO THE WORK FOR ALL OF US.

LATE

decoite2 - Amanda

From: Teriitavae Perez on behalf of Rep. Cindy Evans
Sent: Wednesday, February 14, 2018 8:44 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: FW: HB2072

-----Original Message-----

From: Stephanie Torres [mailto:steph.torres92@icloud.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2018 8:01 PM
To: Rep. Cindy Evans <repevans@capitol.hawaii.gov>
Subject: HB2072

Hello, my name is Stephanie. I came across a this bill HB2072 and since being in Hawaii, I have seen so many dogs chained up in their yards and it's so sad... especially when they have a yard to run in. I've seen dogs chained up in kennels outside and sometimes tress and that breaks my heart. Dogs are suppose to be part of the family and treated like part of the family. I'm a huge animal lover and would love to see this bill get passed. Thank you for your time.

Sent from my iPhone

decoite2 - Amanda

From: Teriitavae Perez on behalf of Rep. Cindy Evans
Sent: Wednesday, February 14, 2018 8:43 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: FW: Testimony for HB2072



-----Original Message-----

From: Jodi Bearden [mailto:jodigb1@hotmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, February 14, 2018 6:51 AM
To: Rep. Cindy Evans <repevans@capitol.hawaii.gov>
Subject: Testimony for HB2072

I would like to leave testimony in support of HB2072. The State of Hawaii has a problem with animal cruelty. In neighborhoods all throughout the islands you will find animals chained, neglected and mistreated. Too often I have seen the photos of these animals who have suffered medical issues as a result of their improper restraints. There are simple, more humane steps that animal caretakers can take. Lighter lead lines that allow animals freedom of movement are readily available and at a minimal cost. We have an opportunity to improve the lives of these animals and we should do so. The State of Hawaii can show a better way to care for animals by passing HB2072.

Thank you for your time,

Jodi Bearden

PO Box 905

Volcano, HI 96785

decoite2 - Amanda

From: Teriitavae Perez on behalf of Rep. Cindy Evans
Sent: Wednesday, February 14, 2018 8:43 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: FW: Support for HB2072
Attachments: Gandhi-Quote-Animals-WEB.jpg

From: Sarah YesPDX [mailto:sarah.yespx@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, February 14, 2018 7:15 AM
To: Rep. Cindy Evans <repevans@capitol.hawaii.gov>
Subject: Support for HB2072



"The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated. I hold that the more helpless a creature the more entitled it is to protection by man from the cruelty of humankind."

Mahatma Gandhi

decoite2 - Amanda

From: Teriitavae Perez on behalf of Rep. Cindy Evans
Sent: Wednesday, February 14, 2018 8:43 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: FW: HB2072

-----Original Message-----

From: Sylvie Schroeder [mailto:s_ouelle@hotmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, February 14, 2018 7:17 AM
To: Rep. Cindy Evans <repevans@capitol.hawaii.gov>
Subject: HB2072



I hope this bill passes! Dogs have as much right to be treated like a feeling living creature as humans do. Chaining dogs is a form of abuse and should be stopped!

Thanks,

Sylvie Schroeder

decoite2 - Amanda

From: Teriitavae Perez on behalf of Rep. Cindy Evans
Sent: Wednesday, February 14, 2018 8:24 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: FW: HB2072

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From: sandy prpacific.com [mailto:sandy@prpacific.com]
Sent: Wednesday, February 14, 2018 7:58 AM
To: Rep. Cindy Evans <repevans@capitol.hawaii.gov>
Subject: HB2072

The purpose of this email is to express my support for HB2072. As the owner and operator of the Geneva's Phoenix German Shepherd Rescue Shelter, I see first hand the horrific effects of inhumane treatment of dogs, including one that came to me with a chain wrapped so tightly around her neck that it was cutting into her skin and had to be cut off with bolt cutters. She was literally skin and bones. I can send pics if that will help. I'm happy to say that after months of medical treatment she was eventually adopted for a wonderful forever family here on Oahu.

decoite2 - Amanda

From: Teriitavae Perez on behalf of Rep. Cindy Evans
Sent: Wednesday, February 14, 2018 8:23 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: FW: HB 2072

From: Susan Yeagley [mailto:soosanowc@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, February 14, 2018 8:22 AM
To: Rep. Cindy Evans <repevans@capitol.hawaii.gov>
Subject: HB 2072

LATE

I am writing in strong support of HB2072. Chaining dogs is inhumane and cruel, and has been outlawed already in many states. Hawai'i needs to step out of the dark ages and wake up to the fact that Aloha should be expressed to ALL sentient beings. If not, it really loses all meaning.

