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Hello Committee Chairs And Members:

Please read this testimony as I had been trying to get a more in-depth understanding of what the issue was in recent days regarding this bill before the deadline today. Several of the legislative offices seemed unsure when I called. I just received more detail which is why I am submitting testimony now after the deadline, so please review this before the hearing since I put a lot of effort calling various people.

It seems the intent is to align Kauai with the other islands and open the contract yearly also to other bidders rather than to only one bid. I support this. However, the main issue that needs to be insured by each county, is that when choosing the bidder, that only the most compassionate provider and services for the animals win the contract. Not necessarily the cost, if it results in loss of life or suffering. What must be required in the writing of the law when choosing a bidder, are the kind of requirements you yourselves would want for yourselves if you were that terrified or injured animal in need that wants your one life saved and helped versus enduring more terror with your life destroyed because it's cheaper. Please remember in all of your decisions whether it involves the state or islands, each life is valuable and sacred. Thank you.