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February 6, 2018

**TESTIMONY OF MEL RAPOZO  
COUNCIL CHAIR, KAUAI COUNTY COUNCIL  
ON**

**SB 2196, RELATING TO ANIMALS**  
Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs  
Senate Committee on Judiciary  
Friday, February 9, 2018  
9:30 a.m.  
Conference Room 016

Dear Chair Nishihara, Chair Taniguchi, and Members of the Committees:

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of SB 2196, Relating to Animals. My testimony is submitted in my individual capacity as a Chair of the Kaua'i County Council.

SB 2196 is included in the 2018 County of Kaua'i Legislative Package. The County of Kaua'i is the only county required to contract with a specific entity to provide animal services. This measure repeals the requirement to specifically contract with the Kaua'i Humane Society and will allow the County of Kaua'i the option to contract with other providers for animal services, as well as to contract with several animal service providers if the service is not offered by the Kaua'i Humane Society.

For the reasons stated above, I urge the Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs and the Senate Committee on Judiciary to support this measure. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or Council Services Staff at (808) 241-4188.

Sincerely,

MEL RAPOZO  
Council Chair, Kaua'i County Council

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**SB-2196**

Submitted on: 2/6/2018 10:56:01 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/9/2018 9:30:00 AM

| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b>   | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Present at Hearing</b> |
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| Cathy Goeggel       | Animal Rights Hawai'i | Support                   | No                        |

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/7/2018 11:43:49 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/9/2018 9:30:00 AM

| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b>          | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Present at Hearing</b> |
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| Suyin Phillips      | Kapi'olani Community College | Support                   | No                        |

Comments:

There is no justification for the State to meddle with County animal welfare.

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Submitted on: 2/7/2018 12:59:51 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/9/2018 9:30:00 AM

| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Present at Hearing</b> |
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| Natalie Parra       | Keiko Conservation  | Support                   | No                        |

Comments:

**SB-2196**

Submitted on: 2/6/2018 10:40:06 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/9/2018 9:30:00 AM

| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b> | <b>Testifier<br/>Position</b> | <b>Present at<br/>Hearing</b> |
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| naomi egami         |                     | Support                       | No                            |

Comments: