



**THE HUMANE SOCIETY**  
OF THE UNITED STATES

**To:** Representative Richard P. Creagan, Chair  
House Agriculture Committee members

**In Support Of:** HB 200

**Date:** February 4, 2019

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

Honorable members of the agricultural and judicial committees,

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

Constant, improper chaining puts a dog's health and safety at risk. In many cases, the necks of chained dogs become rubbed raw and covered with sores, the result of cruelly heavy chains, poorly fitted collars and the dogs' yanking and straining to escape confinement. Additionally, it is shockingly common for law enforcement to find dogs with embedded collars, a horrible situation where the collar grows into the skin, typically requiring surgery.

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

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

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

Heather Carpenter  
Western Regional Director  
702-929-2999



**THE HUMANE SOCIETY**  
OF THE UNITED STATES



**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>



**Hawaiian Humane Society**  
People for animals. Animals for people.

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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 200: Relating to Cruelty to Animals  
Friday, Feb. 8, 2019, 8:30 a.m., Capitol room 312

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Aloha Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite and Committee Members,

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

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

We request two amendments to the measure, which are reflected in the attached HD1 proposed:

- Please remove section 1 (1) (g) (iii) regarding tether length. The 10-foot rule is arbitrary and the provision that immediately follows, 1 (1) (g) (iv) accomplishes the goal of making sure the tether is of sufficient length for the size of the dog.
- Also we request the removal of the changes in Section 1 (1) (h) and subsection (4). The penalties in the existing animal cruelty statute already give the court broad discretion in sentencing.

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

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

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CRUELTY TO ANIMALS.

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

SECTION 1. Section 711-1109, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended as follows:

1. By amending subsection (1) to read:

"(1) A person commits the offense of cruelty to animals in the second degree if the person intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly:

(a) Overdrives, overloads, tortures, torments, beats, causes substantial bodily injury to, or starves any animal, or causes the overdriving, overloading, torture, torment, beating, or starving of any animal;

(b) Deprives a pet animal of necessary sustenance or causes [such] that deprivation;

(c) Mutilates, poisons, or kills without need any animal other than insects, vermin, or other pests; provided that the handling or extermination of any insect, vermin, or other pest is conducted in accordance with standard and acceptable pest control practices and all applicable laws and regulations;

(d) Keeps, uses, or in any way is connected with or interested in the management of, or receives money for the admission of any person to, any place kept or used for the purpose of fighting or baiting any bull, bear, cock, or other animal, and includes every person who encourages, aids, or assists therein, or who permits or suffers any place to be so kept or used;

(e) Carries or causes to be carried, in or upon any vehicle or other conveyance, any animal in a cruel or inhumane manner;

(f) Confines or causes to be confined, in a kennel or cage, any pet animal in a cruel or inhumane manner;

(g) Tethers, fastens, ties, or restrains a dog to a doghouse, tree, fence, or any other stationary object [by], or uses a trolley, pulley, cable, or running line designed to attach a dog to two stationary objects:

(i) If the dog is under the age of six months unless the dog is engaged in a supervised activity;

(ii) In a configuration that:

(A) Entangles or endangers the dog; or

(B) Prevents the dog from obtaining necessary sustenance;

~~(iii) If the tether is shorter than ten feet in length, unless the dog is engaged in a supervised activity;~~

(iv) If the restraint is a tow or log chain or is disproportionate to the size or weight of the dog such that the restraint inhibits the free movement of the dog within the area allowed by the tether; or

(v) By means of a choke collar, pinch collar, or prong collar; provided that a person is not prohibited from using [such restraints] a choke collar, pinch collar, or prong collar when walking a dog with a hand-held leash or while a dog is engaged in a supervised activity; or

(h) Assists another in the commission of any act specified in subsections (1) (a) through (1) (g) ~~[-.]; provided that a person who is convicted of assisting another in the commission of an~~

~~act specified in subsection (1)(g) shall be sentenced pursuant to subsection (4)(b). As used in this subsection, "assist" means to instigate, engage in, or further the commission of an act prohibited under this section."~~

2. By amending subsection (4) to read:

"(4) Cruelty to animals in the second degree is a misdemeanor, except [where] that if the offense [involves]:

(a) Involves ten or more pet animals in any one instance [which], then cruelty to animals in the second degree is a class C felony ~~[.]~~; or

~~(b) Involves nine or fewer pet animals in any one instance and involves an act prohibited under subsection (1)(g), then the defendant shall be sentenced as follows, in addition to any other penalties the court may impose:~~

~~(i) For a first offense under subsection (1)(g), the defendant shall be guilty of a violation and sentenced to:~~

~~(A) Payment of a fine of not more than \$500 for each abused animal;~~

~~(B) If deemed appropriate by the court, completion of educational classes in animal abuse prevention;~~



~~provided that the court shall not order classes under this paragraph if classes are not readily available from an animal welfare organization or a similar appropriate organization designated by the county in which the underlying offense occurred; and~~

~~(C) If deemed appropriate by the court, submission to any available mental health assessment and recommended treatment; or~~

~~(ii) For a second or subsequent offense under subsection (1)(g), the defendant shall be guilty of a petty misdemeanor and sentenced as follows:~~

~~(A) Payment of a fine of not more than \$500 for each abused animal;~~

~~(B) Completion of sixteen hours of community service; and~~

~~(C) Imprisonment of no less than two days.~~

~~Notwithstanding section 706-643(2), all fines collected under this paragraph shall be paid to the director of finance of the county in which the underlying offense occurred, as a general fund realization of that county."~~

SECTION 2. This Act does not affect rights and duties that matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were begun before its effective date.

SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2019.

INTRODUCED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

**HB-200**

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 1:28:29 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:

This is a longstanding and well documented. problem throughout Hawai'i. We request that the Legislature please pass this out of committee!

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**HB-200**

Submitted on: 2/7/2019 10:49:04 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>
Sylvia Dolena	Aloha Animal Advocates	Support	No

Comments:



February 3, 2019

Testimony in Support of HB 200

Representative Creagan and Members of the House Committee on Agriculture:

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

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

The ~~AVMA's~~ American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) Animal Welfare Division has ~~stated~~ is:

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"The AVMA (~~American Veterinary Medical Association~~) has not adopted specific policy on tethering as proposals to date have been based primarily on various groups and individuals' perspectives rather than on actual data, and because the conditions under which dogs may be tethered are so highly variable. The impacts of tethering on dogs have not been well quantified and appear to be substantially impacted by breed, environmental conditions (e.g., substrate, climate, and what is available to the dog to occupy its time), opportunities for contact with conspecifics and people, and the duration of time the dog is confined."

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

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

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

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

Lynn Muramaru  
Board Member  
Pacific Pet Alliance



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**From:** Jennifer Chiwa <jennifer.chiwa@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 5, 2019 1:33 AM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in Support of HB 200 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 200 which would prohibit restraints and tethers that endanger, or deny food and water to a dog. Temporary restraints and tethers may be acceptable but not when a dog is endangered or can't access sustenance. A previous legislative session failed to pass a bill similar to this one. Please pass this bill which so obviously benefits the welfare of dogs. Hawaii is a leader in animal welfare. Let us continue to this leadership by passing House Bill 200.

Mahalo.

**HB-200**

Submitted on: 1/31/2019 3:45:41 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>
Victor K. Ramos	Individual	Support	No

Comments:



**HB-200**

Submitted on: 2/2/2019 9:33:27 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-200**

Submitted on: 2/2/2019 7:42:51 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>
Tina Kim	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I supoort this bill

**HB-200**

Submitted on: 2/2/2019 9:36:46 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>
Leslie Heard	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please pass HB200. Please help protect our animals. Please help Hawaii move forward in its ability to care for our animals. Help teach children to respect and love our animals. We shouldn't have to pour our hearts out each time these hearings happen. How pathetic that we basically have to beg for a law to be passed to even remotely begin treating animals with love.

Please do the right thing.

Mahalo

**HB-200**

Submitted on: 2/3/2019 1:03:06 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>
Ashley Wilcox	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

**HB-200**

Submitted on: 2/3/2019 6:33:15 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-200**

Submitted on: 2/4/2019 12:38:01 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-200**

Submitted on: 2/4/2019 8:55:18 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 200.

Please Prohibit certain restraints and tethers that endanger, or deny sustenance, to a dog. They are cruel and inhumane.

Please enact penalties and provide the fines for these crimes be paid to the respective county where the crime occurred.

Mahalo

**HB-200**

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 10:34:50 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>
Stephanie McLaughlin	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please pass this bill. I have seen so many dogs in Hawaii suffering at the end of a short chain, tethered to a tree with no shelter from the hot sun and no water or food nearby.



**HB-200**

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 10:45:58 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>
Laura Myers	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

This bill is a step in the right direction, trying to force people who have no business owning animals to take reasonable care of them.

I might not have read the bill carefully enough, but I didn't see anything about taking the neglected and/or abused animals taken away from their owners so they can be given humane treatment.

**HB-200**

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 10:52:28 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>
Gail McElrath	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

While there are three dog tethering measures up for consideration this session, this is the one that I prefer. Please make this the year that we prohibit injurious dog tethering equipment and techniques.

**HB-200**

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 12:49:12 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:

**HB-200**

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 2:55:12 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 Ho	Individual	Support	No

## Comments:

Hello, I'm Jennifer Ho, animal owner and advocate. I support the bill to prohibit dogs being tied up which can endanger the dog or deny them sustenance. I have seen too many sweet dogs tethered to leashes to act only as guard dogs, while the owners neglect the animal. It is inhumane to keep a dog tied for extended periods.

**HB-200**

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 4:02:41 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>
Jaunette Itsuno	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support the reduction of cruelty to dogs through the incorrect use of tethers, restraints, and any other method that is used to inflict harm and suffering upon such intelligent sentient beings.

**HB-200**

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 6:19:08 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>
Susan Govier	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

To Chairman Creagan and Members, House Committee on Agriculture:

HB 200 is acceptable as it relates to tethering. It seems to address all the issues concerning the practice which is often very reasonable and humane, and takes on abusive use of tethering.

I urge a YES VOTE on HB 200

thank you, Mrs. Susan Govier

**HB-200**

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 5:00:58 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:

HB200: PLEASE PASS THIS BILL.

This bill is a long time in coming. But NOW is the time for offering these basic protections to the animals we love.

Thank you for your help.

Aloha,

Dr. Joel Fischer

Professor (RET.)

University of Hawai`i at Manoa

**HB-200**

Submitted on: 2/6/2019 9:41:58 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>
April M Blades	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I fully support HB200 pertaining to restraints and tethering that endanger or deny sustenance to a dog. I urge the committee to pass this bill.

Thank you your time and consideration on HB200.

April M Blades



**HB-200**

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 7:18:45 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-200**

Submitted on: 2/6/2019 10:12:27 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>
Kylie Charice Alarcon	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I would to use my voice to prohibit certain restraints that compromise, or deny nourishment, to a dog. I would like to vote that this year, we need to take actions and let's not allow injurious dog to be restrained using chains or rope to restrict their movements.

**HB-200**

Submitted on: 2/6/2019 10:19:26 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>
Lisa Dangelmaier	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha, I support HB 200 in its present form which allows for humane tethering and temporary tethering for activites. Thank you.

**HB-200**

Submitted on: 2/6/2019 11:39:45 AM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Gerrit B Osborne	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

While some of us have dogs to protect us, some of our dogs need to be protected *from* us.

And, unfortunately, some people just don't care to treat their dogs humanely. Or don't care to.

This bill may appear unnecessarily detailed, but, in order to be enforced, **specifics must be laid out.**

Again, laws without enforcement are useless, but this law will provide a framework for appropriate enforcement. This bill should pass easily.

**HB-200**

Submitted on: 2/6/2019 3:13:26 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 Buyukacar	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

**HB-200**

Submitted on: 2/6/2019 5:30:22 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>
carole richelieu	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

**HB-200**

Submitted on: 2/6/2019 10:23:54 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>
Jana Levin-Strojny	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

**HB-200**

Submitted on: 2/6/2019 10:32:36 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>
Mary James	Individual	Support	No

Comments:



**HB-200**

Submitted on: 2/6/2019 10:55:31 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>
Antonella Scolpini	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please support this Bill!

Thanks Antonella Scolpini-Heisel

**HB-200**

Submitted on: 2/6/2019 10:48:41 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>
Jeff Heisel	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please support this bill.

**HB-200**

Submitted on: 2/7/2019 6:23:01 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 HB200 to protect Hawaii's animals.

Thank you for the opportunity to present my testimony.

Sincerely,

Andrea Quinn

**HB-200**

Submitted on: 2/7/2019 7:01:33 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	Support	No

Comments:

**HB-200**

Submitted on: 2/7/2019 9:36:16 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>
Yadrianna Cruz-Rivera	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

## **AGRtestimony**

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**From:** A J MINOR <CANUGIRL@msn.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, February 1, 2019 8:25 PM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** Pass HB200

Dear Madam/Sir:

Please pass HB 200 onto the next committee. Help for chained dogs is way overdue. This is not a perfect bill, but something needs to be done. This is a shame on Hawaii.

Sincerely,

Andrea J. Minor  
Papaikou, HI 96781

## **AGRtestimony**

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**From:** Christin Greenland <christin.greenland@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 6, 2019 9:42 AM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** Pass HB200

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

Thank you,  
Christin Greenland  
Robert Mack Jr  
Volcano, HI 96785

Sent from my iPhone

## **AGRtestimony**

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**From:** Contact HawaiiAirConditioning <contact@hawaiiairconditioning.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 6, 2019 8:15 PM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** Pass HB 200

Aloha,

Please pass HB 200.

Dale Harrington  
Kailua Kona



## **AGRtestimony**

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**From:** Ilene Harrington <ilenepch@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 5, 2019 9:18 PM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** Pass HB 200

Aloha,

This has got to be the year we add The Spirit of Aloha to People's Best Friends, Dogs. Our animal abuse laws are antiquated and do not properly protect Dogs from abuse especially from those people who Chain/Tether dogs. It is physical and mental torture for a dog to be treated in that manner.

Please pass HB200 onto the next committee.

Mahalo,

Ilene Cohen Harrington  
Kailua Kona, HI

## **AGRtestimony**

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**From:** LAUREN BUTCHER <MBLBBUTCHER@msn.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 6, 2019 9:31 AM  
**To:** AGRtestimony  
**Subject:** Pass HB200

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to encourage you to pass HB200 to help decrease animal abuse in the State of Hawaii. With Hawaii rating at 41st in the worst animal abuse laws, we need to change this. No animal should have to live with abuse or neglect because we do not have laws to protect them or are unable to reinforce said laws. It is our responsibility to be responsible caregivers to any animal that depends on us for care, medical treatment, and love.

Again, I respectfully request that this law be passed and that Hawaii can be a leader in ending animal abuse.

Sincerely,

Lauren Butcher  
64-577 Kaa Rd  
Honokaa, HI. 96727

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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](http://www.animal-interfaith-alliance.com)**

***Faiths Working Together for Animals***

**Member Organisations:**

**[Anglican Society for the Welfare of Animals](#)**

**[Bhagvatinandji Education and Health Trust](#)**

**[Catholic Concern for Animals](#)**

**[Christian Vegetarian Association UK](#)**

**[Christian Vegetarian Association US](#)**

**[Dharma Voices for Animals UK](#)**

**[Institute of Jainology](#)**

**[Islamic Concern](#)**

**[Jewish Vegetarian Society UK](#)**

**[Mahavir Trust](#)**

**[Oshwal Association of the UK](#)**

**[www.panorthodoxconcernforanimals.org](http://www.panorthodoxconcernforanimals.org)**

Quaker Concern for Animals

Sadhu Vaswani Centre

Young Jains

**President** - Dr Richard D. Ryder. **Vice President** - Dr Deborah Jones.

**Patrons (in alphabetical order)** - Rev. Christa Blanke, Joyce D'Silva, Kay, Duchess of Hamilton, Satish Kumar, Nitin Mehta MBE, Dr Andre Menache, Dr Alpesh Patel, Dr Matthieu Ricard, Anant Shah, Ajit Singh MBE, Charanjit Singh, Mohammad Safa.

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**HB-200**

Submitted on: 2/7/2019 7:18:45 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>
Erin Pinto	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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**HB-200**

Submitted on: 2/7/2019 7:20:22 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>
Sandie Wong	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support HB200. Thank you.

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**HB-200**

Submitted on: 2/7/2019 9:28:09 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>
naomi egami	Individual	Support	No

Comments:



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**HB-200**

Submitted on: 2/7/2019 7:47:06 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>
Laurie Pottish	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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**HB-200**

Submitted on: 2/7/2019 10:18:48 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>
Maria Ginnebaugh	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please support this bill!

Maria Ginnebaugh