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Date: Feb. 16, 2019

To: Chair Rep. Chris Lee
Vice Chair Rep. Joy San Buenaventura
and Members of the Committee on Judiciary

Submitted By: Stephanie Kendrick, Public Policy Advocate
Hawaiian Humane Society, 808-356-2217

RE: Testimony in support of HB 200, HD1: Relating to Cruelty to Animals
Tuesday, Feb. 19, 2019, 2:05 p.m., Capitol room 325

Aloha Chair Lee, Vice Chair San Buenaventura and Committee Members,

The Hawaiian Humane Society supports the passage of House Bill 200, House Draft 1, which would prohibit the use of specific tethering equipment and techniques that are injurious to dogs.

This bill does not prohibit dog tethering. It gives our humane investigators a tool to educate dog owners about proper tethering equipment that is readily available and appropriate techniques that are easy to implement. Making simple changes should allow dog owners to comply with these rules and keep their pets safe.

On behalf of the Hawaiian Humane Society, I urge you to pass HB 200, HD1, to enhance protections for our canine companions.

Mahalo for your consideration. Please let me know if I can be of any assistance.

HB-200-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/15/2019 5:41:34 PM

Testimony for JUD on 2/19/2019 2:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sylvia Dolena	Aloha Animal Advocates	Support	No

Comments:

The Aloha Animal Advocates support all Bills preventing animal cruelty.

HB-200-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/17/2019 1:48:46 PM

Testimony for JUD on 2/19/2019 2:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Laura Myers	Windward Dog Park Hui	Support	No

Comments:

Thank you for helping this important bill to progress. It allows us to help protect innocent animals who cannot speak for themselves and have the misfortune of being owned by people who neglect and/or abuse them.

HB-200-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/17/2019 5:33:47 PM

Testimony for JUD on 2/19/2019 2:05:00 PM

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

Comments:

There has been extensive research into the ramifications regarding the tethering/chaining of dogs- it is obvious that dogs subjected to such confinement become aggressive because of the harsh conditions that inhibit movement and socialization. Please stop this practice.

sanbuenaventura2 - Kevin

From: Marian Hussenbux <mhussenbux@btinternet.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 16, 2019 10:37 PM
To: JUDtestimony
Subject: Testimony in support of HB200, HD1

Dear Officers of the House Judiciary Committee of the State of Hawai'i,

I write on behalf of *The Animal Interfaith Alliance*, an international alliance of faith groups founded in Britain concerned about the welfare of animals. Our member organisations and individual members include Buddhists, Christians, Hindus, Jains, Jews, Muslims and Sikhs. We are all united by our common concern for animals, based on our various faiths. Our member organisations are listed below.

Our members understand that HB200 - which prohibits certain restraints and tethers that endanger, or deny sustenance, to a dog - is being heard by the House Judiciary Committee on Tuesday, Feb. 19 at 2.05 pm.

We are informed that this bill was amended on Feb. 14 by the Agriculture Committee to incorporate changes recommended by the *Hawaiian Humane Society* and other advocates, and we join with them in strongly supporting this version of the bill.

HB200 will allow humane investigators to educate dog guardians about proper tethering equipment that is readily available and appropriate techniques that are easy to implement.

This compassionate bill has been four years in the making and we hope that the time has come to make cruel tethering and its accompanying dangers illegal in your state.

We beg to support HB200.

Best regards,

Marian Hussenbux. Secretary International Campaigns

Animal Interfaith Alliance

www.animal-interfaith-alliance.com

Faiths Working Together for Animals

Member Organisations:

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www.panorthodoxconcernforanimals.org

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[Sadhu Vaswani Centre](#)

[Young Jains](#)

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From: Lynn Muramaru <pacificpetalliance@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 19, 2019 1:17 AM
To: JUDtestimony
Subject: HB 200 Tethering of dogs. Testimony for February 19/2019

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Pacific Pet Alliance

February 18, 2019

Testimony in Support of HB 200

Representative Chris Lee and Members of the House Committee on Judiciary:

The Pacific Pet Alliance is a Hawai'i non-profit organization that promotes responsible pet ownership through education and advocacy. We appreciate the opportunity to offer testimony on HB 200.

Tethering bills have come before the legislature numerous times over the past several years. The specifications have appeared arbitrary and based upon public perception that all tethering is cruel, versus evidence-based sources.

The American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) Animal Welfare Division has stated:

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.

