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TESTIMONY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

FEBRUARY 8, 2019  
8:30 A.M.  
CONFERENCE ROOM 312

HOUSE BILL NO. 1281  
RELATING TO ANIMAL CRUELTY

Chairperson Creagan and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony on House Bill 1281. This bill proposes to criminalize and economically penalize livestock and poultry producers for various standard livestock and poultry production methods. The Department of Agriculture opposes this bill due to the negative impacts on local livestock producers.

The Department supports prohibiting the slaughter of dogs and cats for any reason and believes regulations already exist which prohibits this. The proposed bill is inappropriately placed in Chapter 145, entitled Regulation of Farm Produce.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



*Testimony by Ashley Welgan of the Humane Society of the United States  
In support of House Bill 1281  
Presented to the Committee on Agriculture, Hawaii House of Representatives  
February 8, 2019*

Thank you, Representatives, for hearing my testimony today.

The Humane Society of the United States, on behalf of our thousands of supporters across Hawaii, thanks Representatives Lee, Mizuno, Saiki, and Wildberger for introducing HB 1281. We wholeheartedly support the passage of this measure, which would explicitly prohibit the sale of dog and cat meat while creating modest protections for farm animals.

In the most recent Farm Bill, Congress prohibited the sale of dog and cat meat. HB 1281 would align Hawaii's statutes with federal law, sending an important message that such cruelty is not accepted in the Aloha State.

In addition, HB 1281 addresses the cruel confinement of three types of farm animals: female pigs used for breeding by the pork industry, hens raised for eggs, and calves raised for veal. Much of the pork sold in Hawaii today comes from facilities in which mother pigs are forced to live in coffin-like enclosures called "gestation crates." These crates are so small the animals cannot turn around. Millions of hens used for eggs are confined to tiny, wire cages. Each bird has a space no larger than an iPad on which to live her entire life. The birds cannot spread their wings and are prevented from performing nearly all of their normal behaviors. Due to lack of movement, hens often suffer severe physical ailments such as osteoporosis. And many calves raised for veal are still immobilized in crates that prevent them from turning around or lying down comfortably.

Extensive scientific evidence confirms what commonsense tells us: that these animals are capable of suffering, just like the cats and dogs with whom we share our homes. HB 1281 would simply require facilities in Hawaii and those that supply Hawaii's marketplace to give these animals cage-free conditions with enough space to lie down, stand up, fully extend their limbs, and turn around freely.

Fortunately, the tide is already turning against the extreme confinement of farm animals. Twelve other states have already taken steps to crack down on these abuses. Three months ago, California voters overwhelmingly passed a ballot initiative—Proposition 12—that's virtually identical to the related portion of HB 1281. These laws have been supported by hundreds of American family farmers who believe that industrial agribusiness should have to operate under modest ethical standards.

In addition to this bevy of laws, the corporate sector is moving decisively against extreme confinement. More than 200 of the world's top food companies, including Walmart, McDonald's, Costco, and Taco Bell—as well as countless small restaurants and retailers—are requiring their meat and egg suppliers to go cage-free. And these changes are extremely affordable: McDonald's, for example, has stated that its transition won't cause it to raise its prices by even a penny.

HB 1281 will also make food safer for Hawaii's families. Foodborne pathogens spread like wildfire in facilities that cram thousands of animals into cages so small they can barely move. More than a dozen studies have found that cage egg facilities harbor Salmonella at higher rates than cage-free farms. According to the FDA, tens of thousands of Americans are sickened every year by eggs contaminated

with Salmonella. These illnesses cause significant economic losses in terms of reduced productivity, as well as human suffering. A leading poultry industry publication acknowledged the science, stating “Salmonella thrives in cage housing.”

Finally, better treatment for farm animals frequently results in better conditions for farm workers, and vice versa. The United Farm Workers and the California Labor Federation both endorsed Proposition 12 in California. And leading egg companies—including Hidden Villa, which is building a major cage-free operation in Hawaii—support legislation like HB 1281 because it creates investment certainty and safer food while bolstering the reputation of agribusiness. I think this bears repeating: the egg company that’s building the largest operations in the state is IN FAVOR of HB 1281. It’s certainly non-partisan and business friendly bill when both humane organizations and companies in the sector come together in support.

HB 1281 takes commonsense steps to improve animal welfare, food safety, and the future of sustainable agriculture. Hawaii has consistently been a leader in protecting animals from abuse, and HB 1281 fits perfectly with that tradition. Thank you for listening, and I’d be happy to answer any questions.



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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 support of HB 1281: Relating to Animal Cruelty  
Friday, Feb. 8, 2019, 8:30 a.m., Capitol room 312

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Aloha Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite and Committee Members,

On behalf of the Hawaiian Humane Society, thank you for considering our support for House Bill 1281, which prohibits slaughtering cats and dogs for human consumption to conform to federal law.

The slaughter of cats and dogs is inhumane, resulting in great suffering. Outside of the exemptions provided by law in cases of emergency, we believe the only acceptable method of intentional death for cats and dogs is humane euthanasia following AVMA guidelines.

Please pass HB 1281 to protect our animal companions.

Mahalo for your consideration and please let me know if I can be of assistance.



