

HB-200-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/11/2019 11:19:23 AM

Testimony for JDC on 3/14/2019 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

March 11, 2019

RE: Strong Support for HB200 with Amendments Proposed by the Hawaiian Humane Society

Dear Chair Rhoads and Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary,

The West Hawaii Humane Society strongly supports HB200 and the amendments proposed by the Hawaiian Humane Society. These amendments are necessary to aid in enforcement of this important law to protect both dogs and communities. Chained dogs are 5 times more likely to bite than unchained dogs and of those bites, children are 3 times more likely to be the victim.

While this law doesn't prohibit all tethering, it does prohibit those methods that are most likely to endanger, injury or kill a dog, or endanger the public safety of the community.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Inga Gibson

West Hawaii Humane Society

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Date: March 12, 2019

To: Chair Sen. Karl Rhoads
Vice Chair Sen. Glenn Wakai
and Members of the Judiciary Committee

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

RE: Testimony in support of HB 200, HD2: Relating to Cruelty to Animals
Thursday, March 14, 2019, 9:30 a.m., Capitol room 016

Aloha Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Wakai and Committee Members,

The Hawaiian Humane Society supports the passage of House Bill 200, House Draft 2, which would prohibit the use of specific tethering equipment and techniques that are injurious to dogs. We do, however, request that you remove a recent amendment to the bill. That change is reflected in the attached SD1 proposed.

This bill has gone through several revisions in the four years that the Hawaiian Humane Society and other animal welfare advocates have been supporting increased protections for dogs who are confined to their owners' property by tethering systems. All of those measures have prohibited the tethering of unattended puppies. The current draft of the bill adds an affirmative defense in cases where dogs less than 6 months of age are tethered for fewer than 12 hours.

This is problematic for a couple of reasons:

- Puppies lack the physical coordination to be safely left alone on a tether or pulley system. Crate training is preferable when puppies must be left alone.
- Time limits of this duration are extremely difficult to enforce.

Advocates have worked to craft a tethering bill that has clear messaging and enforceable provisions. On behalf of the Hawaiian Humane Society, I urge you to pass HB 200, SD1 proposed, to restore the intent of this bill and to protect our canine companions.

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

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H.B. NO. ²⁰⁰

THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE, 2019

STATE OF HAWAII

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CRUELTY TO ANIMALS.

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SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to prohibit trolleys, pulleys, cables, or running lines designed to attach a dog to two stationary objects that endanger, or deny sustenance to, a dog. The legislature finds that this Act does not prohibit tethering completely and that it is still legal for individuals to humanely tether dogs.

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(b) Deprives a pet animal of necessary sustenance 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;

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~~(B) Is not otherwise in distress;~~

(ii) In a configuration that:

(A) Entangles or endangers the dog; or

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(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

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(h) Assists another in the commission of any act specified in subsections (1)(a) through (1)(g)

2. By amending subsection (4) to read:

"(4) Cruelty to animals in the second degree is a misdemeanor, except ~~[where]~~ that if the offense involves ten or more pet animals in any one instance ~~[which]~~, then cruelty to animals in the second degree is a class C felony."

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SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2019.

INTRODUCED BY: _____



**THE HUMANE SOCIETY
OF THE UNITED STATES**

To: Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair
Senate members of the Committee on Judiciary

In Support Of: HB 200 HD2

Date: March 12th, 2019

Testimony By: Heather Carpenter, Western Regional Director, The Humane Society of the United States

Honorable members of the committee on judiciary,

My name is Heather Carpenter and I am the Western Regional Director for The Humane Society of the United States. I am writing to express support for HB 200 HD2, which creates reasonable standards for chaining dogs who live outdoors. I appreciate the opportunity to submit this written testimony on behalf of our Hawaii members and supporters, and I'm grateful to the Senate for recognizing tethering as an important issue. While our hope is that every dog would share a home with his or her human family, we understand that is not always the case, so it is important that dogs who live outdoors be protected.

Constant, improper chaining puts a dog's health and safety at risk. Law enforcement often receives reports of chained dogs with necks rubbed raw and covered with sores, the result of cruelly heavy chains, poorly fitted collars and the dogs' straining to escape confinement. It is shockingly common for officers to find dogs with embedded collars, a horrible situation where the collar grows into the skin, typically requiring surgery.

The vagueness of current law makes it difficult for enforcement officers who want to take action before a dog has suffered injury or death. Often, it is too late for the dog and the owner faces criminal charges. HB 200 HD2 will create clear guidelines for both owner and officer about what constitutes proper tethering. The intention is not simply to punish violators, but to create reasonable expectations for the humane treatment of dogs, and allow owners the ability to take proactive steps to comply.

HB 200 HD2 offers the following common sense protections for Hawaii's dogs: a) ensures that dogs who are kept outdoors be provided proper and humane restraints, with collars that won't cause pain and tethers that are not egregiously heavy and b) ensures chained dogs are provided adequate food and water. HB 200 HD2 is an important step in protecting the people and dogs of Hawaii and we look forward to its passage. Thank you very much for your time.

The Humane Society of the United States requests that HB 200 HD2 be reported favorably.

Heather Carpenter
Western Regional Director
702-929-2999



**THE HUMANE SOCIETY
OF THE UNITED STATES**

HB-200-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/11/2019 12:54:37 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/14/2019 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Nancy Davlantes	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

HB-200-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/11/2019 1:06:50 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/14/2019 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kelly R Nitta	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Representative Karl Rhoads, Chair

Representative Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair

Committee on Judiciary

Support for H.B. No. 200, Relating to cruelty to animals.

Hello I am Kelly Nitta, a sophomore at Kalaheo high school and I am writing in support for HB 200. This bill will help to ensure that dogs don't get tethered to a stationary object that endangers them or restrains them from getting sustenance.

Animal cruelty is an issue that severely affects many pets across the nation. This bill doesn't allow dog tethering that is potentially harmful. This will help owners use proper tethering equipment and keep pets safe.

Mahalo for taking time to read and consider my testimony, I hope you support House Bill 200.

HB-200-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/11/2019 1:47:38 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/14/2019 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I do not support this bill as written because unattended tethering is an unsafe way to restrain a puppy. You must remove the language that allows for the tethering of dogs who are less than 6 months. I favor the amendments being requested by the Hawaiian Humane Society relating to this bill.

From: [Nina Beatty](#)
To: [JDCTestimony](#)
Subject: "Testimony in support of HB200 with amendments"
Date: Monday, March 11, 2019 1:21:43 PM

Hi!

I am submitting support of HB200 with the amendment about puppies under 6 months allowed to be tethered. They should not be allowed to be tethered and there are other ways to restrain a puppy, like crate training, that are safe. Tethering is not a safe practice to restrain a dog unless for a very short term amount of time.

Aloha,

Nina Alena Beatty Ungerleider

From: [Sally Erwin](#)
To: [JDCTestimony](#)
Subject: Testimony in support of HB200 with amendments
Date: Monday, March 11, 2019 1:32:03 PM
Attachments: [HB200 Tethering Proposed SD1.docx](#)

Ladies and gentlemen,

I did rescue on the mainland for 15 years in Arizona. No dog should ever be tethered - that means it is most likely outside and could be without shade, water, it can be teased by children and let's face it, it gets hot here on the islands and would you want to be tied outside for 12 hours? A crate or kennel is the safest place for a dog (preferably indoors and never in the sun). A puppy especially if it were to panic for any reason (loud noises - car backfiring, kids screaming, etc.) could panic and get itself caught up in whatever the tether is and choke it or break a bone, etc.

Please change HB200 as indicated in the attached proposal.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sally Erwin
Waikoloa Village, Big Island

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Submitted on: 3/11/2019 2:27:24 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/14/2019 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Please remove the amendment that allows for puppies to be tethered less than 12 hours. Puppies can be crated.

HB-200-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/11/2019 5:18:58 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/14/2019 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
naomi egami	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

HB-200-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/11/2019 5:50:35 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/14/2019 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Gillian Boss	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

HB-200-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/11/2019 9:06:45 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/14/2019 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
mouna ghossoub	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha

i am very happy to hear about Bill HB 200.

I lived on Walua road for 13 years and just moved away recently. When I lived there I would walk south on Walua rd and there was this big unfinished uninhabited house with partial windows and or boarded ones. The house got broken into few years ago and I knew that because the owners put a big sign telling the robber they know who he was and that they had his backpack

Few months after I noticed they had a dog. 2 actually. One tied and visible from Walua rd and the other one tied and visible from Queen K highway heading south pass the Keauhou turnoff at King Kam III light.

The upper dog was tied 24/7 on a heavy chain that was no more than 7 feet long. The shelter of the dog consisted of 3 small wood pellets and one board for cover. The shelter was in the middle of their driveway inside the fence in plain sun. 24/7. That dog didn't see the other dog tied up at the lower end of the property. The owners lived in Hilo and came once a week to fill one Lowe's blue bucket with kibbles and a large metal bowl with water. That dog had a choice to go under the makeshift unprotected shelter or sit outside close to where he pooped. 24/7. I often saw his bowl of water empty. When the rain will fall heavy it ran pass and through his pellets towards the bottom part of the property. One day the bucket had no kibbles. That dog was a sad horrible vision. He never wagged his tail. I left a note on the fence offering the owner to chip in for a camera surveillance then I offered to buy his dogs. I never heard back. I went to the humane society and I was shocked that they could not intervene because the owner was following the minimum required by the law. 3 walls shelter and water.

WOW. That's is all that Hawaii law requires for dog owners to provide to their dogs.

I know there are other abuse specially to hunting dogs that are only fed water so they hunt visciouly the pigs.

This is not acceptable and reflects terribly on Hawaii state sense of moralities.

After all a society's worth is judged or weighed by how it treats its weakest members and animals.

Hawaii can do better. I hope you pass the bill.

Thank you

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HB-200-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/12/2019 6:24:20 AM

Testimony for JDC on 3/14/2019 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ryuko Miura	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

From: [Hanelore Paik](#)
To: [JDCTestimony](#)
Subject: Testimony in support of HB200 with amendments
Date: Monday, March 11, 2019 4:52:10 PM

I favor the amendments proposed by the Humane Society.

Respectfully,
Hanelore Paik

Sent from my iPhone

From: niidew@aol.com
To: [JDCTestimony](#)
Cc: [Stephanie Kendrick](#)
Subject: Testimony in support of HB200 with amendments
Date: Monday, March 11, 2019 5:26:42 PM

To All Concerned Parties:

Please accept my Testimony in **support of HB200 with amendments**.

The unattended tethering is an unsafe way to restrain a puppy. There are inexpensive and safer alternatives for confining a puppy in the event that he must be left alone, such as crate training.

Hence, I am in favor of the amendments being requested by the **Hawaiian Humane Society**.

Thank You!

Wayne Niide

From: [Contact HawaiiAirConditioning](#)
To: [JDCTestimony](#)
Subject: Pass HB200
Date: Monday, March 11, 2019 7:03:39 PM

Aloha,

Please pass this bill.

Mahalo,

Dale Harrington
Kailua Kona

From: [Ilene Harrington](#)
To: [JDCTestimony](#)
Subject: Pass HB200
Date: Monday, March 11, 2019 7:04:19 PM

Aloha,

Please open your hearts and pass this bill onto the next committee. It is time for the Aloha State to show Aloha to dogs who suffer both emotional and physical damage when spending their lives at the end of a chain.

Mahalo,

Ilene Harrington
Kailua Kona

From: [Nanci Munroe](#)
To: [JDCTestimony](#)
Subject: HB 200
Date: Monday, March 11, 2019 7:15:50 PM

Aloha,

I'm a constituent of Lower Puna, in Pahoia, where I see too many dogs on short chains & inadequate shelter, with knocked-over empty water bowls & with the chain spreading their own feces where they have to walk, sit & lie down.

Please pass HB 200 to improve conditions for Chained/Tethered dogs. It is needed NOW.

Mahalo,

Nanci Munroe

From: [Christin Greenland](#)
To: [JDCTestimony](#)
Subject: Pass HB200
Date: Monday, March 11, 2019 7:33:57 PM

Please pass HB200 limiting tethering and animal cruelty to dogs. Hawaii is very behind the rest of the US in their animal cruelty laws and this is a step in the right direction.

Thank you,
Christin Greenland
Robert Mack Jr
[Volcano, HI 96785](#)

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Dominique Jacot](#)
To: [JDCTestimony](#)
Subject: PASS HB200
Date: Monday, March 11, 2019 8:12:08 PM

Aloha,

I'm a resident of South Kona, Hawaii where on a daily basis I see too many dogs on short chains & inadequate shelter, with knocked-over empty water bowls & with the chain spreading in their own feces where they have to walk, sit & lie down. They are there day in day out, everyday. It is a horrible existence and so very, very painful to witness. They deserve so much better.

Please pass HB 200 to improve conditions for Chained/Tethered dogs. It is needed NOW.

Mahalo,
Dominique Jacot
Kealakekua, HI 96750

From: [Jennifer Jo](#)
To: [JDCTestimony](#)
Subject: Pass HB200
Date: Monday, March 11, 2019 8:25:41 PM

Dear Esteemed Members of the Judiciary Committee,
I urge you to pass HB200. I live on the Big Island of Hawaii and I see dogs tied up, and looking so helpless everyday on my morning commute to work and the same dogs tied up on my way home from work. I can only imagine how these dogs feel everyday not being able to escape from this abuse because they can't. Please help this stop in Hawaii. We are called the Aloha State and we need to show our Aloha not only to the people that live here, but also to the innocent animals that live here that just want a loving home.

Thank you,
Jennifer Jo

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Richard Corsano](#)
To: [JDCTestimony](#)
Subject: Pass HB200
Date: Monday, March 11, 2019 10:41:21 PM

Please: Pass HB200

Richard Corsano
53-3988 Ainakea Drive
Kapaau HI

From: [Andrea Decker](#)
To: [JDCTestimony](#)
Subject: Pass HB200
Date: Tuesday, March 12, 2019 3:07:01 AM

Aloha,

We live in Mountain View and see so many unattended, chained dogs and it breaks my heart. In so many instances there's no water or shade and the poor dogs are exposed to the sun all day. The area they're in is filthy with their waste too. Please pass Bill HB 200 now. These poor dogs suffer. Physically and emotionally too.

Thank you,

Jerry and Andrea Decker

ALOHA ke AKUA

GOD BLESS AMERICA!

HB-200-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/12/2019 11:12:53 AM

Testimony for JDC on 3/14/2019 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Samantha Wright	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I take care of abandoned animals and from my experience chained up dogs get aggressive and they should not be chained. I understand some people do not want them in their homes because they shed and make a mess. Those people perhaps should not have an animal. If they have a yard then the dog should be able to run free. Yes they bark but that is what dogs do. Please pass the bill to stop people from mistreating dogs, or any animals for that matter.

Sincerely

Samantha Wright

HB-200-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/12/2019 12:32:02 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/14/2019 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kawehi Bringas	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

To:

Chairperson Sylvia Luke

Chairperson Ty J.K. Cullen

Members of Finance Committee

From:

Kawehi Bringas

Support of House Bill 200 HD1, Relating to Cruelty to Animals.

Aloha! My name is Kawehi Bringas. I am currently a Freshmen at Kalaheo High School. I strongly support this bill, prohibiting specific trolleys, pulleys, cables, or running line designed to attach a dog to stationary objects that endanger, or deny sustenance, to a dog.

Animals should not be exposed to any type of abuse or harm. The Humane Society of the United States, quote that "there are approximately 70 million pet dogs and 74.5 million pet cats". Research has found that "it's been estimated that there are 900 to 2,000 new cases every year of animal hoarding...with 250,000 animals falling victim" (dosomething.org). Animal hoarding is defined, by The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, as the "inability to provide even minimal standards of nutrition, sanitation, shelter and veterinary care—often resulting in animal starvation, illness and death". Animal abuse tends to happen quite often. Found in a survey, "71 percent of domestic violence victims reported that their abuser also targeted pets". If we take the initiative to create a bill that allows safety for our animals, we will be able to

decrease that 250,000 animal victims statistic and that 71 percent of targeted abuse to animals.

Animals positively affect humans. It is known that pets are good for individual's mental health. There are pets called service animals, who help with that. Service animals are pets "individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability, including a physical, sensory, psychiatric, intellectual, or other mental disability". With these type of pets, the people in need will be able to get the help that they need.

With this bill, we will be able to support the lives of the animals we love and care for. As Mahatma Gandhi had said, "the greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated". Thank you for your time and opportunity to testify.

From: [Shannon](#)
To: [JDCTestimony](#)
Subject: HB200. Chained dogs
Date: Tuesday, March 12, 2019 7:37:10 AM

Aloha,

I'm a constituent of Hawi, Hawaii, and forty years on the Big Island with roots to O'ahu where my grandfather lived and worked. I have seen so many suffering dogs with dispassionate owners who believe it's ok to tether a dog up to leave in the elements. Many are on short chains and inadequate shelter, with knocked-over empty water bowls & with the chain spreading their own feces where they have to walk, sit, and lie down. Usually, they have no shelter from the rain. I & some open-hearted neighbors have rescued a few from clearly obvious neglect that hadn't been fed, were with maggots and flea infested, some needing surgery or special daily care/diet and patience to reverse health damage and aggression. How would you feel if you were chained by the neck and left outside, rarely fed, and never touched except to be hit or yelled at when relieving yourself? This is usually done by the only person a dog trusts and initially, that person is met by a wagging tail and hopeful eyes to receive affection and food...it doesn't always come. This is abuse and people should be punished as they have punished their dogs. Many states fine or imprison these dog owners and they have to do community service, sometimes at a shelter.

Please pass HB 200 to improve conditions for Chained/Tethered dogs. It is needed NOW.

Mahalo,

Shannon Speier

From: [Elizabeth Fenton](#)
To: [JDCTestimony](#)
Subject: Pass HB200
Date: Tuesday, March 12, 2019 9:53:23 AM

Please pass HB200 I am a resident of Puna, Hawaii. I have witnessed dogs left to die on a chain. Daily, I see dogs being left with little food, kicked over water bowls and sitting in their own feces. These dogs are being used only for the barking as live alarm systems. It is inhumane. They are never taken on walks and never taken off the chains. They have sores on their necks from the chains and they constantly howl in a way that would suggest they are neglected.

It is time for Hawaii to become more humane in the treatment of animals! Now please, I beg for this to be seen.

Please pass HB200

Elizabeth Ann Fenton
11-2518 Kokokahi Road
Volcano, HI 96785

808-365-6818

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

From: [Beverly Jefferson](#)
To: [JDCTestimony](#)
Subject: Pass HB200
Date: Tuesday, March 12, 2019 10:32:26 AM

Please Pass HB 200.

Beverly Jefferson
Kealahou, Hawaii

From: [J Evans](#)
To: [JDC Testimony](#)
Subject: Pass HB200
Date: Tuesday, March 12, 2019 10:13:51 AM

I am a longtime Puna resident and lifetime Hawaii resident. That in humane treatment of animals is continued to be allowed is a great impediment to us learning to be better to each other. Our future, our regard for the Aina, is colored by us allowing creatures with intelligence and feelings to be treated like objects and it degrades us all.

Jon Evans
112902 Omao rd
Volcano

Jon Evans

From: [Isabella Samovsky](#)
To: [JDCTestimony](#)
Subject: PASS BILL HB200
Date: Tuesday, March 12, 2019 11:19:40 AM

As a recent resident and home owner of Hawaii living in Hawaiian Paradise Park since Nov 2015 I am amazed that such a beautiful island with such spiritual people can allow cruelty and filth for the dogs and roosters of the island.

How can this beautiful island allow these horrible conditions? Everyone that comes to this island as a visitor takes with them images of this cruelty, everyone that lives here sees this cruelty **everyday everywhere**. These animals are not ours to abuse and enslave, chained up in prison cells made of scrap wood and metal living in their own feces.

Please pass this bill and even stronger measures needed. **We are the VOICE for the animals that have no voice**. You are the representatives for the people and the people **DO NOT WANT animals abused, enslaved, chained and living in filth**

sincerely,
Isabella Samovsky, HPP resident

From: [Dr. Jana Levin DVM DAVDC](#)
To: [JDCTestimony](#)
Subject: Pass HB200
Date: Tuesday, March 12, 2019 11:40:46 AM

I support HB200 because the link between animal abuse and domestic violence is clearly established.\\

<https://www.womenshealth.gov/blog/domestic-violence-animal-abuse>

<https://aldf.org/article/animal-cruelty-and-domestic-violence/>

<http://nationallinkcoalition.org/what-is-the-link>

HB-200-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/12/2019 9:47:46 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/14/2019 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Avi Okin	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

It is time to end cruelty for dogs on chains. Although HB200 does not go far enough, it is a good first start. It needs to become law.

From: [carole spitler](#)
To: [JDCTestimony](#)
Subject: Pass HB200
Date: Tuesday, March 12, 2019 6:01:24 PM

Aloha,

I'm a constituent of Kailua-Kona, HI, county of Hawaii, where I see too many dogs on short chains & inadequate shelter, with knocked-over empty water bowls & with the chain spreading their own feces where they have to walk, sit & lie down. To allow dogs to live in these conditions is barbaric and is absolutely no way for a dog to live his/her life.

Please pass HB 200 to improve conditions for Chained/Tethered dogs. It is needed NOW. Let Hawaii be a leader nationally and internationally in animal welfare!

Mahalo,
Carole Spitler
Kailua-Kona, Hawaii

From: [Bob](#)
To: [JDCTestimony](#)
Subject: Pass HB200
Date: Wednesday, March 13, 2019 1:27:19 AM

Mahalo!

Bob Douglas
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From: [Sarah](#)
To: [JDCTestimony](#)
Subject: Pass HB200
Date: Tuesday, March 12, 2019 5:59:39 PM

Aloha,

I'm a constituent of Kailua-Kona, HI, county of Hawaii, where I see too many dogs on short chains & inadequate shelter, with knocked-over empty water bowls & with the chain spreading their own feces where they have to walk, sit & lie down. To allow dogs to live in these conditions is barbaric and is absolutely no way for a dog to live his/her life.

Please pass HB 200 to improve conditions for Chained/Tethered dogs. It is needed NOW. Let Hawaii be a leader nationally and internationally in animal welfare!

Mahalo,
Sarah Spitler
Kailua-Kona, Hawaii

From: [Frances Kohl](#)
To: [JDCTestimony](#)
Subject: Please Pass HB200
Date: Tuesday, March 12, 2019 6:38:23 PM

Aloha, My name is Frances Kohl and I live in Pahoia and I support passing this bill to help chained Dogs

It's time to move into the 21st century with how animals are treated.

Mahalo

LATE

HB-200-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/13/2019 1:17:57 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/14/2019 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I support this bill with amendments to the “tethering of dogs who are less than 6 months old as long as they are left unsupervised for less than 12 hours”.

Unattended tethering is an unsafe way to restrain a puppy. There are inexpensive and safer alternatives for confining a puppy in the event that he or she must be left alone, such as crate training.

Please pass this bill but remove the portion in quotes above to improve the quality of life for dogs in our state.

Thank you for your attention and compassion.

Aloha,

Ashley Wilcox

LATE

HB-200-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/13/2019 1:45:11 PM
Testimony for JDC on 3/14/2019 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I support this bill with amendments.

Please remove the portion allowing puppies up to 6 months old to be tethered for up to 12 hours.

Unattended tethering is an unsafe way to restrain a puppy. There are inexpensive and safer alternatives to confine a puppy if he or she must be left alone, such as crate training.

Thank you for your thoughtful attention and compassion toward dogs in our island community.

Aloha,

Robert Wilcox

LATE

HB-200-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/13/2019 6:41:21 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/14/2019 9:30:00 AM

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 dogs from cruelty and inhumane treatment.

Thank you for the opportunity to present my testimony.

Sincerely,

Andrea Quinn

Kihei

LATE

HB-200-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/13/2019 7:42:03 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/14/2019 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

with amendments as proposed by HHS

From: [antoinettelang](#)
To: [JDCTestimony](#)
Subject: Pass HB200
Date: Wednesday, March 13, 2019 4:10:59 PM

LATE

My name is Antoinette Lang, I live in Keaau, Hawaii. Please pass this bill. The dogs cannot speak for themselves so it is up to us to speak for them. This is the cruelest practice. The dogs do not deserve to be treated like this their whole lives. They are the most loyal companies. Please help them. It makes me so sad when I see this. I moved here 14 years ago and thought it was like a 3rd world country with this treatment of animals. I can't believe it is 2019 and still happening.

Sent from my Galaxy Tab A

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From: [Ginny Tiu](#)
To: [JDCTestimony](#)
Subject: In strong support of HB 200 with amendments
Date: Thursday, March 14, 2019 12:14:12 AM

Dear Chair and Committee Members,

I ask you to please support HB 200 with amendments made by the Hawaiian Humane Society.

A dog that is tethered, aside from it just being the wrong thing to do to it, is much more likely to be aggressive. It's easy to understand that happening (and I've witnessed this) when a dog "breaks free" from being tethered. As for puppies, it's not safe for it to be tethered. With so much energy and restrained, it goes around in circles and could easily strangle itself. Also, to do this to a puppy will just condition it to be aggressive when it "gets lose". There are more humane and effective ways to confine them when necessary, like crating them . Dogs/puppies need interaction for them to be socialized and not aggressive animals.

Please do the humane thing for the dogs and the safe thing for the community.

Thank you so much for your kind consideration.

Aloha,
Ginny Tiu

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Susan Collins](#)
To: [JDCTestimony](#)
Subject: Testimony in support of HB200 with amendments
Date: Tuesday, March 12, 2019 11:24:00 AM
Attachments: [HB200 Tethering Proposed SD1.docx](#)

Good morning,

My name is Susan Collins and I support the proposed bill to ban tethering dogs in Hawaii. I feel that this should extend to all ages of dogs. Especially those under 6 months of age. Please see the proposed changes attached to this email that are favored by the Hawaiian Humane Society.

Thank you.

Susan Collins

Honokaa, Hawaii 96727

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H.B. NO. 200

THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE, 2019

STATE OF HAWAII

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CRUELTY TO ANIMALS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to prohibit trolleys, pulleys, cables, or running lines designed to attach a dog to two stationary objects that endanger, or deny sustenance to, a dog. The legislature finds that this Act does not prohibit tethering completely and that it is still legal for individuals to humanely tether dogs.

SECTION 2. Section 711-1109, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended as follows:

1. By amending subsection (1) to read:

"(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 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 actively supervised by its owner or handler; provided that it is an affirmative defense under this paragraph if the use of a trolley or tether is shown to be for a limited time, not to exceed twelve hours in duration, and the dog:

~~(A) Is protected from the elements of weather by means of shade and has necessary sustenance; or~~

~~(B) Is not otherwise in distress;~~

(ii) In a configuration that:

(A) Entangles or endangers the dog; or

(B) Prevents the dog from obtaining necessary

sustenance;

(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) Assists another in the commission of any act specified in subsections (1)(a) through (1)(g)

2. By amending subsection (4) to read:

"(4) Cruelty to animals in the second degree is a misdemeanor, except ~~where~~ that if the offense involves ten or more pet animals in any one instance ~~which~~, then cruelty to animals in the second degree is a class C felony."

SECTION 3. This Act does not affect rights and duties that matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were begun before its effective date.

SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2019.

INTRODUCED BY: _____