Dogs are a significant part of the daily lives of many families and individuals. The Pacific Pet Alliance supports practices that will promote the human-companion animal bond. Dogs are often expected to co-exist with their owners in a variety of living situations, and sometimes humane tethering is the only option that allows them to remain with their owners. HB 200 allows for humane tethering.

For examples of humane tethering practices, we offer this information from the American Kennel Club:

<http://images.akc.org/pdf/governmentrelations/The-Question-of-Tethering.pdf>

Thank you again for this opportunity to testify. We respectfully request that you pass HB 200.

Lynn Muramaru
Board Member
Pacific Pet Alliance

HB-200-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/18/2019 9:13:45 PM

Testimony for JUD on 2/19/2019 2:05:00 PM

LATE

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Inga Gibson	West Hawaii Humane Society	Support	Yes

Comments:

HB-200-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/16/2019 1:57:05 PM

Testimony for JUD on 2/19/2019 2:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Gerard Silva	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

The only people that want something like this is the good for nothing Humain Society witch is already ripping the County's Off. We the people will have to Demad the removeal of the Humain Socety if this is alowed to go through. We do not need more Laws just better managment in OUR GOVERNMENT. The people of Hawaii have had Dogs on chains that have never bin a problem to anyone the dog or the owners Until the Humain Society cused the problem that dose not pertain to the people of Hawaii. It just pertains to MONEY THEY CAN MAKE TAXING THE PEOPLE!!

HB-200-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/15/2019 10:08:09 PM

Testimony for JUD on 2/19/2019 2:05:00 PM

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

Comments:

HB-200-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/16/2019 2:56:54 PM

Testimony for JUD on 2/19/2019 2:05:00 PM

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

Comments:

Please support HB200: dog tethering to prohibit the most dangerous forms of dog tethering. If we are taking the responsibility of being a dog owner, it should be cared for humanely and treated as such.

Mahalo for your time

Mary Menacho

Kailua Kona, Hawaii

HB-200-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/16/2019 6:02:30 PM

Testimony for JUD on 2/19/2019 2:05:00 PM

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

Comments:

HB-200-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/16/2019 6:10:03 PM

Testimony for JUD on 2/19/2019 2:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ashley Wilcox	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

HB-200-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/16/2019 6:43:17 PM

Testimony for JUD on 2/19/2019 2:05:00 PM

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

Comments:

HB-200-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/17/2019 11:24:33 AM

Testimony for JUD on 2/19/2019 2:05:00 PM

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

Comments:

HB-200-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/17/2019 1:28:27 PM

Testimony for JUD on 2/19/2019 2:05:00 PM

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

Comments:

HB-200-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/17/2019 1:33:42 PM

Testimony for JUD on 2/19/2019 2:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Danielle Spitz	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

HB-200-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/17/2019 3:28:38 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Hannelore Paik	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I have been a dog owner and dog-lover all of my 75 years and had the pleasure of raising two Malteses in Hawaii (on Maui previously and now on Oahu). I am German by birth and grew up in Germany through my early twenties. For decades, countries across Europe (France, Italy, Germany, Spain, Portugal, etc.) have reasonably and successfully accomodated dogs in public spaces and private businesses: restaurants, coffee shops, grocery stores, hair salons, etc. all with the proper and pragmatic use of leashes, collars, tethers, etc.

I wholeheartedly support HB 200 and hope that the legislature will listen to and consider the voices of various and numerous community members that agree with the bill as presented. Thank you for your consideration and time.

HB-200-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/17/2019 9:37:52 PM

Testimony for JUD on 2/19/2019 2:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Michiyo SatoYoung	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support this bill to increase protection for animals.

HB-200-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/18/2019 8:05:08 AM

Testimony for JUD on 2/19/2019 2:05:00 PM

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

Comments:

HB-200-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/18/2019 9:03:04 AM

Testimony for JUD on 2/19/2019 2:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lynn Oshiro	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I TOTALLY OPPOSE THIS TYPE OF ANIMAL CRUELTY. I AM ALSO SUPRISED THAT YOU PEOPLE NEED A HEARING TO SEE HOW WRONG AND ABUSIVE THIS WOULD BE... PUT YOURSELF IN THAT POOR INNOCENT ANIMALS PLACE AND THEN YOU DECIDE. IT'S THE HUMANS THAT NEED TO BE RESTRAINED THAT CAUSE ALL THESE PROBLEMS IN THE FIRST PLACE. WE WOULD NEVER HAVE TO FEAR THE ANIMALS IF IT WASN'T FOR THE SELFISH AND IGNORANT ACTIONS OF HUMANS....

HB-200-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/18/2019 11:53:14 AM

Testimony for JUD on 2/19/2019 2:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Andrea Quinn	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Honorable Committee Members:

Please support HB200 to protect Hawaii's animals.

Thank you for the opportunity to present my testimony.

Sincerely,

Andrea Quinn

HB-200-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/18/2019 11:56:27 AM

Testimony for JUD on 2/19/2019 2:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Robert Wilcox	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

HB-200-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/18/2019 12:26:38 PM

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

Comments:

As a realtor and even in my neighborhood, I have encountered dogs tethered and left unattended and unchecked for many hours. The worst situation was tenants that left their dog behind after evacuating the property. She was tied in front of the house, but her line got tangled up in the trash in the yard. She could not reach her water bowl, there was no food, and she was stuck with her collar nearly choking her. Her "line" was a heavy chain. This is truly animal abuse! I visited her daily to feed and water her, and after 2 days (when the tenants still hadn't picked her up), I took her to the humane society. Please don't allow this to happen to other dogs!

Thank you,

Jennifer Ho 808-221-7229

HB-200-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/18/2019 1:14:54 PM

Testimony for JUD on 2/19/2019 2:05:00 PM

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

Comments:

PLEASE PASS THIS BILL!

It is a basic attempt to stop torturing pets. if we have love and respect for our pets at all, then this bill is the minimum that we need to put our love and respect into law.

Thank you.

Dr. Joel Fischer

Professor (Ret.)

University of Hawai'i at Manoa

HB-200-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/18/2019 3:38:43 PM

Testimony for JUD on 2/19/2019 2:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Laurie Pottish	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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From: Jennifer Chiwa <jennifer.chiwa@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 17, 2019 5:55 AM
To: JUDtestimony
Subject: Testimony in Support of HB 200 HD 1

To: Chairperson Rep. Chris Lee
Vice Chairperson Rep. Joy San Buenaventura
Members of the Committee on Judiciary

Re: Testimony in Support of HB 200 HD 1
Committee on Judiciary Hearing
Tuesday, 2-19-19, 2:05 pm, Conference Room 325

Aloha, Chairperson Lee, Vice Chairperson San Buenaventura and Members of the Committee on Judiciary. My name is Jennifer Chiwa. I grew up in Aiea and currently reside in Makiki. Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of House Bill 200 House Draft 1, and thank you especially to Representatives Chris Lee, Nicole Lowen and Richard Creagan for introducing this bill.

Please support House Bill 200 House Draft 1 which would prohibit injurious dog tethering equipment and techniques. This bill clearly contributes to the welfare of dogs. It's my understanding that this bill has failed to pass in three previous sessions. Again, please support House Bill 200 House Draft 1, and make this session the one when this bill finally becomes law.

Mahalo.

Jennifer Chiwa

sanbuenaventura2 - Kevin

From: sharon caldwell <skcaldwell2@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 17, 2019 8:27 PM
To: JUDtestimony
Subject: Support HB 200

Please stop the cruelty against dogs on this island! There is no way to justify this and it is certainly not aloha!

Sent from my iPhone

sanbuenaventura2 - Kevin

From: pj <joyfulpath@aol.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 17, 2019 7:13 AM
To: JUDtestimony
Subject: HB200

To Chris Lee or whom it may concern:
I support bill HB200.

Mahalo,
Patty Johnson
PO Box 1205
Volcano Hi 96785

sanbuenaventura2 - Kevin

From: Cindy Walker <cinergizerbunny2003@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, February 18, 2019 11:20 AM
To: JUDtestimony
Subject: Support HB200

To Chair Chris Lee,

As a Hawaii resident, I'm emailing you today to urge your support of HB200 Dog Tethering - to prevent the inherent cruelty of dangerous forms of dog tethering.

Mahalo,
Cindy Walker

LATE

HB-200-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/18/2019 7:16:07 PM

Testimony for JUD on 2/19/2019 2:05:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mike Moran	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dogs can be controled humanly

HB-200-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/18/2019 9:32:55 PM

Testimony for JUD on 2/19/2019 2:05:00 PM

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

Comments:

HB-200-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/19/2019 8:41:17 AM

Testimony for JUD on 2/19/2019 2:05:00 PM

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

Comments: