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**Testimony in OPPOSITION to HB 681
RELATING TO DOGS**

REPRESENTATIVE RICHARD P. CREAGAN, CHAIR
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE;

Hearing Date: February 8, 2019

Room Number: 312

1 **Fiscal Implications:** Unknown at this time

2 **Department Testimony:** The department opposes this bill.

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4 This bill gives the owner or manager of a restaurant the discretion to allow pet dogs into a
5 restaurant and provides certain restrictions on the handling of the dogs. We oppose this measure
6 because the bill fails to adequately address important public health considerations, conflicts with
7 the department's existing rules in chapter 11-50, Hawaii Administrative Rules (HAR), which are
8 specifically designed to address these public health considerations, and is inconsistent with the
9 provisions of Title III of the American with Disabilities Act (ADA) governing public
10 accommodation of service animals (i.e., service dogs). Specifically, the department is
11 concerned with the allowance of restaurant owners or managers to decide where dogs should be
12 allowed and the potential for animal waste to get tracked back into the food preparation and food
13 service areas of a restaurant.

14 We are strongly opposed to allowing the owner or manager of a restaurant to decide where dogs
15 are allowed in their restaurant. Under no circumstances should dogs be allowed in commercial

1 kitchens or in other food preparation areas. If restaurant owners or employees were allowed the
2 discretion on where dogs should be allowed, this would seriously compromise the health of
3 restaurant patrons and others they serve.

4 Dogs can transmit a number of food-borne diseases indirectly in their urine or feces or by direct
5 contact. Examples include salmonella (feces), Staph aureus (direct contact), Cryptosporidium
6 (feces), Giardiasis (feces), Ring worm (direct contact), Hook worm-(direct contact), and
7 Leptospirosis (urine). Introducing dogs into food establishments places the public at a greater
8 risk of contracting these illnesses. In addition, dogs may carry fleas and mites, which also
9 transmit diseases. Many people are also allergic to dogs or their hair.

10 One of the the most prevalent violations in food establishments is poor handwashing skills or
11 handwashing being too infrequent. The CDC has recognized that the failure of a restaurant
12 employee to properly wash their hands is a critical risk factor in causing food borne illnesses.

13 Careless or hurried restaurant employees may inadvertently track feces, urine or other animal
14 body fluids back into the restaurant's food preparation or food service areas, thereby increasing
15 the risks of transmission of pathogens through foods being served or deposited on food
16 equipment or utensils.

17 The department's existing rules in section 11-5-74(o) ("Prohibiting animals") are consistent with
18 recommendations from the Conference for Food Protection. This is a non-governmental
19 organization composed of representatives from the food industry as well as state and federal
20 regulators. Representatives of these groups meet biennially to address current food science and
21 technology and incorporate what they agree on in what is known as the U.S. Public Health

1 Service FDA Model Food Code (Food Code). The Food Code recommends prohibiting live
2 animals, including dogs, on the premises of a food establishment.

3 The reason for the prohibition as explained in “Annex of the 2009 Food Code” and is as follows:
4 “Animals carry disease-causing organisms that can be transmitted to humans through direct and
5 or indirect contamination of food and food contact surfaces. Animals shed hair continuously and
6 may deposit liquid or fecal waste, creating the need for vigilance and more frequent and rigorous
7 cleaning efforts.”

8 The Food Code does acknowledge that there are situations in which the need for assistance
9 outweighs the relevant public health risks. Accordingly, provisions are made to allow service
10 dogs and the use of dogs by law enforcement. The provisions of Chapter 11-50 of the
11 Department’s Administrative Rules also prohibit animals in restaurants with the exceptions
12 noted, mirroring Food Code recommendations.

13 The Department of Health already has clear statutory authority to regulate dogs in restaurants.

14 We would prefer to working with lawmakers and those interested in making accommodations for
15 pet dogs outside of food preparation and food service areas through amendments to the
16 administrative rules rather than through legislation, which may conflict or be inconsistent with
17 the rules. This would also assure Statewide input on the issue and that everyone’s voice is heard.

18 Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



DISABILITY AND COMMUNICATION ACCESS BOARD

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February 8, 2019

TESTIMONY TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

House Bill 681 - Relating to Dogs

The Disability and Communication Access Board (DCAB) offers comments on House Bill 681 Relating to Dogs. Our comments are to ensure that the bill adequately protects the rights of persons with disabilities who are handlers of service dogs, not pet dogs.

We believe that any discretion on the part of the restaurant to allow dogs into its dining establishment should be limited to an outdoor dining area where there is also another dining outdoor area that is not pet-friendly. Under state or federal law, service animals (dogs) must be permitted into an establishment. This restriction for pets will ensure that individuals with disabilities who have a trained service animal will not be bothered or distracted from their service by an untrained dog. Individuals with disabilities (and perhaps those without disabilities as well) should be able to go to a restaurant and know that there is a 'safe' area for them. This is also important for families of children with disabilities (i.e., autism) for whom encountering an untrained animal can be a very agitating experience. Also, if a restaurant chooses to be dog-friendly, it is important for restaurants to post their rules for all patrons to understand the behavior expectations for a dog.

We note that the law allows a restaurant may condition entrance upon "any other conditions that the owner or manager of the restaurant imposes." This seems to be overly vague. The bill appears to indicate that the owner is responsible for damages, even if the owner is not present. This liability seems to belong only with the restaurant patron who is in a position to control the dog's behavior.

The bill acknowledges in part (f) that patrons misrepresenting a dog as a service animal to circumvent the requirements of this section shall be subject to fines pursuant to §347-2.6, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS). We are not sure that this is necessary, as §347-2.6, HRS, stands alone and a person does not need to claim that their animal is a service animal to come into an "all dog" area. However, we have no objections to the language.

Thank you for this opportunity to offer comments.

Sincerely,

FRANCINE WAI
Executive Director



Hawaiian Humane Society

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Date: Feb. 6, 2019

To: Chair Rep. Richard P. Creagan
Vice Chair Rep. Lynn DeCoite
and Members of the Committee on Agriculture

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

RE: Testimony in strong support of HB 681: Relating to Dogs
Friday, Feb. 8, 2019, 8:30 a.m., Capitol room 312

Aloha Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite and Committee Members,

The Hawaiian Humane Society enthusiastically supports the passage of House Bill 681, which would allow dogs in restaurants at the restaurant owner's or manager's discretion provided that certain conditions are met.

State administrative rules prohibit restaurants from allowing pets in any area of a food business, even outdoor dining areas. Violations can result in fines to the business and ultimately the revocation of its permit. This legislation would allow restaurant owners the freedom to choose to adopt dog-friendly policies without the threat of penalty.

Nine states and many local governments across the mainland have passed laws allowing restaurant owners to welcome patrons to dine with their pets. There is no evidence that public health has been compromised as a result of these laws. A study published in 2013 concluded that basic sanitation protocols were likely sufficient to address any health threat posed by allowing dogs in restaurants.

According to a survey conducted for the Society by Ward Research, fully 96 percent of Oahu residents agree that animal companionship is important to our quality of life. Nearly 60 percent of Oahu households reported owning pets in 2018 and 77 percent of those own dogs. The demand is growing among these pet owners for better access to public and commercial spaces, especially for well-behaved leashed dogs. Many businesses have adopted pet-friendly policies as a result of this demand. Restaurant owners should have that option as well.

This bill is about more than the immediate delight of being able to dine with our pets. It serves to advance the goal of creating a more compassionate and pet-friendly community where our animal companions are welcome as part of our daily lives.

This measure gives businesses the freedom to serve their customers as they see fit and gives pet owners the freedom to spend their money with businesses that choose to welcome their entire family. Responsible businesses and responsible pet owners deserve choices.

On behalf of the Hawaiian Humane Society, I urge you to pass HB 681 in celebration of the human-animal bond and out of respect for our local business owners.

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



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TO:
Committee on Agriculture
Representative Richard P. Creagan, Chair
Representative Lynn DeCoite, Vice Chair

FROM: HAWAII FOOD INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION
Lauren Zirbel, Executive Director

DATE: February 8, 2019
TIME: 8:30am
PLACE: Conference Room 312

RE: HB681 Relating to Dogs

Position: Oppose

The Hawaii Food Industry Association is comprised of two hundred member companies representing retailers, suppliers, producers, and distributors of food and beverage related products in the State of Hawaii.

HFIA opposes this measure, as it is a weakening of important health and sanitation standards for food service establishments. The Department of Health expressly prohibits animals including pet dogs in food service establishment because pets can create unsanitary conditions. Dogs can carry a variety of bacteria and dirt that should not come into contact with human food service areas.

Allowing pet dogs in restaurants would also make these restaurants less accessible for certain other customers. Patrons who are allergic to dogs or afraid of dogs would be unable to frequent establishments where dogs are present. Unfortunately, there have also been incidents of pet dogs attacking service dogs. Allowing pet dogs in restaurants would increase the likelihood of these types of altercations. We believe that food service establishments should be as accessible as possible for all people. For these reasons we ask that this measure be held. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



THE HUMANE SOCIETY
OF THE UNITED STATES

To: Representative Richard P. Creagan, Chair &
House Agriculture committee members

In Support Of: HB 681

Date: February 8, 2019

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

My name is Heather Carpenter. I am the Western Regional Director for The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS). On behalf of The Humane Society of the United States and our members and supporters in Hawaii, I appreciate the opportunity to submit this testimony in support of HB 681 permitting restaurant owners to allow diners to bring their dogs to their establishments.

This bill is permissive in nature, simply offering an option to those restaurants which may wish to benefit from the economic advantages of expanding their ability to accommodate pet dogs. Well over half of the American population owns at least one pet. The pet industry generates ~\$62.75 billion per year and has shown growth even during economic downturns. Trends point strongly to the intention of pet owners to spend more time with their pets and to spend more on services to keep them comfortable. Pet owners consider the accessibility for their pets in many decisions, including in their travel and dining plans, and HB 681 provides a new marketing option for restaurant owners and tourism in the state.

Although not all dogs may be behaviorally appropriate to be in restaurants, their owners have a responsibility to train and oversee their pets whenever they are in public or a setting where they interact with other dogs – whether in a restaurant, nursing home or dog park. Several states have approved the inclusion of dogs in restaurants and there have been no significant reported problems of negative interactions between dogs or diners. Similar models like “cat cafes”, in which the public can interact with homeless cats while drinking their coffee, have proven to be both safe and profitable.

HB 681 would not require restaurants to allow dogs in their establishments, but merely makes this an option. Those that do not wish to accommodate pet dogs can create clear signage that they are not participating in this new law.

The trends of pet ownership and the strength of the human animal bond are clear. We believe HB 681 provides a new opportunity for restaurant owners to celebrate this bond and in no way does it require all restaurants to participate.

We respectfully request that the Committee pass HB 681.

Heather Carpenter
Western Regional Director
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Submitted on: 2/6/2019 12:45:55 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/8/2019 8:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/5/2019 1:23:24 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/8/2019 8:30:00 AM

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

Comments:



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To: Rep. Richard P. Creagan, Chair
Rep. Lynn DeCoite, Vice Chair
Members of the Committee on Agriculture

From: Victor Lim, Legislative Lead
Hawaii Restaurant Association

Subj: HB 681 Relating to Dogs In Restaurants

Date: February 8, 2019

The Hawaii Restaurant Association representing over 3,500 restaurants here stands opposed to HB 681 that would allow dogs in restaurants at the owner's discretion provided that certain conditions are met.

Yes, the bill states that it is voluntary but the majority of the restaurants feel that you are putting undue pressure on the restaurants from dog owners. Most of our restaurants here are generally smaller in size and do not have separate spaces for customers to eat. How to police what the size of the dog, what do you distinguish the ones that will behave, the ones that will not soil the facilities, how do you get the owners to be responsible to clean up after their dogs, how do you deal with customers that might have allergies? The bottom line is that the restaurant staff will ultimately have to be the ones doing all the cleaning and still need to make sure that the facility and personal staff cleanliness standards are met at all times.

We agree with the State Department of Health and the Star-Advertiser editorial on Wednesday 1/9/19 stating that we should "Keep Dogs Out of Restaurants."

Thank you for allowing us to share our position with you.



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Submitted on: 1/31/2019 6:44:53 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/8/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jonathan Ramos	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/1/2019 2:12:02 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/8/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lucy Miller	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose this bill as untrained pets can be hazardous to service dogs and their handlers.

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Submitted on: 2/1/2019 9:48:09 AM

Testimony for AGR on 2/8/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lynn Murakami-Akatsuka	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Dear Committee,

I strongly oppose the passage of HB 681 which allows dogs in restaurants, excluding service dogs who have received proper training and supervision in their duties for the individual with disabilities. I have observed individuals who have brought in their dogs while shopping in markets openly having their dog sit in the carts. There is no barrier between the cart and dog, e.g., newspaper or blanket put between the cart seat, bottom of the cart, while purchases are made. This is unsanitary for the next person's use of the cart.

Similarly my concern is that individuals who bring dogs to the restaurant will have difficulty or unable to control their animal while dining, talking to friends, or restraining their animal while the waiter/waitress serves the food/beverage and if another dog passes by the table or is at another table. Another public health concern would be the defecation/urination that may occur while the animal is in the restaurant. This may lead to slips and falls of patrons and employees.

Therefore, I strongly oppose the passage of HB 681. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Lynn Murakami-Akatsuka

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From: Jennifer Chiwa <jennifer.chiwa@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 5, 2019 12:41 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: Testimony in Support of HB 681 for House Committee on Agriculture 2-8-19 8:30 am Hearing

Aloha, Members of the House Committee on Agriculture. My name is Jennifer Chiwa. I grew up in Aiea and currently reside in Makiki.

Please support House Bill 681 which would allow restaurant owners or managers discretion in permitting patrons to dine with their pet dogs as long as health and safety conditions are met. Many pet owners consider their dogs to be family members. The bond they have with their dogs is often as strong as the bond with their human family members. Passing House Bill 681 would be recognizing this human-animal bond and helping Hawaii to be a more pet friendly community.

Mahalo.

Jennifer Chiwa

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Submitted on: 2/2/2019 8:25:24 AM

Testimony for AGR on 2/8/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Fawn Liebengood	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/2/2019 9:30:17 AM

Testimony for AGR on 2/8/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Rene Umberger	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/2/2019 7:37:57 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/8/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Tina Kim	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support this bill

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Submitted on: 2/3/2019 1:00:02 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/8/2019 8:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

HB-681

Submitted on: 2/3/2019 6:39:21 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/8/2019 8:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/3/2019 7:02:36 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/8/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Chris Wells	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/4/2019 12:34:02 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/8/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Susan Douglas	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/5/2019 10:33:05 AM

Testimony for AGR on 2/8/2019 8:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I have two well-behaved papillon dogs that have been through years of dog obedience training. I would love to be able to take them with me to a restaurant in their doggy stroller. Whenever I take my animals out in public, they serve as canine ambassadors and strengthen the human-animal bond by creating a more pet-friendly community. I am a responsible pet owner who makes sure to always clean up after my dogs if they have an accident.

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Submitted on: 2/5/2019 10:51:03 AM

Testimony for AGR on 2/8/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Gail McElrath	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

This bill's importance reaches beyond the immediate delight of being able to dine with our pets. It also serves to advance the goal of creating a more compassionate and pet-friendly community where our animal companions are welcome as part of our daily lives.

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Submitted on: 2/5/2019 12:42:13 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/8/2019 8:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/5/2019 2:52:25 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/8/2019 8:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

I'm Jennifer Ho, an animal owner and Hawaii resident. I support the bill to allow restaurant owners the discretion to allow dogs in their restaurants.

Many restaurants offer outdoor areas where a dog can lie down without interfering other diners. Additionally, it's great to be able to pop into a restaurant for ice cream or to order a sandwich without tying up a dog near the sidewalk or public walkway.

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Submitted on: 2/5/2019 3:36:27 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/8/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jaunette Itsuno	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/5/2019 3:43:53 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/8/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Nicole Correa	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/5/2019 4:53:33 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/8/2019 8:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

PLEASE PASS THIS BILL.

RESTAURANT OWNERS SHOULD HAVE THE RIGHT TO DECIDE FOR THEMSELVES WHETHER THEY WANT PEOPLE TO BRING THEIR DOGS INTO THEIR RESTUARANTS. TO DENY OWNERS THAT RIGHT IS TO DENY THEM THEIR BASIC OWNER SHIP RIGHTS.

Thank you.

Aloha,

Dr. Joel Fischer

Professor (RET.)

University of Hawai`i, at Manoa

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Submitted on: 2/5/2019 7:11:20 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/8/2019 8:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Many Ohana's their pets are family members in some cases they're only family. Pets brings joy, comfort and calmness to others, most of all pets enjoy time with their pet parents. Can we please bring aloha and pono by having more pet friendly palces to spend time with our pet Ohana?

Mahalo nui loa for your considerations!

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Submitted on: 2/5/2019 7:16:07 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/8/2019 8:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/5/2019 10:06:20 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/8/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Corey Allen	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

To whom it may concern:

In recent years, my life took a dramatic change when my significant other convinced me to become a dog owner. I will reluctantly admit that the journey of raising a puppy into an adult dog was extremely challenging, but also very rewarding. When I come home from a long day at work, it feels amazing to come home to a loyal companion that I feel a bond with, along with my significant other.

This is why I am excited to hear support for a bill to give restaurants the ability to allow dogs onto their property. While I understand some may not agree, I feel that restaurants should be given the freedom to cater to potential customers such as me. As dogs tend to be left at home all day it is significant for me, and other dog owners, that we have a society that is willing to accept our furry companions.

With that said, I understand that this proposed law would also give those restaurants the freedom to deny my furry guest as well. For instance, should my dog not behave, the restaurant should have full authority to remove me from their establishment. In other words, a restaurant should have the right to consider their customer base and market in order to come to an informed decision as to whether or not my dog can be in or on their premises.

This bill is about giving restaurants a choice, and IS NOT about forcing pets onto others.

Thank you.

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Submitted on: 2/6/2019 12:24:37 AM

Testimony for AGR on 2/8/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Louann Suppa	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

I strongly urge support for Pets in Restaurant Legislation - Bill SB1152 / HB681.

I feel that restaurant owners should have the choice to allow dogs under the proposed guidelines.

As an empty-nester, my 11 year old dog is like a child to me and is my true companion. It means so much to have her accompany me on outings and I see the joy she brings to others she encounters.

In addition, she has a heart condition which requires constant supervision. Unless I employ a sitter, I am home-bound too, as there are few pet-friendly places in Hawaii; even dog-friendly parks are limited. Having the opportunity to enjoy restaurant patio dining with her would be wonderful. I know that other dog parents/families would agree.

I have traveled extensively through the states and Europe and have seen that dogs are welcomed, even embraced, in restaurants and other public areas without inconvenience to their other guests. I was truly saddened to return to my beloved Hawaii, where I have been a resident for almost 40 years, knowing that this freedom of choice regarding our canine family members is denied here.

Please support this bill which will enrich all our lives in Hawaii.

Thank you,

Louann Suppa

Kahala

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Submitted on: 2/6/2019 10:01:30 AM

Testimony for AGR on 2/8/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
John Bickel	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I have seen dogs in restaurants in Europe without a problem. I would like to see that here.

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Submitted on: 2/6/2019 10:13:44 AM

Testimony for AGR on 2/8/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Erik Meade	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I like dogs, but having them in crowded, busy spaces where food is served is a recipe for trouble and hence lawsuits.

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Submitted on: 2/6/2019 10:16:41 AM

Testimony for AGR on 2/8/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kylie Charice Alarcon	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I would like to support the bill to allow our dog(s) in restaurants at the restaurant owner's discretion provided that certain conditions are met. My dog is part of my family and I fully support in creating a more compassionate and pet-friendly community where our animal companions are welcome as part of our daily lives.

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Submitted on: 2/6/2019 10:17:47 AM

Testimony for AGR on 2/8/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Emily Dong	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

There has been a generational shift towards dogs being family. Like a child, we are solely responsible for, family. There are studies which show emotional connections between a dog and his/her family and how a pet can boost emotional well-being. Long gone are the days where they only eat scraps and leftovers from off the floor, or are chained up outside in the hot sun. I speak for a younger generation that may not be as involved with politics or realize the importance to write-in due to hectic schedules. No one said to allow misbehaving dogs in restaurant areas with reckless abandon. Of course there will be rules and regulations to ensure public safety and restaurant owner discretion. We are asking for an opportunity to teach dogs to be more integrated with society, starting with allowing the well-behaved ones in designated spaces. As more dogs are able to join us in everyday life, you may not even notice they are there at all, but for those of us that are with our loved ones, it will mean the world.

CHAIR REP. RICHARD P. CREAGAN
VICE CHAIR REP. LYNN DECOITE
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Testimony in support of HB681

Friday, February 8, 2019

8:30 am, Conference Room 312, State Capitol

I am Michaela Safford of Kailua and I am testifying in support of HB681.

Our lives are made up of constant choices. Choosing where we work, choosing what we do in our free time, choosing who we have relationships with – the choices we have and make are endless.

So why don't restaurant owners have a choice when it comes to allowing pets in their restaurants? I would understand if doing so was harmful to the public, but there is no empirical evidence that suggests that allowing pets in restaurants is not safe.

The proposed bill outlines policies to ensure that pet-friendly restaurants are safe and considerate of their patrons. Restaurant owners are the experts in their businesses, so they should be given the choice to make decisions regarding their businesses, including deciding if they want their restaurant to be pet-friendly or not. I have never been personally bothered by a pet in a restaurant but if anyone is, then he/she can inform the restaurant owners and the owners can then decide if they want their restaurant to continue to be pet-friendly or not. Either way, the restaurant owners should be able to make those decisions in order to best serve their patrons.

Thank you for hearing my voice in support of HB681.

Michaela Safford

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Kailua, HI

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Submitted on: 2/6/2019 9:11:37 AM

Testimony for AGR on 2/8/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
April M Blades	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I fully support this bill allowing dogs in restaurants at owner/manager discretion.

HB-681

Submitted on: 2/6/2019 1:52:24 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/8/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lisa Thompson	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am a resident of East Honolulu and I support HB681. Responsible pet owners dining with well behaved dogs in restaurants shows Hawaii is a compassionate and pet-friendly community.

HB-681

Submitted on: 2/6/2019 3:09:31 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/8/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Nicole Buyukacar	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support this bill completely. If this bill is passed not only will it give us the amazing experience of dining with our furry family members, it will open up the minds of the community to being more pet inclusive.

Offering pet friendly dining is very important to me personally. I am 30 years old, married and we are choosing not to have children for a number of personal reasons. Our dogs are like the human children we don't have and the bond between us is undeniable.

I am from Kauai originally but we moved to the Pacific Northwest for a few years specifically because of its pet friendly culture. Our free time was always spent on a hike then having brunch or going to a pet friendly brewery afterwards. I have never seen any problems or issues between customers or the restaurants due to allowing pets. It is actually rare to find a place that doesn't allow dogs in their outside seating areas.

We just moved back to Hawaii and are now living on Oahu. The one thing that is missing is the pet friendliness of the area. It works well in so many other places that I don't see why it is a problem.

At the end of the day, I believe this comes down to business and the restaurants should have the right to choose how they cater to their clientele. People who don't like dogs or have allergies can go indoors, where companion dogs are not allowed. I find that to be a very fair compromise. Not all businesses will want to adopt a pet friendly policy and that is totally okay also.

Ultimately, by being more pet friendly, it changes the entire culture. When pets are treated like family, they are more cared for and more lives can be saved.

This is the future and I would love to see Hawaii catch up with the growing trend.

HB-681

Submitted on: 2/6/2019 5:12:26 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/8/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Monica Nakasone	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

HB-681

Submitted on: 2/6/2019 5:24:08 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/8/2019 8:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

HB-681

Submitted on: 2/6/2019 6:04:01 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/8/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Michael D Parker	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Representative Richard P. Creagan, Chair

Representative Lynn DeCoite, Vice Chair

Committee on Agriculture

Pets in Restaurants Legislation

Friday, February 8, 2019

Support for H.B. No. 681, Relating to Dogs

Our dog is a rescue from the Hawaiian Humane Society and diagnosed as having separation anxiety that probably developed from mistreatment. If left alone in our home she will damage doors, furniture and other property.

Certain restaurants with outside dining areas have allowed us to use those areas to be served meals if the dog is leashed and exhibits proper behavior. The only option for many pet owners would be to liquidate their pet or confine it in a metal crate. Our dog has broken teeth as that has not been a good solution.

We hope you can find a solution to protect our furry friends and restaurants that should not be punished for exhibiting one of the best examples of humanity.

HB-681

Submitted on: 2/6/2019 6:07:42 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/8/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
JOANNE PARKER	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Representative Richard P. Creagon, Chair

Representative Lynn DeCoite, Vice Chair

Committee on Agriculture

Pets in Restaurants

Friday, February 8, 2019

Support for H.B. No. 681, Relating to Dogs

I applaud the Hawaiian Humane Society's effort as pets today hold a different place with today's families.

In the past, a dog was outside chained and maybe had a shelter to keep out of the rain. A cat was just outside and was really just on its own. Most of them never went to a vet even if they were sick or dying.

This bill is about responsible pet ownership, about people who value their pets and about companionship. Today we have dog parks to socialize and we teach our dogs good behavior. If we don't take them to the park, we walk them or take them running around the neighborhoods not just to let them relieve themselves but to keep them as active as we like to be. They are family, ohana.

This bill is also about choice, giving an establishment the choice about being pet friendly or not. My husband and I have been taking our medium sized dog to restaurants and have only been received by fellow patrons with love, joy, smiles and praise. We were very disheartened when we went to one of our favorite restaurants only to be told that our dog was not welcome anymore due to a "new" law and they could be fined for allowing her there.

It is very important that this bill is considered this session as it takes Hawaii another step forward in being a compassionate, responsible and progressive state.

HB-681

Submitted on: 2/6/2019 9:32:31 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/8/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kristina Alvarez	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I fully support HB681. As a young professional living in Oahu, I absolutely love everything this island has to offer. The beaches, the hikes, and the emerging changes in walkability in my neighborhoods allow me, and other residents, to really embrace a healthier, more community-oriented lifestyle. As I consider my dogs extended members of my family, I enjoy taking them along with me on my many adventures through town or through the countryside. While I believe Hawaii is making great strides towards creating a more cohesive community, many community members and I have struggled with the lack of dog-friendly accommodations.

My dogs are truly a part of my family. They are clean, trained, and well behaved. Many other dog owners that frequently take their dogs out in public spaces raise their dogs in similar ways. When my dogs are out with me, many members of my community enjoy meeting them. They bring joy and excitement both to me and others.

Unfortunately, I do struggle taking my dogs out when I want to grab a bite to eat. One option is to leave them confined in my car with the windows cracked, however, Hawaii's high heat and the security of my vehicle is always a great worry, especially when they are left for longer periods of time. Another option, and one I often use, is to not eat out at all due to the lack of accommodations.

I believe restaurants should have the *choice* to allow well-behaved, leashed or confined, dogs under the supervision of their responsible owners in their restaurants, especially in outdoor dining areas. They should also have the *choice* to deny a dog entrance as well, at their discretion. However, if the dog is well behaved and does not bother other patrons, the restaurant should be allowed to option to decide how they would like to proceed. Of course, new provisions should be made to further ensure the health and safety of patrons, but these are easy to implement and have already been done in other areas of the United States. Hawaii can follow the examples of other states and communities and continue to grow into a more community-oriented place to live.

Thank you.

CHAIR REP. RICHARD P. CREAGAN
VICE CHAIR REP. LYNN DECOITE
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Testimony in support of HB681

Friday, February 8, 2019

8:30 am, Conference Room 312, State Capitol

My name is Alysa Stratman of Honolulu and I am testifying with strong support of HB681 Pets in Restaurants.

Throughout history, bills are passed, laws are implemented, and positive change is made by people who want to make a difference. Supporting HB681 however, is not just about passing a bill or changing a law. HB681 Pets in Restaurants is about much more than that.

The current law that prohibits pets from restaurants creates a barrier between restaurants and those who consider pets family members. If HB681 were to be implemented, it would do allow restaurant owners a choice on how to best serve their customers. It would give them the option of deciding if they want to adopt this policy or not. We as consumers have the preference of where we want to eat anyway, so why should restaurants not have the choice on who they allow in?

HB681 not only gives restaurant owners more control over their business, but the bond between humans and animals strengthens all the while a more pet friendly community is formed. Many families, including my own, consider their pet as not just an animal, but as a member of the family. Hence, allowing pets into restaurants will form a deeper relationship between humans and animals. Living in Hawaii, we are very fortunate with our pet-friendly resources, such as beaches, hikes, parks, along with many others, so why not extend this pet-friendly ideal into restaurants? I know I can't picture anything better than going on a hike with my dog then going and enjoying a relaxing family meal together.

When looking at HB681 Pets in Restaurants as a whole, there are three things that we know for sure will positively make a difference in our community. First, restaurant owners will have more control over how they choose to serve their customers. Second, the bond between humans and animals will become even stronger. Lastly, we will create a community that is more pet-friendly. Knowing this, I fully support HB681 Pets in Restaurants.

Thank you for hearing my voice in support of HB681 Pets in Restaurants.

Alysa Stratman

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HB-681

Submitted on: 2/6/2019 10:18:20 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/8/2019 8:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

This bill will provide an available option for restaurant owners.

HB-681

Submitted on: 2/6/2019 10:46:02 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/8/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jeff Heisel	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please support this bill.

HB-681

Submitted on: 2/6/2019 10:46:48 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/8/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Antonella Scolpini	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

For many families their dog is a family member, which means that on many leisurely activities we like to include our furry family member too.

I lived for an extended period of my life in Europe, 12 years, and dogs are allowed in many restaurants there, it was a pleasure, all the dogs were well behaved and did not bother anyone.

Thank you for allowing this also on our beautiful Islands,

Antonella Scolpini-Heisel

HB-681

Submitted on: 2/7/2019 6:24:47 AM

Testimony for AGR on 2/8/2019 8:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Dear Honorable Committee Members:

Please support HB681. Cafes and restaurants across Europe typically allow dogs entry with no ill effects.

Thank you for the opportunity to present my testimony.

Sincerely,

Andrea Quinn

HB-681

Submitted on: 2/7/2019 6:58:19 AM

Testimony for AGR on 2/8/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Keith Dane	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support HB681 because restaurant owners and their patrons should have the option of whether to have their dogs - which many view as their family members - with them when dining out. This has been implemented in several other states, and has worked well. Restaurant owners can decide whether or not to offer this option based on the preferences of their clientele, and can put restrictions on what area/s of their restaurant are open to dining with dogs.

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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
THE THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2019**

**COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE
Testimony on H.B. 681
Hearing: February 8, 2019**

RELATING TO DOGS

Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite and members of the Committee. My name is Peter Fritz. I am testifying in **opposition to** H.B. 681. This bill does not require a restaurant to have a separate entrance and restrict dogs to an outdoor dining area. All of the 10 other states that have enacted laws allowing dogs in restaurants require that they be in outdoor dining areas.

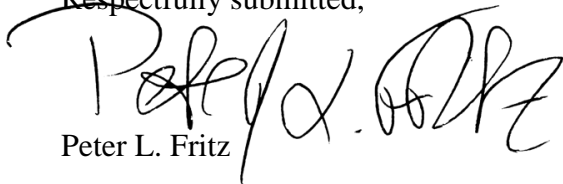
This bill allows dogs in restaurants at the restaurant owner's or manager's discretion provided that certain conditions are met.

All of the other states that have enacted laws permitting dogs in restaurants require that dogs are only allowed in outdoor dining areas. A separate entrance must be provided to the outdoor dining area. Part of the reason for requiring a separate entrance is to keep customers dogs from attacking or distracting a service animal.

If this bill is to move forward, it should be amended to require a separate entrance and restrict dogs to an outside dining area. Attached is a proposed bill that requires a separate entrance and restricts dogs to outside dining areas in restaurants allow dogs. This proposed bill also incorporates safeguards and language from laws in other states concerning dogs in restaurants.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Respectfully submitted,


Peter L. Fritz

A BILL FOR AN ACT

relating to dogs.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 321, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

"§321- Dogs allowed in restaurants. (a) At the discretion of the owner or manager of a restaurant, a restaurant patron may bring a dog into the restaurant under the following conditions:

(1) The dog is under the control of the patron. A dog is under the control of a patron in an outdoor dining area of a restaurant if all of the following apply:

(A) A health or safety hazard will not result from the presence or activities of the dog.

(B) All of the following requirements are met:

(1) The dog does not pass through the interior of the restaurant or any playground area of the restaurant to enter the outdoor dining area. A separate entrance must be provided from the exterior of the restaurant to the outdoor dining area.

(2) The outdoor dining area is maintained free of visible dog hair, dog dander, and other dog-related waste and debris. The outdoor dining area is cleaned and disinfected appropriately as needed.

(3) Surfaces contaminated by the waste created from the dog's bodily functions are immediately cleaned and disinfected.

(4) Equipment used to clean and that comes in contact with waste from a dog's bodily functions is stored separate from all other cleaning equipment and is not used for other cleaning purposes.

(5) All dog waste is disposed of at least daily outside of the restaurant in a covered waste receptacle.

(6) An employee who touches the dog or cleans waste from the dog's bodily functions does not serve food or beverages or handle tableware until the employee has washed his or her hands.

(7) The dog is not allowed on a seat, chair, or patron's lap, or allowed to contact a tabletop, countertop, or similar surface in the outdoor dining area.

(8) The dog is not allowed to contact reusable tableware unless the tableware is dedicated to use by

dogs and readily distinguishable as such or is provided by the patron handling the dog.

(9) The dog is not allowed in an area where food is prepared.

(10) The dog is not unattended.

(11) The patron is 18 years of age or older.

(12) The patron keeps the dog in a carrier or on a leash that is held by the patron.

(13) The dog shall remain within the patron's seating area and on the floor;

(14) The dog shall not obstruct pathways, interfere with the activities of the restaurant's employees;

(15) The dog shall not disturb or interact with other patrons or dogs.

(b) A restaurant that permits dogs in the restaurant shall:

(1) Maintain at the restaurant and make available to the regulatory authority or a patron upon request written procedures that ensure compliance with the requirements of subparagraph (a) (1) and post a sign at each entrance displaying the message "Dogs are allowed in this restaurant".

(2) Before allowing a dog within the restaurant, notify the health department in writing that the restaurant

intends to allow patrons' dogs to accompany patrons in the outdoor dining area of the restaurant. The restaurant shall mail the notice by first-class mail or deliver the notice not less than 30 days before allowing dogs to accompany patrons. The notice is effective while the restaurant remains in business. The restaurant is not required to mail or deliver more than 1 notice.

(3) The restaurant may do any of the following:

(A) Determine the location and the amount of space designated for a patron accompanied by the patron's dog.

(B) Establish a limit on the size and type of dog and any other limitation relating to a patron's dog.

(c) Deny entry to or eject from the restaurant a patron and the patron's dog."

(c) The owner of a dog brought into a restaurant under section (a) is liable for any damage or injury to the restaurant, an employee of the restaurant, or a patron of the restaurant caused by the dog.

SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect .

HB-681

Submitted on: 2/7/2019 7:36:36 AM

Testimony for AGR on 2/8/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jackie Hong	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I am a cat and dog lover, and have owned both type of animals. But, this does not mean I want to sit next to one while dining in a public restaurant. Even well trained and well mannered dogs can be triggered to aggression. Ask me, several years ago, my neighbor's dog, supposedly a well trained pet, lunged at me while I entered their property while on a chain, and crushed my left lower arm. He was even on a tie line. I am now terrified to be in close proximity to dogs. I have a neighbor with a small dog that continually barks and is generally off his leash, allowing him to run over to my property. He has stood in front of my front door barking at me and terrifying me. I can't even go out of my front door in safety. There are other places a dog owner can take their pet; i.e. dog parks, friend's homes, etc. I stopped going to Kailua Beach because of dog owners that allow their dogs to run over the beach. Sanitation is also a big concern for me, as, due to a serious health issue, I have a compromised immune system. . Please consider not passing this bill to protect individuals like me that would be prohibited from frequenting these establishments.

HB-681

Submitted on: 2/7/2019 9:35:52 AM

Testimony for AGR on 2/8/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Yadrianna Cruz-Rivera	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

HB-681

Submitted on: 2/7/2019 12:33:24 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/8/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Isabella Geib	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

HB-681

Submitted on: 2/7/2019 12:12:52 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/8/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kelley Streadbeck	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

HB-681

Submitted on: 2/7/2019 12:34:06 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/8/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Arianna Zinn	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

HB-681

Submitted on: 2/7/2019 1:57:13 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/8/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jaylen Murakami	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

I am in strong support of HB681, which would allow dogs in restaurants at the restaurant owner's or manager's discretion. I think this bill is fair - it gives restaurants the option to be dog-friendly, not a requirement. Many people consider their pets to be members of the family and would appreciate the option to bring them along to restaurants.

HB-681

Submitted on: 2/7/2019 2:54:05 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/8/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Siobahn Lawson	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

My purpose of this testimony is to encourage the passing of HB681. I am an owner of an ESA. The reason I have been "prescribed" an ESA is to help cope with my disability. My ESA dog helps me be confident in public by reducing my anxiety and even helping prevent panic attacks. I always keep my dog on a leash, have "waste" bags and paw wipes on hand, and ensure that my dog does not bother anyone around us unless someone specifically asks to pet him, themselves. I understand that not all dog owners are responsible, and believe that there should be additional laws put into place or enforced to a greater scale in order to prevent these owners from abusing their rights or reflecting poorly on the greater dog-owning community (ex. Waste not being picked up and disposed of properly, animal biting, pet interfering with service animals). The passing of this law would also encourage owners to not leave dogs in hot homes, without someone there to take them out to relieve themselves, while the owner goes out to a business/restaurant.

If someone is opposed to animals dining in a restaurant, they should simply go to another. I am sure that even after the passing of this law, there will be a greater amount of "no pets" restaurants than "pet friendly" restaurants.

Thank you.

AGRtestimony

From: Edwin Lesperance <spirit@hawaii.rr.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 2, 2019 10:50 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: Bills regarding animals

Categories: Green Category

I support the passage of the following bills.

HB 681 Status	RELATING TO DOGS. Allows dogs in restaurants at the restaurant owner's or manager's discretion provided that certain conditions are met.	AGR, CPC/JUD
HB 1162 Status	RELATING TO PET BOARDING FACILITIES. Regulates the operation of pet boarding facilities within the State.	AGR, JUD
HB 704 Status	RELATING TO COSMETICS. Bans, beginning January 1, 2020, the import for profit, sale, and offer for sale of any cosmetic in the State, if the final product or any component of the product was developed or manufactured using animal testing performed on or after January 1, 2020. Effective January 1, 2020.	AGR, JUD/CPC
HB 716 Status	RELATING TO WILD ANIMALS. Prohibits the importation of dangerous wild animals for exhibition in a circus, carnival, or other live animal act or performance.	AGR, JUD
HB 930 Status	RELATING TO ANIMALS. Prohibits a pet store operator from selling a dog, cat, or rabbit unless the dog, cat, or rabbit was obtained from certain humane sources.	AGR, JUD
HB 1281 Status	RELATING TO ANIMAL CRUELTY. Prohibits the confinement of specified animals in a cruel manner and prohibits business owners and operators from selling those animals. Prohibits slaughtering cats and dogs for human consumption to conform to federal law.	AGR, JUD
HB 200 Status	RELATING TO CRUELTY TO ANIMALS. Prohibits certain restraints and tethers that endanger, or deny sustenance, to a dog. Specifies penalties and provides that fines for these crimes be paid to the respective county where the crime occurred.	AGR, JUD
HB 24 Status	RELATING TO ANIMAL SEXUAL ABUSE. Establishes the criminal offense of sexual assault of an animal. Provides for impoundment and forfeiture of a sexually assaulted animal.	AGR, JUD
HB 127 Status	RELATING TO LITTER CONTROL. Classifies allowing an animal under a person's care or control to drop fecal matter on public or private property as littering. Subjects any violator to a civil penalty of \$500 for each occurrence.	AGR, JUD

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AGRtestimony

From: Emily Dong <emilyndong@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 10:21 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Cc: Rep. Scott Saiki; Sen. Sharon Y. Moriwaki
Subject: Testimony in support of HB 681

There has been a generational shift towards dogs being family. Like a child, we are solely responsible for, family. There are studies which show emotional connections between a dog and his/her family and how a pet can boost emotional well-being. Long gone are the days where they only eat scraps and leftovers from off the floor, or are chained up outside in the hot sun. I speak for a younger generation that may not be as involved with politics or realize the importance to write-in due to hectic schedules. No one said to allow misbehaving dogs in restaurant areas with reckless abandon. Of course there will be rules and regulations to ensure public safety and restaurant owner discretion. We are asking for an opportunity to teach dogs to be more integrated with society, starting with allowing the well-behaved ones in designated spaces. As more dogs are able to join us in everyday life, you may not even notice they are there at all, but for those of us that are with our loved ones, it will mean the world.

Thank you for your time,
Emily Dong (Kaka'ako)

AGRtestimony

From: Janine Tully <jtully001@hawaii.rr.com>
Sent: Monday, February 4, 2019 8:58 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: HB 681 - SUPPORTS

The Windward Dog Park Hui supports HB 681 allowing dogs in restaurants. The Hui believes the bill incorporates sufficient parameters that protects the rights of diners who may not approve of this policy. It also stipulates that the decision to allow dogs rests with the restaurant's owner. The bill also creates a more inclusive and pet-friendly community where dogs are welcomed as part of our lives.

Thank you for hearing this bill.

Janine Tully, president
Windward Dog Park Hui

AGRtestimony

From: Jennifer Chiwa <jennifer.chiwa@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 5, 2019 12:41 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: Testimony in Support of HB 681 for House Committee on Agriculture 2-8-19 8:30 am Hearing

Categories: Red Category

Aloha, Members of the House Committee on Agriculture. My name is Jennifer Chiwa. I grew up in Aiea and currently reside in Makiki.

Please support House Bill 681 which would allow restaurant owners or managers discretion in permitting patrons to dine with their pet dogs as long as health and safety conditions are met. Many pet owners consider their dogs to be family members. The bond they have with their dogs is often as strong as the bond with their human family members. Passing House Bill 681 would be recognizing this human-animal bond and helping Hawaii to be a more pet friendly community.

Mahalo.

Jennifer Chiwa

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From: Marian Hussenbux <mhussenbux@btinternet.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 1:12 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: Testimonies HB681, HB200, HB930, HB24, HB716, HB127

Dear Officers of the House Agriculture Committee of the State of Hawai'i – aloha!

I write, in reference to the debates in the Legislature this coming Friday, 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.

May we please submit the following:

“Testimony in support of **HB681**”

We would like to support HB681. Allowing companion dogs in restaurants, at the restaurant owners' discretion, will create a more compassionate society in that it will normalise the affectionate links we have with our animal companions.

“Testimony in support of **HB200**”

We would like to support HB200 which would prohibit the use of certain restraints and tethers that endanger, or deny sustenance, to a dog. To be restrained in often inadequate conditions and sometimes for all their lives, is cruel and disrespectful.

“Testimony in support of **HB930**”

We would like to support HB930 which would prohibit pet store operators from selling a dog, cat or rabbit unless the animals were obtained from certain humane sources such as a shelter or rescue and, importantly to keep records showing the sources of the animals for sale. There can be much neglect and even cruelty in this trade and it fosters breeding when the rescues are full of animals needing good homes.

“Testimony in support of **HB24**”

We would like to support HB24 which establishes the criminal offence of sexual assault of an animal. We understand that the state's existing animal cruelty laws could be used to prosecute cases where there is evidence of physical harm to the animal, but these are not sufficient, and, in any case, to allow sexual assault goes against all norms of civilised society, which we believe Hawai'i to be.

“Testimony in support of **HB716**”

We would like to support HB716 which would prohibit the importation of wild animals for exhibition in a circus, carnival, or other live animal act or performance. We were delighted to be informed that this bill would codify last year's hard-won rule change at the state Department of Agriculture on the same subject.

“Testimony in opposition to **HB127**”

We would like to oppose HB127 which would create a littering penalty that would apply to anyone caring for an animal who leaves faecal waste on public or private property.

Of course, we support the requiring of guardians to clean up after their animals, but this measure could be used to punish the volunteers who care for Free-Roaming cats. This would be wholly unacceptable, as it would make it impossible to care for these needy cats, which is a duty on all societies.

Mahalo to you all!

Kindest 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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[Christian Vegetarian Association US](#)

[Dharma Voices for Animals UK](#)

[Institute of Jainology](#)

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www.panorthodoxconcernforanimals.org

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LATE

HB-681

Submitted on: 2/7/2019 7:21:06 PM
Testimony for AGR on 2/8/2019 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sandie Wong	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support HB681. Thank you.

LATE

HB-681

Submitted on: 2/7/2019 7:42:57 PM

Testimony for AGR on 2/8/2019 8:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

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HB-681

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
John P Bernard Jr	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Maria Ginnebaugh	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please support this bill!

Maria Ginnebaugh

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Submitted on: 2/8/2019 7:57:39 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Steven Loretero	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I love my dogs just as much as the next pet owner, but dogs that are not trained service animals do not belong in restaurants. Last year, a law was passed that prohibits pet owners from passing their animal as a service animal. This bill would practically negate that law. This bill has so many conditions, why even have it in the first place? Many dog owners have the belief that their dog is well behaved and controlled when they are not. While the option to allow dogs in the restaurant is up to the restaurant owner, I can see some dog owners putting pressure on the restaurant owner to allow dogs in their establishment. Please oppose this bill.