**TO:** Honorable Chair Creagan and Members of the House Committee on Agriculture  
February 8, 2019, 830am

**SUBMITTED BY:** Inga Gibson, Policy Consultant, West Hawaii Humane Society  
[ponoadvocacy@gmail.com](mailto:ponoadvocacy@gmail.com), 808.922.9910

**RE: STRONG SUPPORT for HB1281, Relating to Animal Cruelty**

We ask for your support for HB1281, which would prohibit the sale of certain animal products if the animals were raised in extreme confinement operations and also explicitly prohibit the consumption of dogs and cats. A current loophole in our animal cruelty law, that may allow for the killing of dogs or cats, if bred for consumption, must be closed to protect our family pets.

- More than 60 percent of Hawaii households own dogs or cats who are considered “pets” and members of the family. The overwhelming majority of Hawaii residents abhor the practice of dog or cat slaughter for human consumption.
- Unlike farm animals who are bred and raised for consumption, dogs and cats who are slaughtered and subsequently sold for consumption are often lost or stolen pets or acquired from the internet or free to good home advertisements.
- Unlike farm animals, neither the United States Department of Agriculture nor the Hawaii Department of Agriculture recognizes nor regulates the slaughter or sale of dogs and cats. There is no provision in our state or federal constitution that protects any rights relating to the slaughter or consumption of dogs or cats as a recognized cultural practice or as a protected individual right.
- Despite our strong anti-cruelty laws, dog slaughter for human consumption continues to occur across Hawaii as current law requires that the perpetrator be caught in the act of killing the dog or cat. Furthermore, there is no law that expressly prohibits the selling, breeding, raising, transporting, trafficking or consumption of dog or cat meat.
- The proposed law, and its “possession with intent” language, would provide local law enforcement and local humane societies the tools necessary to investigate reports of dog slaughter or trafficking. In 2015 there were 2 incidents of dogs being decapitated with their feet removed, a method used to prepare a dog for consumption. Suspects have yet to be identified in either case.

- The Philippines (1998), Taiwan (2001) and Hong Kong (1950) have long prohibited the trade in dog meat, and the Governments of Thailand and Vietnam to prohibit the transfer or transport of dogs for the commercial dog meat trade. In the U.S., New York, New Jersey, California and other states explicitly prohibit the sale or consumption of dog (or cat) meat.
- Slaughtering dogs and cats also poses public health risks to people. While rabies is the most common vector (not present in Hawaii), toxoplasmosis, e-coli and other infectious bacterial and zoonotic diseases can be transferred to humans when slaughtering dogs or cats.

In closing, pets provide us with so much; comfort, security, safety, assisting us with disabilities, improving our health and longevity and more. Animals deserve our protection and we urge your support for H.B.1281.

For more information please see:

<http://www.envirowatch.org/Koko1.htm>

[http://www.hsi.org/issues/dog\\_meat/#id=album-216&num=content-3710](http://www.hsi.org/issues/dog_meat/#id=album-216&num=content-3710)

[New law needed to stop dog meat trade in Hawaii - Mauinews.com ..](#)

[Stop the cruelty of dog meat trade in Hawaii - Mauinews.com | News ...](#)

<http://archives.starbulletin.com/2007/12/19/news/story02.html>



**Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Inc.**

**COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE**  
**Rep. Richard P. Creagan, Chair**  
**Rep. Lynn DeCoite, Vice Chair**

DATE: Wednesday, February 8, 2018  
TIME: 8:30 AM  
PLACE: Conference Room 312

**HB 1281 – 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.

Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Dale Sandlin, and I am Managing Director of the Hawaii Cattlemen's Council. The Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Inc. (HCC) is the Statewide umbrella organization comprised of the four county level Cattlemen's Associations. Our 150+ member ranchers represent over 60,000 head of beef cows; more than 75% of all the beef cows in the State. Ranchers are the stewards of approximately 25% of the State's total land mass.

The Hawaii Cattlemen's Council **opposes** HB 1281, as this measure is already covered under federal law and presents a slippery slope for future anti-animal agriculture legislation.

An animal's health and well-being is considered the utmost priority of our industry. While we believe the original intent of the bill is to ban the slaughter of dogs and cats for human consumption, federal law already governs the prohibition sought in this measure.

Additionally, setting physical space requirements for livestock creates a slippery slope. Each property that a rancher stewards has different characteristics including forage availability and water infrastructure, also known as carrying capacity. Each pasture's carrying capacity is determined through careful calculations and historical experience during different times of the year and weather conditions. Setting space requirements outside of these types of calculations presents an unrealistic and non-science-based approach to the health and well-being of the livestock our ranchers steward. These requirements could also lead to limiting future production guidelines of our industry.

Additionally, this bill could limit the ability of producing local beef in times of national disaster or a natural emergency like drought. By limiting and criminalizing the processing of veal, this measure could remove an important tool in being able to harvest these animals in an emergency situation. Also, this measure seeks to impose a one size fits all consequence to processors in a non-scientific and subjective manner, specifically regarding individual production practices.

We respectfully ask for this measure to be deferred and we appreciate the opportunity to provide testimony in this matter.



## Committee on Agriculture

Rep. Richard P. Creagan, Chair

Rep. Lynn DeCoite, Vice Chair

Friday, Feb 8, 8:30a, Conf room 312

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### HB 1281 – 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 of cats and dogs for human consumption.

Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite and members of the committee,

My name is Lisa Wood and I have been a practicing veterinarian in the livestock field for the last 29 years. I currently serve as Co-Chair of the Animal Health and Well-being Committee of the Hawaii Cattlemen's Council.

I am writing to strongly oppose HB1281.

As noted in Section 1 of this bill, the farmers and ranchers of our state have always recognized and valued the humane treatment of animals. This bill intends to criminalize and economically penalize producers for using standard production practices. By focusing on the facilities themselves, this bill completely ignores the important and crucial role the caregiver plays in the success of any production system. Dedicated caregivers and conscientious management are the key to making any system productive and welfare-friendly.

Our farmers and ranchers continue to critically evaluate their practices as evidenced by the many rigorous and robust quality assurance programs that focus on animal welfare and stewardship. These programs are designed by leading university experts, national livestock production organizations and third-party certifiers. Our focus should be on encouraging the use of best management practices and not indiscriminately legislating individual practices.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this important matter. Please feel free to contact me at (808) 885-7941 if you require any additional information.

Sincerely,

L.B. Wood, DVM

Veterinary Associates, Inc  
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(808) 885-7941





# Hidden Villa Ranch

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February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019

**Testimony by:** Robert J. Kelly, Executive Vice President of Hidden Villa  
**Regarding:** HB 1281 – Relating to Animal Cruelty (Support)  
**Presented to:** Hawaii House of Representatives – Committee on Agriculture

Thank you, Representatives, for considering my testimony today. **Hidden Villa is in the process of building Hawaii's largest egg operation, creating numerous jobs and growth opportunities. I'm writing to express our enthusiastic endorsement of HB 1281.**

More than ever before, Hawaiians and consumers across the country are demanding commonsense reforms like those embodied by HB 1281. That's why hundreds of major food companies, such as Walmart, Costco, and Safeway, have promised to source their eggs, pork, and veal exclusively from cage-free farms.

We at Hidden Villa recognize that cage-free is the future of our industry, which is why we're so excited to be opening this facility in Hawaii and for the potential passage of HB 1281.

Based in Wahiawa, this operation will hopefully be just the first of many Hidden Villa investments in Hawaii. We're confident that it will help grow the local agricultural economy and provide a much-needed option for locally sourced eggs. Since we believe so strongly in a cage-free future—one that HB 1281 reflects—we've already planned construction in a manner that would comply with the bill's modest animal welfare standards.

Consumers are shifting to cage-free meat and eggs for animal welfare, sustainability, and health reasons. Having a market and legislative alignment makes strong business sense, and would position Hawaii agriculture as a leader in this important movement.

For all these reasons, we respectfully urge you to pass HB 1281. Thank you for your time, and please contact me at any time if I can answer further questions.

Thank you,

Robert J. Kelly  
Executive Vice President

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## TESTIMONY

### HOUSE BILL 1281

Chairperson and Members of the House Agriculture Committee:

My name is Debra Shimabukuro and I am the President of the Hawaiian Egg Company, dba: Mikilua Poultry Farm which is the largest local egg producer in the State of Hawaii. Ms. Iris Shimabukuro (Vice President) and I are writing to you in opposition of House Bill 1281.

Although we have just begun the process of conversion to cage free systems, the impact of this bill would create significant financial hardship for our family's farm. We would be forced to euthanize healthy hens prematurely which would drastically reduce local egg production. This will also create higher prices, marketing disruptions and services to our consumers.

We understand the goal of the bill relating to animal cruelty. It is the proposed timelines that is unreasonable and would negatively impact our family farm and the production of Island eggs.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Friday February 8, 2019 8:30 a.m. Room 312

**HB 1281 RELATING TO ANIMAL CRUELTY.**

To Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite, and committee members:

My name is Chris Peterson, I currently work for my family farm which was founded in 1910 by my great-grandfather in Wahiawa. This is my personal testimony, on behalf our family farm and the Hawaii Egg Producers Cooperative whom asked me to testify. My testimony is related purely to the poultry farming sections of the bill.

**I request HB1281 to be rejected or have the poultry sections excised from the bill.**

I definitely agree animal cruelty is an important issue that needs attention; however, the financial and operational strain to enact such large changes within three years will be such a burden that may force the closure of multiple local farms. Further, this bill will cause the euthanization of a significant amount of livestock on the Poultry farms. Due to these two points I ask you to reject the bill. If the legislature wants to commit to cage free eggs for the state the we (Hawaii Egg Producers) are not opposed given realistic terms. Should the bill progress as is, it would effectively kill family owned local poultry farms in the state. I invite policymakers to a conversation where we can discuss the issue and work together to find a way forward together.

There are currently only four local egg producers left in the state; a number down very significantly from the past. We are not a thriving industry with cash to invest at any given moment. The operational requirements to change cages will be very costly and time intensive as we would need to cut production and bird populations to modify existing facilities to meet the proposed standards. Planning, buying, and shipping the new equipment will take a significant amount of time and capital (especially in Hawaii), not to mention installation and operational modifications. Less than three years is completely unrealistic unless the state provides significant funding to help accomplish these goals. When Prop Two was enacted in California, farmers were given seven years to comply. I would argue they also had more favorable conditions to work towards in comparison to our state. The timeline requirement in this bill will crush local farms.

This bill is looking to improve the welfare of animals, however the timeframe and method of enforcement will actually induce the opposite effect in the short term. The requirement of 1 sq. ft per bird by the end of this year will require farms to either euthanize or otherwise dispose of birds. Further reductions may be necessary to implement changes to the cages within the time frame. Flocks ordered to arrive this year or later may also be affected depending on the farm's operational requirements. Such changes are bad for both birds and farmers; farmers will not be able to recoup their investment on the birds and the birds will have a shortened life. These costs will compound with the additional costs of the overall change; making the near future close to insurmountable for the local farms which are already just getting by.

As a whole local farms have all looked into cage free solutions on our own; as that is where the market has been moving towards. However the terms of this bill are unreachable for some farms. We would need significant government funding and/or a more generous timeline to change quickly and preserve the local industry. Other possibilities, such as possibly requiring new layer housing investments to be cage free while grandfathering current operational systems (possibly requiring facilities better than UEP cage production guidelines) until further investment could, perhaps, be another avenue. Other concerns also exist, such as questions regarding enforcement e.g. further inspections which would be required but not addressed in the bill. I, again, request policymakers to discuss and work towards a solution with us to reach desired goals.

I hope I have clearly explained why the current bill is nearly a death sentence for our local farms, and our willingness to work towards an answer. As such I humbly seek the rejection, or expulsion of poultry elements, of HB1281 from the Agriculture Committee.

Thank you,

Chris Peterson -- Cellphone: 808-386-7295

**HB-1281**

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 1:25:46 PM

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

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

Comments:

**HB-1281**

Submitted on: 1/31/2019 3:45:22 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Victor K. Ramos	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

**HB-1281**

Submitted on: 2/2/2019 9:32:58 AM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Rene Umberger	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

**HB-1281**

Submitted on: 2/2/2019 7:41:38 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Tina Kim	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support this bill

**HB-1281**

Submitted on: 2/3/2019 1:02:26 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Ashley Wilcox	Individual	Support	No

Comments:



**HB-1281**

Submitted on: 2/3/2019 6:34:36 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Mike Moran	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

**HB-1281**

Submitted on: 2/4/2019 12:37:27 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Susan Douglas	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

**HB-1281**

Submitted on: 2/4/2019 8:52:02 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
jennifer schneider	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha. Please support HB 1281 on behalf of animals.

Animals do not exist to be confined in a cruel manner & then sold for a profit.

Animals are not chattel.

Cats & dogs should not be slaughtered for human consumption. They are companion animals not meat.

mahalo.

**HB-1281**

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 8:12:57 AM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Lor. Maki	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

**HB-1281**

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 8:24:57 AM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
darren	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose to this Bill due to the fact that it's not fair that if this pass then all animal sales of any kind would have to apply so Farm animals and all animal sales of any business would have to comply to this bill which doesn't make sense . Why only pin point one store and not all across the board ??

As long as the store applies to guidelines which they have done I feel it's not a problem the animals at the store are in good health the dogs and cats have been checked at a Vet

Too many laws and bills have been on going and I feel this State is starting to become a prison we need to worry about higher up issues like Money wasted on the Rail project Jome Property taxes going up Cost of Living Homeless issues Drug issues Strict Safety checks Recon needs to taken off Why we the hard working Oahu citizens gotta suffer and the higher up get all Breaks ??? And we wonder why a lot of local residents end up moving to the mainland ????? Come on Now we need to see the Big picture and not this ridiculous nonsense Bill

**HB-1281**

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 12:48:51 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Andrea Nandoskar	Individual	Support	No

## Comments:

Please support HB1281. Animals are sentient beings just as humans are. Confinement and cruelty inflicted upon them reflects back to us. Let's pass this bill in its entirety also prohibiting the slaughtering of cats and dogs for human consumption.

Mahalo for supporting this bill.

**HB-1281**

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 3:50:26 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Nicole Correa	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

**HB-1281**

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 4:58:21 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
joel fischer	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

HB1281: PLEASE PASS THIS BILL.

In the land of aloha, any form of animal cruelty is incompatible with our values and lifestyle.

Thank you.

Dr. Joel Fischer

Professor (RET.)

Univerity of Hawai`i at Manoa



**HB-1281**

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 6:38:17 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Susan Govier	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

to Chairman Creagan and Members, House Agriculture Committee,

I ask you to VOTE NO on HB 1281.

I ask you to very carefully look at what this bill seems to be about other than not eating dogs and cats.

It is likely this bill would seriously effect our agriculture community/industry. There is a lot more here than eating dogs and cats which of course gets all of our attention. There is/are consequences not obvious at first reading this legislation

I hope you will consult atlength and in depth with those in the agriculture industry before considering HB 1281.

I ask you to VOTE NO on HB 1281

thank you, Susan Govier

**HB-1281**

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 7:18:06 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Robert Wilcox	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

**HB-1281**

Submitted on: 2/6/2019 9:36:47 AM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
April M Blades	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I fully support HB1281 and urge the committee to pass it.

Thank you for your time and consideration pertaining to this bill.

April M Blades

**HB-1281**

Submitted on: 2/6/2019 10:04:20 AM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Lisa Dangelmaier	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha,

I oppose the bill which would force farms to adopt practices (i.e. "cage free") for keeping of animals that were not developed necessarily by knowledgeable persons in the keeping of animals, may not be in the best interests of animals nor represent best farm practice. It also unreasonably requires stores and markets to limit sourcing to those that would conform to this bill. It is not clear what costs might be incurred by adopting this bill. I support the portions of the bill which would prohibit sale and transport of dogs and cats for meat.

It is not difficult to understand how our society over a century or so transitioned from an agrarian to an industrial one. In that context, it is not difficult to understand how we transitioned from a society that treats animals humanely to one that treats them as commodities, as is now often the case.

But it is time that we consider where we are with the respect to those “commodities.” It is bad enough that we raise animals just so that we can slaughter them and eat them. But it is unconscionable that they should spend their entire lives subjected to the inhumane treatment we see so often.

Humane treatment means that animals must be kept in a clean, comfortable environment, be able to stand up, turn around, have a reasonable diet, get a reasonable amount of exercise, see the sun, and, ideally, be able to associate with one another before of that very bad day comes where they are slaughtered and later end up on your dinner plate. Can you image being raised just so you could be kept in solitary confinement all your life, only to be killed and eaten??? This is what must be avoided:



While legislation without enforcement is useless, Bill 1281 at least provides a humane starting point for the treatment of the less fortunate of God's creatures. Please pass bill 1281, which will also make unlawful the killing and eating of cats and dogs which, we should be reminded, were bred to be “man’s best friend.”

**HB-1281**

Submitted on: 2/6/2019 1:12:30 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Judith Aikawa	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support this bill because I believe all animals should be free from cruel and inhumane confinement, including animals raised for food.

**HB-1281**

Submitted on: 2/6/2019 1:18:49 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Stephanie McLaughlin	Individual	Support	No

## Comments:

Please pass this bill. People in Hawaii should not be allowed to slaughter dogs and cats for human consumption. This is a barbaric practice and is not culturally acceptable in American society, or in any civilized society for that matter! I also support this bill because all animals should be free from cruel and inhumane confinement including animals raised for food.

**HB-1281**

Submitted on: 2/6/2019 2:21:08 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Judith A Mick	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha, I am asking that you strongly support HB 1281 as a way to improve food safety for our citizens, protect the environment for all, and prevent horrible animal cruelty that animals raised for slaughter are subjected to. It's the least we can do for living things with whom we share this earth. Thank you for your consideration. Aloha, Judy Mick, Kailua, Oahu



**HB-1281**

Submitted on: 2/6/2019 2:39:46 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Nicole P	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

**HB-1281**

Submitted on: 2/6/2019 2:57:51 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Laurie Pottish	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support this bill because I believe all animals should be free from cruel and inhumane confinement, including animals raised for food. Studies show that hens confined in cages in factory farms have higher rates of Salmonella, one of the leading causes of food poisoning-related deaths in America. When you cram multiple hens in cages so small they are unable to move, they are more likely to spread dangerous bacteria like salmonella that can sicken and even kill people. So, not only do cage-free conditions vastly improve the lives of animals, they also significantly improve food safety for Hawaii families. Factory farms produce large amounts of waste that wreak havoc on the environment and public health in surrounding communities. HB 1281 promotes smaller scale, family farms, which are more environmentally friendly and sustainable. HB 1281 would also prohibit the slaughter of dogs and cats for human consumption, to conform with newly passed 2018 Federal legislation (The Dog and Cat Meat Trade Prohibition Act of 2018, H.R. 6720).

I urge you to vote yes on HB 1281 to improve food safety, protect the environment, and prevent animal cruelty.

Mahalo,

Laurie Pottish

2892 Iwalani St

Makawao, Hi 96768

**HB-1281**

Submitted on: 2/6/2019 3:14:30 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Nicole Buyukacar	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

**HB-1281**

Submitted on: 2/6/2019 5:24:31 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Mary James	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I supportl protections for our farm animals that are often poorly treated.

In additiuon, it is unimaginable that people would eat dogs or cats in this country. It must stop in Hawaii now!!

**HB-1281**

Submitted on: 2/6/2019 3:40:52 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Katherine Linster	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly urge the passage of HB 1281 which prohibits the slaughter of dogs and cats for human consumption. Sadly, this bill is overdue and the inhumane slaughter of dogs and cats for human consumption should have been prohibited decades ago.

I also urge that the bill be amended to make such a violation a felony. The inhumane slaughter of cats and dogs must be strongly prohibited. Animal cruelty strongly disintegrates our community bond and threatens our safety. Therefore, I strongly support HB 1281 with the aforementioned amendment.

**HB-1281**

Submitted on: 2/6/2019 5:29:35 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
carole richelieu	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

**HB-1281**

Submitted on: 2/6/2019 5:34:17 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Keith Dane	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support HB 1281 because all animals should be free from cruel and inhumane confinement, including animals raised for food.

The bill would prevent such confinement of mother pigs, veal calves, and egg-laying hens on factory farms should anyone ever try to open one in Hawaii, and ensure that producers that sell veal, pork and eggs in Hawaii comply with this modest standard. This is a trend that many producers in the U.S. and around the world are already embracing, and one that will not be reversed. Hawaii should be part of the movement and require the humane treatment of animals, the food products from which are consumed here.

Factory farms also produce large amounts of waste that can wreak havoc on the environment and public health in surrounding communities. As we move toward a more sustainable, self-sufficient food supply here in Hawaii, HB 1281 would promote smaller scale, family farms, which are both more environmentally friendly and sustainable.

HB 1281 would also prohibit the slaughter of dogs and cats for human consumption, in line with recently passed federal legislation. It's long overdue for our state to have such a prohibition on the books.

I urge you to pass HB 1281 to protect the environment, and prevent animal cruelty.

**HB-1281**

Submitted on: 2/6/2019 10:47:57 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jeff Heisel	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please support this bill.



**HB-1281**

Submitted on: 2/6/2019 10:54:41 PM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Antonella Scolpini	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please support this Bill!

Thanks Antonella Scolpini-Heisel

**HB-1281**

Submitted on: 2/7/2019 6:39:25 AM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Andrea Quinn	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Honorable Committee Members:

Please support HB1281 to protect animals fro cruelty.

Thank you for the opportunity to present my testimony.

Andrea Quinn

**HB-1281**

Submitted on: 2/7/2019 7:00:57 AM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Lynn Muramaru	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

This bill will severely hurt animal based agriculture and drive up food costs!  
The cost of eggs alone more than doubled when California passed a similar law. In Hawaii's high cost economy, what do our families feed their children if we drive food costs up unnecessarily?

Oppose this bill please!

**HB-1281**

Submitted on: 2/7/2019 10:18:36 AM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Glenn shinsato	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I am opposed to this bill because I cannot understand how this will help our food security and cost of living in Hawaii.

Was there any input by farmers? What will this cost the farmers?

Why is this tied to the issue of consumption of cats and dogs? Aren't there existing regulations prohibiting the consumption of cats and dogs?

## House of Representatives

Date: Friday February 8, 2019  
Time: 8:30 am  
Place: House Conference Room 312  
Hawaii State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street

To: Chairman Richard Creagon,  
Vice Chair Lynn Decoite and members of the Agriculture Committee

RE: House Bill No. 1281

My name is Jeff Peterson. My family has been farming poultry in Hawaii since 1910 in Wahiawa. I manage the sales and operations in the South Pacific for Land O Lakes that distributes livestock feed throughout the State of Hawaii. My personal testimony today comes from my experience from both the family farm perspective and working with the local farmers.

My opinion is the market should dictate purchasing from cage free farms. Our current farmers have already been moving to cage free housing due to consumer demand. Cage free eggs are more expensive to produce. Being an island environment magnifies the cost of local egg production. Mandating this coupled with an aggressive time line will have large negative implications to our local farms. Consumers should make that decision and market grow accordingly.

Second, the aggressive time line to be totally cage free. Proposition 2 in California made its introduction in 2008 and took affect in 2015, 7 years later, to increase cage size requirements. Bill 1281 is mandating Hawaii to be completely cage free, in three years. The aggressive timeline to transition an industry from one model to another model is draconian.

Third point I want to make is Financial burden on a local industry. As an example, Peterson Upland Farm in 2010 made a large commitment and investment in communal cages to last hopefully 20 years. This would shorten the investment lifespan by 8 years. Another extremely large investment to transition would need to be done and completed in less than 3 years.

My last point, the local egg industry is fragile. In 1980 we had 21 local egg producers that supplied 89-92 percent of the local eggs purchased here. Today we have 4 producers supplying approximately 18 percent of local eggs purchased in the state. External issues like demand of corn for ethanol, feed costs, ocean shipping costs for ag inputs, children not wanting to take over family farms are just a few of the challenges the family poultry farmer faces. It is a fragile industry.

In conclusion, transitioning or remodeling a fragile industry with an aggressive timeline will be detrimental to the local family farms in Hawaii. Let the consumer or market make this decision. I feel the bill should be killed or the poultry items taken out as so many impact factors were not taken into consideration thus having draconian impact on our local family poultry farms.

Thank you  
Jeff Peterson : Cell: 808-783-5505



**HB-1281**

Submitted on: 2/7/2019 10:47:26 AM

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

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Terry Nii	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Although I support banning the consumption of cats and dogs, this bill puts forth requirements banning or limiting caging of all these animals, likely not based on best practices for the animals. Further it prohibits sale of products unless complying with these requirements!

If this bill is passed it will be difficult for farmers in Hawaii who raise pigs, cattle and egg chickens to provide affordable food for Hawaii. It's fine in theory to suggest that all animals be cage free, but in practicality it may not be best for the animals, and the economy. For example. Sometimes mother pigs are confined so that they don't crush their babies. It will also make the cost of raising these animals so high that only wealthy people will be able to afford locally raised livestock.

## **AGRtestimony**

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**From:** Anita Wintner <anitabanana@hawaiiantel.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 6, 2019 1:58 PM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** Support for HB 1281

I support this bill. Mahalo, Anita Wintner Kihei, HI Sent from my iPad



## AGRtestimony

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**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.