Sincerely,
Susan Yeagley
Pahoa, HI
[303-638-9726](tel:303-638-9726)

Sent from my iPhone

decoite2 - Amanda

From: Teriitavae Perez on behalf of Rep. Cindy Evans
Sent: Wednesday, February 14, 2018 7:43 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: FW: Support of HB2072

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From: Willow Roback [mailto:lwroback@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, February 14, 2018 7:22 AM
To: Rep. Cindy Evans <repevans@capitol.hawaii.gov>
Subject: Support of HB2072



I support HB2072
Stop All forms of animal abuse to ALL animals!!!
Willow Roback

Sent from my iPhone

decoite2 - Amanda

From: Frances Pueo <owlit1@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2018 10:59 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: "2-14-18 Support for HB 2072".



Aloha:

"I support HB2072 –Today, I flew over from the big Island to support Humane Advocacy Day sponsored by HSUS and for Bills for an Act that they are supporting.

My personal experience - I have witness countless and unnecessary abuse on dogs being tethered on chains so short that the animal has limited space to poop clear of their water and food bowls. In one case these people thought nothing wrong in keeping their dogs (started as puppies) 24/7, never walked, barely cared for and kept on very short chains. From sweet puppies, they evolved into constant barkers, and aggressive fits in attempts to get attention from their owners only to be yelling at to shut up, things thrown at it, of hit.

The Humane Society had come out for one in particular because it was not under any cover from the sun or rain. Nothing really changed and got worse. A few months ago, the larger dog broke loose and attacked to kill the other chained up dog. The injuries were so severe it had to be euthanized.

Dogs are social animals and are not born aggressive, nor are they born to kill other animals or to attack humans. Such aggressive behavior is either specifically taught or it is so abused by being chained up that it finally in broken spirit becomes vicious.

If a child grows up in a family that chains up their dogs, it will grow up to teach their own children the same. Animal abuse is a learned behavior that progressive as first strike to humans.

I hope again you will support this HB2072.

Sincerely,

Frannie Pueo Pres. Hui Pono Holoholona

(808) 769-1128

decoite2 - Amanda

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From: diane.kawamoto@gmail.com
Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2018 9:46 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: "2-14-18 Support for HB 2072

I support HB 2072- please pass this bill with amendments to retain the current penalty for a tethering violation, expand the education counseling and psychological assessment provision to all violations of the cruelty to animals involved in the second degree statue and clarify that each animal involved in a violation constitute a separate offense.

Thank you,
Diane Kawamoto

Sent from my T-Mobile 4G LTE device

decoite2 - Amanda

LATE

From: Stephanie Kendrick <skendrick@hawaiianhumane.org>
Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2018 7:11 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: 2-14-18 Support for HB 2072
Attachments: HB2072HAAWATestimony 2018.02.13.pdf; HB2072Amended2-12-18.pdf

Aloha,
The Hawaii Association of Animal Welfare Agencies supports HB2072.
Our testimony and proposed amendments are attached.
I plan to speak at tomorrow's hearing on behalf of HAAWA.
Mahalo,
Stephanie Kendrick
Public Policy Advocate
Hawaiian Humane Society

RELATING TO SECTION 711-1109, HAWAII REVISED STATUTES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

LATE

SECTION 1. Section 711-1109, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

"§711-1109 Cruelty to animals in the second degree. (1) A person commits the offense of cruelty to animals in the second degree if the person intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly:

- (a) Overdrives, overloads, tortures, torments, beats, causes substantial bodily injury to, or starves any animal, or causes the overdriving, overloading, torture, torment, beating, or starving of any animal;
- (b) Deprives a pet animal of necessary sustenance as defined in section 711-1100, including the requirements relating to adequate shelter, or causes ~~[such]~~ that deprivation;
- (c) Mutilates, poisons, or kills without need any animal other than insects, vermin, or other pests; provided that the handling or extermination of any insect, vermin, or other pest is conducted in accordance with standard and acceptable pest control practices and all applicable laws and regulations;
- (d) Keeps, uses, or in any way is connected with or interested in the management of, or receives money for the admission of any person to, any place kept or used

for the purpose of fighting or baiting any bull, bear, cock, or other animal, and includes every person who encourages, aids, or assists therein, or who permits or suffers any place to be so kept or used;

- (e) Carries or causes to be carried, in or upon any vehicle or other conveyance, any animal in a cruel or inhumane manner;
- (f) Confines or causes to be confined, in a kennel or cage, any pet animal in a cruel or inhumane manner;
- (g) Tethers, fastens, ties, or restrains a dog to a doghouse, tree, fence, or any other stationary object ~~[by]~~, or uses a trolley, pulley, cable, or running line designed to attach a dog to two stationary objects:
 - (i) If the dog is under the age of six months unless the dog is engaged in a supervised activity;
 - (ii) In a configuration that:
 - (A) Entangles or endangers the dog; or
 - (B) Prevents the dog from obtaining necessary sustenance, as defined in this chapter;
 - (iii) If the tether is shorter than five times the length of the dog's body, as measured from the tip of its nose to the base of its tail, unless the dog is engaged in a supervised activity;
 - (iv) If the restraint is a tow or log chain or is disproportionate to the size or weight of the dog such that the restraint inhibits the free

movement of the dog within the area allowed by the tether; or

(v) By means of a choke collar, pinch collar, or prong collar; provided that a person is not prohibited from using [~~such restraints~~] a choke collar, pinch collar, or prong collar when walking a dog with a hand-held leash or while a dog is engaged in a supervised activity; or

(h) Commits or Assists another in the commission of any act specified in subsections (1) (a) through (1) (g) [~~]~~; provided that a person who is convicted of committing or assisting another in the commission of an act specified in ~~subsection (1) (g)~~ this section shall , may, in addition to any other penalties, also be sentenced pursuant to subsection (4) (b). As used in this section, "assist" means to instigate, engage in, or further the commission of an act prohibited under this section.

(2) Subsection (1) (a), (b), (c), (e), (f), (g), and (h) shall not apply to:

- (a) Accepted veterinary practices;
- (b) Activities carried on for scientific research governed by standards of accepted educational or medicinal practices; or
- (c) Pest control operations conducted pursuant to chapter 149A by a pest control operator licensed pursuant to

chapter 460J, if the pest control is performed under a written contract.

(3) Whenever any animal is so severely injured that there is no reasonable probability that its life or usefulness can be saved, the animal may be immediately destroyed without creating any offense under this section.

(4) Cruelty to animals in the second degree is a misdemeanor for each abused animal, except ~~[where]~~ that if the offense ~~[involves]~~:

(a) Involves ten or more pet animals in any one instance [which], then cruelty to animals in the second degree is a class C felony[-]; or

(b) Involves nine or fewer pet animals in any one instance and involves an act prohibited under subsection (1)(g), this section then the defendant shall be guilty of a petty misdemeanor and in addition to any other penalties shall may also be sentenced as follows:

~~(i) For a first offense under subsection (1)(g):~~

~~(A) Payment of a fine of not more than \$500 for each abused animal;~~

(B A) If deemed appropriate by the court, completion of educational classes in animal abuse prevention; provided that the court shall not order classes under this paragraph if classes are not readily available from an animal welfare organization or a similar

appropriate organization designated by the
county in which the underlying offense
occurred; and

(EB) If deemed appropriate by the court,
completion of a course of psychological
counseling; or.

~~(ii) For a second or subsequent offense under
subsection (1)(g):~~

~~(A) Payment of a fine of not more than \$500 for
each abused animal;~~

~~(B) Completion of sixteen hours of community
service; and~~

~~(C) Imprisonment of no less than two days and no
more than thirty days;~~

~~provided that, notwithstanding section 706-643(2), all
fines collected under this paragraph shall be paid to
the director of finance of the county in which the
underlying offense occurred, as a general fund
realization of that county."~~

SECTION 2. This Act does not affect rights and duties that matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were begun before its effective date.

SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2018.

HAWAII ASSOCIATION OF ANIMAL WELFARE AGENCIES

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*Hawaiian Humane Society
Hawaii Island Humane Society
Kauai Humane Society
Maui Humane Society*

Date: February 13, 2018

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

RE: Testimony in support of HB2072: Relating to HRS 711-1109
Wednesday, Feb. 14, 2018, 8:30 a.m., Capitol room 312

The Hawaii Association of Animal Welfare Agencies (HAAWA) supports the passage of House Bill 2072, which would prohibit the use of specific tethering equipment and techniques that are injurious to dogs.

HAAWA represents the four county animal service providers in the state of Hawaii. Our independent local nonprofits are united in support this change in policy.

The harmful tethering of dogs is an issue on all of our islands. The constant confinement and isolation of dogs is dangerous both for the animals and the people around them. Dogs are happiest when they are treated as close members of their human families.

Please support this measure with the exception of the proposed amendments reducing the initial penalty to a petty misdemeanor. While the intent of that change might have been to allow offenders to correct their behavior without incurring a misdemeanor charge, our humane investigators already use education first to modify behavior. Citations would follow only if the illegal activity is not corrected. Please do not retreat from the recent gains the Legislature has made in strengthening animal cruelty penalties.

We ask you to support the well-vetted language in HB2072, which was endorsed in the prior two sessions by animal welfare groups and law enforcement, and reject the penalty amendments.

Thank you for considering our testimony on this important issue.

Sincerely,



Lisa Fowler, President & CEO
Hawaiian Humane Society



Donna Whitaker, Executive Director
Hawaii Island Humane Society



Orianna Skomoroch, Interim Executive Director
Kauai Humane Society



Jerleen Bryant, CEO
Maui Humane Society