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Testimony for AGR on 3/21/2018 8:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Cathy Goeggel	Animal Rights Hawai'i	Oppose	Yes

Comments:

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Submitted on: 3/16/2018 4:13:50 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
joel fischer	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

TESTIMONY OPPOSING HR 104

Dr. Joel Fischer

Please kill this reso! It will only lead to the slaughter of feral animals, but it will NOT solve the problem. Research shows conclusively that killing feral animals does not significantly decrease feral colonies.

The most humane way and by far the most effective is the approach called TRAP NEUTER RELEASE MAINTAIN (TNRM) in which dedicated volunteers take care of colonies of cats, spending enormous time, energy and money caring for feral cats.

Chickens are another matter although the issue is basically the same. Why kill them? Chickens can be removed from one place to another, including to farms, and spend the rest of their lives without fear of humans.

I am pleading with this committee to not let bloodlust determine your vote. Instead, please allow the humane, moral and most effective methods of control take place, and vote to oppose this reso.

Thank you,

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Dr. Joel Fischer

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
carole richelieu	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 3/18/2018 8:51:57 PM

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

Comments:

This resolution is way too broad and provides no protections for the cats or chickens. It is way too heavy handed and should not be passed in this form. Please just hold it and work on other bills and resolutions that suggest solutions to the problems addressed in this resolution.

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Submitted on: 3/18/2018 10:52:32 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Christin Matsushige	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Please oppose HR104. I am concerned because it is too broad in scope and provides no protection for cats, owned, feral, stray or otherwise.

Thank you,

Christin Matsushige

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MY NAME IS DIANNE STEWART AND I WORK WITH A SMALL GROUP OF INDIVIDUALS TO MANAGE A COLONY OF 55 CATS ON THE FORT SHAFTER MILITARY INSTALLATION. THE PROGRAM WAS STARTED @10 YEARS AGO AND THE AREA WHERE THE COLONY RESIDES IS @1/3 OF THE INSTALLATION (@15 ACRES). WHEN THE FIRST COLONY MANAGER BEGAN THE PROGRAM THE NUMBER OF CATS WAS ESTIMATED TO BE @112 CATS.

OVER 10 YEARS CATS HAVE BEEN TRAPPED, NEUTERED AND ASSESSED FOR POSSIBLE PLACEMENT INTO HOMES. THOSE THAT COULD BE PLACED WERE AND A LARGE NUMBER OF THE CATS WERE ALSO PLACED INTO SANCTUARY. THE REMAINDER COMPRISE THE COLONY AS IT EXISTS TODAY. WE HAVE 55 CATS THAT ARE CATALOGUED, MICROCHIPPED AND OF THESE 51 ARE STERILIZED. THE COLONY HAS REMAINED STABLE OVER THE PAST 9 YEARS AND OUR ABILITY TO SHOW SUCCESS HAS RESULTED IN THE GARRISON COMMAND APPROVING A PILOT PROGRAM TO SHOW THE EFFECTIVENESS OF TNRM ON FORT SHAFTER. WORKING WITH THE GARRISON STAFF WE HAVE ADJUSTED LOCATIONS FOR FEEDING, ASSISTED HOMEOWNERS AND OTHERS WITH TRAPPING AND HAVE REMOVED AND ADOPTED OUT 14 KITTENS DURING THE LAST KITTEN SEASON.

THERE ARE OVER 300,000 ESTIMATED FERAL CATS ON OAHU, WHICH IS @85,000 ACRES, MEANING WE HAVE @3.5 FERAL CATS PER ACRE. ON THE 15 ACRES OF FORT SHAFTER THAT WE MANAGE, WE HAVE OUR FAIR SHARE OF FERAL/FREE ROAMING CATS ($3.5 \times 15 = 52.5$) LIVING IN A CONTROLLED SPACE, WITH A CONTROLLED DIET AND AN EFFECTIVENESS RATE OF ALMOST 96% (51 OF 55) IN VACCINATION, STERILIZATION AND HAVE HAD NO COLONY GROWTH OVER 9 YEARS. THE MEDIAN AGE IN THE COLONY IS 4.8 YEARS WITH OLDER CATS 10 YEARS OF AGE.

FORT SHAFTER IS FENCED BUT HAS DRAINAGE CANALS THAT RUN THROUGH IT AND ALSO HAS MUCH UNDEVELOPED LAND WHERE FERAL CATS CAN THRIVE IN NUMBER. WE EXPLAINED TO THE GARRISON THAT THEIR PRIOR METHOD OF SIMPLY TRAPPING AND REMOVING THE CATS FROM THE BASE WAS NOT WORKING, AS MASS TRAPPING IN ONE AREA ONLY RESULTED IN CREATING A VOID WHERE NEW CATS COULD THEN REHOME. AT A MEETING WITH THE GARRISON STAFF, WE DISCUSSED THE OPTION OF TRAPPING THE CATS VERSUS MANAGING THE COLONY. THE BASE TRAPPER MENTIONED THAT OVER THE PAST YEAR HE HAD TRAPPED 72 CATS, AND INQUIRED "HOW MANY WERE YOURS?" I RESPONDED "NONE", HE SAID "HOW DO YOU KNOW?" I RESPONDED "BECAUSE MY CATS ARE MICROCHIPPED AND WHEN YOU CATCH THEM AND TURN THEM INTO HHS, I GET CALLED AND NONE HAVE BEEN TRAPPED IN THE PAST YEAR." THIS WOULD SUPPORT OUR THEORY ON THE VACUUM EFFECT AS HE TRAPPED 72 AND NONE WERE OUR CATS, THAT MEANS THAT HE MUST CATCH AT LEAST 72 BEFORE HE TOUCHES ONE OF OUR 55, MEANING THERE ARE POTENTIALLY OVER 3,500 MORE CATS OUT THERE THAT HE CAN TRAP EVEN BEFORE REMOVING OUR COLONY.

IN TURN, BY MANAGING A COLONY WE KEEP A MANAGEABLE NUMBER OF CATS IN AN AREA AND WE KNOW THE CATS MEDICAL AND HEALTH HISTORY AND THEY IN TURN PROVIDE FREE RODENT REMOVAL SERVICES AND KEEP UNKNOWN CATS FROM MOVING ONTO THE BASE. WE USE METHODS TO RELOCATE CATS AWAY FROM HIGH TRAFFIC AREAS TO KEEP THEM AWAY FROM HUMANS TO EASE COMPLAINTS ABOUT DISEASE, NOISE AND ANIMAL WASTE. THIS ALLOWS US TO ADDRESS CONCERNS AS THEY ARISE. DURING OUR LAST WORKING GROUP WITH THE GARRISON STAFF THEY REPORTED THAT SINCE WE IMPLEMENTED THE PROGRAM THEY HAVE RECEIVED ZERO COMPLAINTS, WHEREAS, PRIOR TO OUR BECOMING SANCTIONED THE COMPLAINTS HAD BEEN WEEKLY. THE COLONY ON FORT SHAFTER IS BECOMING VIRTUALLY INVISIBLE AS WE WORK WITH THE GARRISON TO ADDRESS COMPLAINTS.

MY POINT IS TO SHOW THAT COLONY MANAGEMENT IS FAR MORE EFFECTIVE THAN JUST TRAPPING AND ALWAYS WILL BE, AS LONG AS THERE ARE FERAL CATS IN HAWAII. LIKEWISE, LEAVING MANAGED CATS, WHICH ARE A KNOWN ENTITY (VACCINATED, NEUTERED, HEALTHY, AND NOT AGGRESSIVE), VICE CREATING A VOID FOR UNKNOWN CATS (INTACT, AGGRESSIVE, AND DISEASED) IS A FAR BETTER ALTERNATIVE. TRAP NEUTER RETURN/REHOME, MANAGE WORKS AND OUR PROGRAM DEMONSTRATES THIS. WE HAVE CUT THE POPULATION IN HALF, WE HAVE HAD ZERO GROWTH OVER 9 YEARS AND THE BASE IS RECEIVING VIRTUALLY NO COMPLAINTS IN THE AREAS WE MANAGE. MAHALO FOR HEARING MY TESTIMONY!

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Testimony for AGR on 3/21/2018 8:45:00 AM

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

Comments:

Hello Chair(s) And Committee Members:

I oppose this bill if it will result in the animals death because people are by far the biggest nuisance on this earth. If it would be reworted to use the Trap, Neuter, Release and Manage method such as HCR 60, I would support that method as it is the only compassionate method we would want ourselves if we were in those cats who need help place. Thank you.

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Submitted on: 3/19/2018 5:39:04 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Stephen A. Geimer	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

State agency working with the proper registered cat caretakers is the best way.

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Submitted on: 3/20/2018 7:30:45 AM

Testimony for AGR on 3/21/2018 8:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Katherine Linster	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I strongly oppose HR104 which is inhumane and an irresponsible and ineffective approach to this human made problem of dumping unfixed domestic cats. TNRM is the only solution to this problem caused by inhumane and irresponsible people. HR104's undisguised hostility to cats is far worse then the cat flinging video. This bill contemplated the killing of cats due to our inactions and actions. The nuisance is humans and I urge you to crack down on the domestic dumping of cats and urge you to support TNRM and more subsidies towards the spaying and neutering of cats.

Please vote against HR104 and support a humane (the least harm to people and animals) solution. Think of the community you want to build.

Katherine Linster

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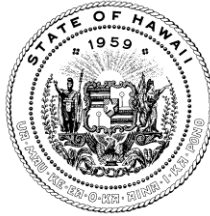
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Testimony for AGR on 3/21/2018 8:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
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Comments:

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Testimony of
SUZANNE D. CASE
Chairperson

Before the House Committee on
AGRICULTURE

Wednesday, March 21, 2018
8:45 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 312

In consideration of
**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 119/HOUSE RESOLUTION 104
URGING STATE AGENCIES TO EFFECTIVELY MANAGE AND CONTROL THE
FERAL CATS AND CHICKENS ON STATE PROPERTIES WITHIN THEIR
RESPECTIVE JURISDICTIONS TO AVOID CREATING A NUISANCE, CAUSING
DAMAGE, AND OTHER NEGATIVE IMPACTS TO NEIGHBORING PRIVATE
PROPERTIES**

House Concurrent Resolution 119/House Resolution 104 urge state agencies to manage feral cats and chickens on state properties to avoid creating a nuisance. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) offers the following comments.**

The Department recognizes that feral cats and chickens can create a nuisance to private landowners. The Department notes that approximately one million acres of land are under its jurisdiction. While total control of chickens or feral cats over this entire land area is not currently feasible, the Department does maintain predator control and nuisance animal control programs for resource management purposes, and does advise and assist private landowners on a case-by-case basis to control nuisance animals on state properties that abut private properties where a nuisance has been reported. The Department will continue these programs to the extent that resources permit.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on these measures.

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

Comments:

Aloha,

We strongly Oppose HR 104.

Simply Catch and Kill doesnt work and TNRM works effectively and humanely to control the overpopulation of feral cats.

After pest control companies went in to trap to kill a few the rest of the ferals will roam the neighborhood. They will be hungry and sick from being hungry and will go to people yards garbage cans Tom Cats to fight at nights to disrupt neighborhood sleeps the negative impacts of Catch and Kill is a mile long.

TNRM works feral cats gather and stay near food source they will get food and they will be trapped regularly to sterilize no more Tom Cats no more breeding and all sick injured abandoned cats can be safely removed and it is a win win for the Community.

The Toxo misinformation is being spread about the cat feces is just to undermine TNRM and what is big mistake it is to not supporting TNRM. Please consider the source of this information.

Last but not least, Hawaii is the Aloha State with the famous and wonderful Aloha Spirit. Please show your Aloha to your community by supporting TNRM and Opposing HR 104.

Mahalo Nui Loa for your kind consideration.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sara Perry	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support TNR efforts. Statistics show it is much more successful than euthanasia, and frankly, is a more humane practice.

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

Comments:

No thank you to cruel kill tactics for feral animals. Lets instead support humane ways to take care of the situation.

LATE

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kitty Ng	Hawaii Happy Cats	Oppose	No

Comments:

Absolutely oppose this as in direct opposition to humane management such as TNRM

I OPPOSE !