<a href="#">HB 681</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	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
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<a href="#">HB 1281</a> <a href="#">Status</a>	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
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Edwin Frank Golinski Lesperance  
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## **AGRtestimony**

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**From:** Jennifer Chiwa <jennifer.chiwa@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 6, 2019 1:05 AM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in Support of HB 1281 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 1281 which would prohibit confinement of specified animals in a cruel manner and prohibit selling of these animals. This bill will be so helpful to ensuring that specific animals are confined in a humane manner. Animals, who are sentient beings, have been mistreated as unfeeling objects for far too long. To reiterate, please support House Bill 1281 which, like many of the bills being considered at this hearing, would demonstrate Hawaii's leadership in animal welfare.

Mahalo.

## AGRtestimony

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**From:** juliet Pearson <julietjohns@me.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 6, 2019 1:16 PM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** HB 1281

To whom it May Concern;

I support this bill because I believe all animals should be free from cruel and inhumane confinement, including animals raised for food.

Right now, in factory farms across the country, mother pigs, baby calves and egg-laying hens, are routinely confined in cages so small they can barely move an inch their entire lives. HB 1281 prevents the cruel and inhumane confinement of mother pigs, baby veal calves, and egg-laying hens in filthy, tiny cages on factory farms. It also ensures that producers that sell veal, pork and eggs in Hawaii, comply with this modest standard. Studies show that factory farms that confine hens in cages have higher rates of Salmonella, one of the leading causes of food poisoning-related deaths in America. When you cram multiple hens in cages so small they are unable to move, they are more likely to spread dangerous bacteria like salmonella that can sicken and even kill people. So, not only do cage-free conditions vastly improve the lives of animals, they also significantly improve food safety for Hawaii families. Factory farms produce large amounts of waste that wreak havoc on the environment and public health in surrounding communities. HB 1281 promotes smaller scale, family farms, which are more environmentally friendly and sustainable. HB 1281 would also prohibit the slaughter of dogs and cats for human consumption, to conform with newly passed 2018 Federal legislation (The Dog and Cat Meat Trade Prohibition Act of 2018, H.R. 6720).

I urge you to vote yes on HB 1281 to improve food safety, protect the environment, and prevent animal cruelty. This would be a progressive step for the state of Hawai'i and would make us role model for other states to follow suit.

Mahalo for your time, consideration and compassion!

Juliet

## **AGRtestimony**

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**From:** Lorraine Garnier <lorraine-paris@msn.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 6, 2019 5:16 PM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** Please Support HB1281

### **Dear Agriculture Hearing Feb 8th for Bill 1281**

**Please, if you read nothing else. Please vote in support of animal protections with this bill.**

**To realize that it is currently legal to kill cats and dogs for consumption in Hawaii is absolutely appalling!!**

- **I support this bill because I believe all animals should be free from cruel and inhumane confinement, including animals raised for food.**
  - **Right now, in factory farms across the country, mother pigs, baby calves and egg-laying hens, are routinely confined in cages so small they can barely move an inch their entire lives.**
  - **HB 1281 prevents the cruel and inhumane confinement of mother pigs, baby veal calves, and egg-laying hens in filthy, tiny cages on factory farms. It also ensures that producers that sell veal, pork and eggs in Hawaii, comply with this modest standard.**
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  - **I urge you to vote yes on HB 1281 to improve food safety, protect the environment, and prevent animal cruelty.**
- Mahalo nui loa!**

**Lorraine Garnier**

## **AGRtestimony**

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**From:** Mary & Robert <rmkona@hawaiiantel.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 6, 2019 3:22 PM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** YES ON HB1281

I support this bill because I believe all animals should be free from cruel and inhumane confinement, including animals raised for food. Right now, in factory farms across the country, mother pigs, baby veal calves and egg-laying hens, are routinely confined in cages so small they can barely move an inch their entire lives. It also ensures that producers that sell veal, pork and eggs in Hawaii, comply with modest standard.

Studies show that factory farms that confine hens in cages have higher rates of Salmonella, one of the leading causes of food poisoning related deaths in America. When you cram multiple hens in cages so small they are unable to move, they are more likely to spread dangerous bacteria like salmonella that can sicken and even kill people. So, not only do cage-free conditions vastly improve the lives of animals, they also significantly improve food safety for Hawaii families.

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Mahalo, Mary Menacho, Big Island Resident

## AGRtestimony

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**From:** mary strong <mary@ekahidesign.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 6, 2019 1:27 PM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony HB 1281 House Agriculture Committee

I support this bill because I believe all animals should be free from cruel and inhumane confinement, including animals raised for food.

Beyond being cruel to the animals this is not healthy for the people consuming meat and animal products. I no longer eat meat because of the inhuman ways animal are treated in factory farms - and some smaller farms. I have nothing against using animals for food as long as they are treated humanely - but I cannot any longer spend my money on animal products knowing adverse conditions are allowed!

- Right now, in factory farms across the country, mother pigs, baby calves and egg-laying hens, are routinely confined in cages so small they can barely move an inch their entire lives.

I have experience on mainland farms. I know for a fact that farms can be productive and create healthier products using humane methods.

Further, the use of dog and cat meat should be banned for human or animal consumption! Yes I am a pet lover - but more than that it sets up people to breed dogs for this purpose which creates health and noise issues.

Aloha,

**Mary Strong**

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## AGRtestimony

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**From:** pj <joyfulpath@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 4, 2019 5:22 PM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** Bills I am supporting

Aloha!

I am supporting the following bills:

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Mahalo!  
Patricia Johnson



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8083451527

May all beings be stoked!

## AGRtestimony

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**From:** Mike Mills <mimaja@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 6, 2019 2:42 PM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** HB1281

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- I urge you to vote yes on HB 1281 to improve food safety, protect the environment, and prevent animal cruelty.



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## **AGRtestimony**

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**From:** Rosemary Karlsson <rosemarykarlsson@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, February 1, 2019 11:01 AM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** multiple Agriculture Committee bills for 2/8/19 at 8:30 am

This is from Rosemary Karlsson, 16-1885 Uilani Drive, Keaau, HI, 96749. Mailing address is PO Box 492266. Cell is 808-966-6589, no landline. I am a private citizen not representing any organization.

This is regarding the Agriculture Committee hearing on Friday, February 8, 2019 at 8:30 am.

Please support the following:

HB 681  
HB 1162  
HB 704  
HB 716  
HB 930  
HB 1281  
HB 200  
HB 24  
HB 127

Rosemary Karlsson

## **AGRtestimony**

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**From:** Sue Clark <sueclarkhonolulu@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 6, 2019 3:57 PM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** HB 1281

Aloha, I fully support of HB 1281, and I URGE you to support it also, please. These animals provide food and are at the mercy of the people who benefit from them. They deserve compassion and respect! The cruelty that they have suffered has gone on far too long and it's time for things to change. And slaughtering dogs and cats for food is an unnecessary evil, they need protected..please vote YES.

Thank you

Aloha,  
Sue Clark

Sent from my iPhone

## **AGRtestimony**

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**From:** Suyin Phillips <suyin@hawaii.edu>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 6, 2019 1:28 PM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** Support for HB 1281

Dear legislators,

I support this bill and hope you will vote YES on HB1281. I love animals and believe all animals (not just our household pets) should be free from cruelty and extreme inhumane confinement. When I learned that mother pigs, baby calves, and egg-laying hens are routinely confined in cages so tight that they can't even stand up and turn around, I stopped buying and eating meat altogether. Please support this bill and help make factory farms less inhumane and cruel. Thank you!

Suyin Phillips  
Adjunct Professor  
Social Sciences, Human Development  
Kapiolani Community College  
[Suyin@hawaii.edu](mailto:Suyin@hawaii.edu)

## AGRtestimony

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**From:** umahorse <umahorse@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 6, 2019 6:32 PM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** HB 1281

To Hawaii House Agriculture Committee:

From Austen Stone, Kamuela

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- Right now, in factory farms across the country, mother pigs, baby calves and egg-laying hens, are routinely confined in cages so small they can barely move an inch their entire lives.
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- I urge you to vote yes on HB 1281 to improve food safety, protect the environment, and prevent animal cruelty. Thank you, Austen Stone MPH

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## AGRtestimony

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**From:** A J MINOR <CANUGIRL@msn.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 6, 2019 6:59 PM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** HB 1281

Dear Sir/Madam:

I urge you to vote yes on HB 1281 to improve food safety, protect the environment, and prevent animal cruelty.

· I support this bill because I believe all animals should be free from cruel and inhumane confinement, including animals raised for food.

· Right now, in factory farms across the country, mother pigs, baby calves and egg-laying hens, are routinely confined in cages so small they can barely move an inch their entire lives.

· HB 1281 prevents the cruel and inhumane confinement of mother pigs, baby veal calves, and egg-laying hens in filthy, tiny cages on factory farms. It also ensures that producers that sell veal, pork and eggs in Hawaii, comply with this modest standard.

· Studies show that factory farms that confine hens in cages have higher rates of Salmonella, one of the leading causes of food poisoning-related deaths in America. When you cram multiple hens in cages so small they are unable to move, they are more likely to spread dangerous bacteria like salmonella that can sicken and even kill people. So, not only do cage-free conditions vastly improve the lives of animals, they also significantly improve food safety for Hawaii families.

· Factory farms produce large amounts of waste that wreak havoc on the environment and public health in surrounding communities. HB 1281 promotes smaller scale, family farms, which are more environmentally friendly and sustainable.

· HB 1281 would also prohibit the slaughter of dogs and cats for human consumption, to conform with newly passed 2018 Federal legislation (The Dog and Cat Meat Trade Prohibition Act of 2018, H.R. 6720).

I am not a vegetarian, but I do raise hens for eggs. They are smart, clean, social creatures, and I wish that all chickens, all animals, could live decent lives until they are slaughtered for human consumption. We owe them that much.

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Mahalolo!

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Halina M. Zaleski	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments:

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Erin Pinto	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

The more we understand animal sentience, the more we know they are very much like us. They feel pain, fear, happiness and seek freedom. Please offer animals these basic protections.

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Maria Ginnebaugh	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please support this bill!

Maria Ginnebaugh

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Sylvia Dolena	Aloha Animal Advocates	Support	No

Comments: