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OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER

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**Testimony of the Office of the Public Defender,
State of Hawai‘i to the Senate Committee on Judiciary**

February 20, 2020

S.B. No. 2718: RELATING TO THE SEXUAL ASSAULT OF AN ANIMAL.

Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Keohokalole, and Members of the Committee:

The Office of the Public Defender respectfully raises the following concerns regarding S.B. No. 2718 and cannot support it in its current form.

S.B. 2718 seeks to create the offense of Sexual Assault of an Animal. In so doing, the bill proposes certain “practices” that would be exempt, specifically:

- (a) Veterinary medicine;
- (b) Artificial insemination of animals for the purpose of procreation;
- (c) Animal husbandry; or
- (d) Conformation judging.

We do not think these categories are sufficient to cover the acts of law abiding citizens taking appropriate care of animals.

The bill would criminalize as a felony subjecting an animal to “sexual contact”. (Page 2, line 18). The proposed definition of “sexual contact” includes:

- ...
- (b) Any touching or fondling by a person of the sex organs or anus of an animal.

...

(Page 6, lines 14-15). (Emphasis added).

A pet owner washing their pet dog or cat might accidentally or purposefully touch the sex organs or anus of their animal. A pet owner applying prescribed or over-the-counter ointment to a pet might touch sex organs or the anus. Some pet owners have learned to express the anus of their dogs in order to save on paying a groomer or vet to do it. Some pet owners wipe these areas on their dogs, for example, after walking them so that the dog doesn’t wipe themselves on the carpet or furniture. Pet groomers, in the course of their work, may need to touch the sex organs or anus.

We believe there needs to be language limiting the type of “touching” to be criminalized. We believe that touching that is done in the course of appropriate care of the animal should not be subject to criminal charging.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this bill.

Testimony of the Humane Society of the United States to the Hawaii Senate Committee on Judiciary

February 17, 2020

SENATE BILL 2718 RELATING TO THE SEXUAL ASSAULT OF AN ANIMAL

Position: **SUPPORT**

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

On behalf of our members and supporters in Hawaii, the Humane Society of the United States appreciates the opportunity to submit this testimony in strong support of S.B. 2718 to prohibit the sexual abuse of animals. This bill addresses a significant issue facing animals in Hawaii—the law’s current failure to adequately protect them from sexual abuse by humans.

Animal sexual abuse (also referred to as bestiality) is a serious crime with links to human sexual violence and child pornography. Forty-six states, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands prohibit the sexual abuse of animals. West Virginia, Wyoming, New Mexico, and Hawaii are the only states without such a law.

Animal sexual abuse is not the isolated deviant behavior you might think it is, but it is a prevalent and violent offense. It can precede child sexual abuse, sexual homicide, and other violent acts. In a study of over 44,000 adult male sex offenders, bestiality was identified as the number one indicator and predictor of a person who will sexually molest a child.¹ A 2019 study found that 53% of animal sex offenders have a criminal history involving sexual abuse (animals & children), child pornography, and/or interpersonal & domestic violence, and 28% are repeat animal sex offenders.²

The FBI now tracks bestiality as a Crime Against Society, the same category as rape and murder. We believe tracking bestiality as a separate crime from animal cruelty is important because it allows law enforcement to identify potential sexual predators and intervene as soon as possible before future human or animal victims are harmed.

The internet facilitates this crime and, with no legal prohibition in Hawaii, allows it to flourish. Perpetrators use various websites to seek out one another where they often solicit and offer animals for sex. A popular bestiality website has thousands of users from all areas of the country and Hawaii is mentioned as a “legal” destination for visitors looking to have sex with animals.

¹ Randour, Mary Lou. What every clinician should know about the link between pet abuse and family violence. Education Directorate of the American Psychological Association.

<https://www.apa.org/education/ce/pet-abuse-family-violence.pdf>

² Edwards MJ. Arrest and Prosecution of Animal Sex Abuse (Bestiality) Offenders in the U.S., 1975-2015. Amer Academy of Psychiatry and Law, In pre-print, Feb. 2019.

Animal sexual abuse may not always be covered under existing animal cruelty laws for several reasons. The act does not always result in physical injury to the animal. Especially when livestock animals are sexually abused it can be extremely difficult for prosecutors to prove that pain or suffering was caused. Many cases are not brought about from physical injury to the animal but from an eyewitness complaint or videos found well after the act occurs and the animal and/or requisite evidence needed to establish injury is no longer available to prosecutors.

Senate Bill 2718 recognizes that animal sexual abuse is one of the earliest signs of a conduct disorder and the need for mental health intervention. By identifying animal sexual abuse as a dangerous, predatory behavior courts can order necessary psychological counseling and prohibit future contact with animals to break the cycle of abuse. And, law enforcement will be able to identify and monitor dangers in the community to keep animals and children safer.

Sincerely,



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Date: Feb. 18, 2020

To: Chair Sen. Karl Rhoads
Vice Chair Sen. Jarrett Keohokalole
and Members of the Committee on Judiciary

Submitted By: Stephanie Kendrick, Public Policy Advocate
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RE: Testimony in strong support of SB 2718:
Relating to the Sexual Assault of an Animal
Thursday, Feb. 20, 2020, 9:15 a.m., Capitol Room 016

Aloha Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Keohokalole and Committee Members,

On behalf of the Hawaiian Humane Society, thank you for considering our strong support for Senate Bill 2718, which amends the Penal Code to establish the crime of sexual assault of an animal. It further provides that the sexual assault of an animal is a class C felony or a class B felony if the offense subjects a minor to sexual contact with an animal or is committed in the presence of a minor.

This is a crime against a powerless population. People who abuse animals in this way are extremely likely to target vulnerable human beings as well. Recognizing that animal sexual abuse is often linked with child pornography, 46 states now outlaw bestiality. The Aloha State should not be the last.

Studies have shown that a history of animal sexual abuse is the single greatest predictor of a person's likelihood to molest children. Research also has found high rates of sexual assault of animals in the backgrounds of serial sexual homicide perpetrators. In 2016, the FBI began tracking animal cruelty crimes, including bestiality, in recognition of the link between animal abuse and crimes against people.

While animal sexual abuse is rarely reported to local law enforcement, that is likely because it is not against the law. There is ample evidence that this kind of abuse occurs in Hawaii. Online bestiality forums including ZooVille and Hawaii Beast Forum have posts from members in

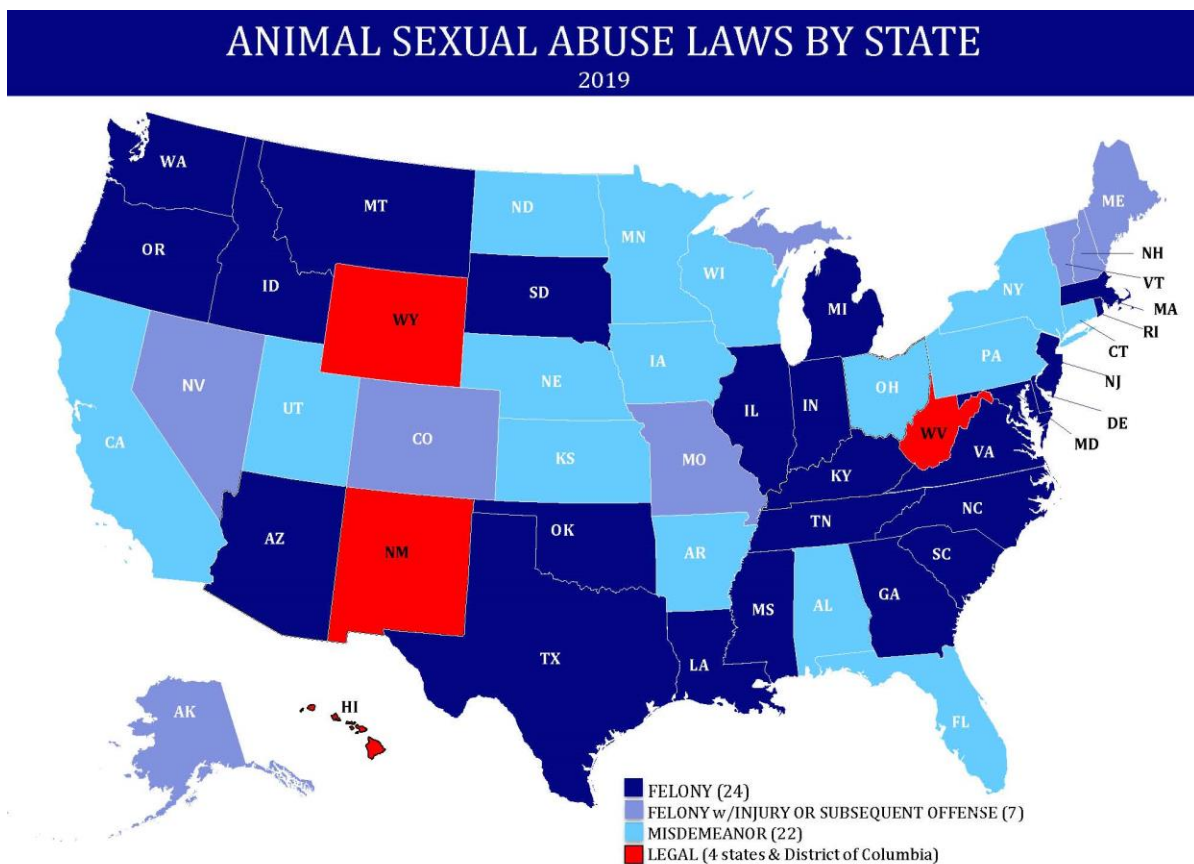
every county in the state boasting of the lack of a law against animal sexual abuse and offering, as well as seeking, animals for sex.

- A post on Beast Forum from a new resident of Hawaii Island is representative of many: “I’m new to the island. Just learned bestiality is legal. There is no law. Best news ever.”
- A post earlier this month on ZooVille, a self-described zoophilia and bestiality forum, solicited private messages from animal sex abusers in Hawaii.
- Posters include tourists coming to the state looking to have sex with animals.
- A recent local Craigslist post directed animal sexual abusers to the Hawaii Beast group on Kik, a private messaging app.

We appreciate that this is a difficult topic of conversation, but we have to make sure we have all of the tools necessary to protect our community from the perpetrators of this kind of abuse. We owe it to the most vulnerable in our midst.

We ask that you please pass SB 2718 to protect Hawaii’s animals and its people.

Mahalo for your consideration.





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February 18, 2020

Testimony Submitted to the Hawaii Senate Committee on Judiciary
Regarding SENATE BILL 2718 RELATING TO THE SEXUAL ASSAULT OF AN ANIMAL
Position: **SUPPORT**

Dear Chairman Rhoads, Vice-Chairman Keohokalole, and Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary:

The Animal Welfare Institute strongly supports SB 2718, which will strengthen Hawaii's efforts to protect its communities as well as its animals by specifically prohibiting the sexual abuse of animals. SB 2817 approaches dealing with this issue in a manner similar to many other states, and like those states, it exempts common practices relating to the practice of veterinary medicine; the artificial insemination of animals for breeding purposes; animal husbandry; and conformation judging. To my knowledge, no individuals have ever been mistakenly charged with animal sexual assault based on these activities.

There are some who contend that animal sexual assault is not a violent crime. Nothing could be further from the truth. It is abhorrent and cruel, and can result in serious injury to or the death of the animal. However, even if injury to the animal cannot be proven, it is a crime that must be taken seriously as it is also a red flag for the likelihood of violence against individuals. In fact, the term "animal sexual assault" has replaced the old term "bestiality" because of its resemblance to human sexual assault in that it involves pain, coercion, and lack of consent. Moreover, offenders have more in common with pedophiles and rapists than with animal abusers; in 23 states, individuals convicted of sexual conduct with animals must now register as sexual offenders.

Research has found some other very disturbing trends, including:

- There is a strong relationship with interpersonal violence. Animal sexual abuse is the single strongest predictor of increased risk for committing child sexual abuse. Just a few recent cases that illustrate this connections:
 - A Louisiana police officer arrested on 40 counts of animal sexual abuse was later also charged with 31 counts of possessing child pornography.
 - Another Louisiana man was charged with 46 counts of animal sexual assault and 20 counts of child abuse that included both sexual assault and possession of child pornography.
 - An Oregon man was arrested on 20 felony counts of first-degree encouraging child sexual abuse and 10 misdemeanor counts of encouraging sexual assault of an animal.
- Children who engage in animal sexual assault were found to be more likely to commit crimes of interpersonal violence. In fact, animal sexual assault experienced in childhood

was found to be the single strongest risk factor for future involvement in child sexual abuse.

- 37 percent of sexually violent juvenile offenders had sexually abused animals.
- 95 percent of juveniles who had reported engaging in animal sexual assault had also sexually assaulted individuals.
- In one jurisdiction in Virginia, of ten adult males convicted of crimes related to bestiality, eight had also been involved in crimes involving children (e.g., child pornography, soliciting sex from a minor).
- As reported in the *Journal of the American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law* (v.47, #3), “[i]n a 2016 study of 150 adult animal cruelty offenders, 12 men arrested for animal sexual abuse had also committed human sexual assault; more than half of their victims were under the age of 18.”

Recognizing this, the FBI includes animal sexual abuse among the offenses (the others being simple/gross neglect; intentional abuse and torture; and organized abuse) that are now reported under the new separate National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) category of animal cruelty crimes. Animal cruelty has been classified as a Group A offense, joining other major crimes such as arson, assault, and homicide, and will require the reporting of both incidents and arrests.

Animal sexual assault is not the rare, isolated perversion people prefer to think it is. The internet both facilitates this crime and permits it to flourish by allowing and encouraging perpetrators to communicate with and seek out one another, find animals for sexual purposes, and share their encounters. A state without a law specifically addressing animal sexual assault is a place where the welcome mat is out for these individuals.

We appreciate the Committee taking this step toward having Hawaii join the other 46 states that recognize animal sexual assault for the dangerous offense that it is and are thus have another means by which to protect not only animals but also the entire community from sexually violent offenders. We hope that your committee, and the full legislature, will act quickly on SB 2718.

Sincerely,



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SB-2718

Submitted on: 2/18/2020 11:26:53 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/20/2020 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Inga Gibson	Testifying for Pono Advocacy	Support	Yes

Comments:

SUPPORT FOR SB2718; Animal Sexual Abuse

FROM: Inga Gibson, Pono Advocacy, 808.922.9910, PonoAdvocacy@gmail.com

Dear Honorable Chair Rhoads and Judiciary Committee Members,

In 2005 I worked on one of the nation's most notorious animal sexual abuse cases in Washington state (see below). The case resulted in the death of a man and led to national exposure of animal sexual abuse and the passage of the nation's first anti-bestiality bill. I worked with the deceased' family to rehome the animals involved in the offense. This case destroyed many families and the community.

Research has shown that those who abuse animals, whether sexually or other, are more likely to escalate to and or co-currently engage in, abuse of humans, including children. Children like animals, are especially vulnerable to exploitation and abuse. One of the defendants in the 2005 case moved out of state and 5 years later was charged with a same crime. The language in the bill rightfully requires psychological intervention and a prohibition on owning or residing with other animals given the likelihood of recidivism without intervention and monitoring.

Although this is an issue that is not often seen in the headline, sadly, animal sexual abuse happens much more frequently than most are aware of.

Thank you for your support of SB2718.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Enumclaw_horse_sex_case

The **Enumclaw horse sex case** was a series of incidents in 2005 involving Kenneth Pinyan^[2] (1960–2005), an engineer who worked for [Boeing](#) and resided in [Gig Harbor, Washington](#); James Michael Tait, a truck driver; and unidentified other men. Pinyan and Tait filmed and distributed [zoophilic](#) pornography of Pinyan receiving anal sex from a stallion under the alias "**Mr. Hands**".^{[3][4]} After engaging in this activity on multiple occasions over an unknown span of time, Pinyan received fatal internal injuries in one such incident.

The story was reported in [The Seattle Times](#) and was one of that paper's most read stories of 2005.^[5] It was informally referred to as the "Enumclaw horse sex case".^[6]

Pinyan's death rapidly prompted the passing of a bill in Washington prohibiting both [sex with animals](#) and the videotaping of such an act. Under current Washington law, bestiality is now a [Class C felony](#) punishable by up to five years in prison.^[7]

From: [Martha Randolph](#)
To: [JDCTestimony](#)
Subject: Testimony in support of SB2718
Date: Monday, February 17, 2020 1:40:37 PM

Dear Senate Committee on Judiciary

It is shocking to realize that Hawaii is a state that DOES NOT have a law like this one in the books. There can be no legitimate justification for not passing this. No animal should be subjected to any form of abuse much less sexual abuse. No child should be forced to see or participate in any such abuse. Clearly any person who would commit such abuse or even profit by promoting such abuse as a tourist attraction is, at best deeply mentally or emotionally disturbed. Such a person is a criminal of the worst kind, morally and ethically abhorrent who should not be walking around freely amongst the general public. Anyone who supports such a person or practice is equally criminal. Should this committee choose NOT to vote this bill through I would require a really excellent reason and I would want to know the names of the congresspersons who voted against it. do not use the excuse that it is unenforceable because if nothing else this law will eliminate public solicitation of sexually abusive tourism by any organization.

Martha E Randolph
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From: mhussenbux@btinternet.com
To: [JDCTestimony](#)
Subject: Testimony in support of SB2718
Date: Tuesday, February 18, 2020 8:29:11 PM

Dear Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary,

The members of Animal Interfaith Alliance in Britain, who have made several submissions to Bills affecting animal welfare which have been proposed to the Hawai'ian Legislature, would like to formally support SB2718, sponsored by Rep. Gregg Takayama and Sen. Mike Gabbard, to whom we send our compliments and thanks.

This much-needed Bill would amend the Penal Code to establish the crime of sexual assault of an animal. It would also provide that the sexual assault of an animal is a class C felony or a class B felony if the offence subjects a minor to sexual contact with an animal or is committed in the presence of a minor.

We know that the sexual abuse of animals is the single strongest predictor of increased risk for committing child sexual abuse. In the US, we are informed, a study of 44,202 adult males evaluated for sexual misconduct found that sexual contact with animals is the single largest risk factor and strongest predictor of increased risk for sexually molesting a child.

Some studies have found high rates of sexual assault of animals in the backgrounds of serial sexual homicide perpetrators.

We understand that this is one reason why bestiality and other forms of animal cruelty are now tracked by the FBI as a Group A offence, the same category as rape and murder.

We know that the state of Hawai'i has shown itself progressive in several areas of animal welfare, as we are in regular touch with residents there, so this lack of legislation against such an appalling crime is surprising to us.

We beg to support SB2718 and thank you for the opportunity to help our friends help animals in Hawai'i.

Marian Hussenbux. Secretary International Campaigns

Animal Interfaith Alliance
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Submitted on: 2/14/2020 6:39:38 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/20/2020 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Karin Nomura	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

As an animal lover, I find that any abuse of an animal should be punishable by much strickter laws than we have now.

SB-2718

Submitted on: 2/15/2020 3:53:51 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/20/2020 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Victor K. Ramos	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/15/2020 4:47:55 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/20/2020 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dara Carlin, M.A.	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

SB-2718

Submitted on: 2/17/2020 10:56:27 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/20/2020 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Susan Eubank	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I submit my support of Bill SB2718. Amend the code to make this a crime! I cannot believe that abuse of an animal in this horrific way is still allowed and not prosecuted in Hawaii..or anywhere!

Please protect our innocent animals from this abuse. Abuse of any kind. ANY law should be supported to protect animals from terrible abuse. It's disgusting that people do this to an animal. It must be made illegal and the perpetrator(s) prosecuted!

Mahalo,

Susie Eubank

Diamond Head

SB-2718

Submitted on: 2/17/2020 11:07:35 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/20/2020 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Selene Mersereau	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

This needs no explanation. Please support and put a law in place to protect. Thank you Selene Mersereau Kailua Hi.

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Submitted on: 2/17/2020 11:09:30 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/20/2020 9:15:00 AM

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

Comments:

SB-2718

Submitted on: 2/17/2020 11:46:44 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/20/2020 9:15:00 AM

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

Comments:

Please make this sort of attack on a helpless being a crime. We have to protect the vulnerable.

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Submitted on: 2/17/2020 1:20:30 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/20/2020 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Natalie Lukashevsky	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am writing in support of this bill. Acts as egregious and depraved as sex abuse of animals must be categorized as illegal. The fact that Hawaii is one of only 4 states that has not made this a criminal offense is unacceptable. Animal sexual abuse is the single strongest predictor of increased risk for committing child sexual abuse. A study of 44,202 adult males evaluated for sexual misconduct found that sexual contact with animals is the single largest risk factor and strongest predictor of increased risk for sexually molesting a child. Some studies have found high rates of sexual assault of animals in the backgrounds of serial sexual homicide perpetrators. This is one reason why bestiality and other forms of animal cruelty are now tracked by the FBI as a Group A offense, the same category as rape and murder.

On behalf of those who are most vulnerable in society and desperately need our protection, please vote in support of this important and long overdue bill. Thank you.

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Submitted on: 2/17/2020 3:43:46 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/20/2020 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dana Jenkins	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

This is a no brainer. The fact that bestiality isn't a crime here already is horrendous. Sexual abuse towards any being should be illegal and prosecuted.

SB-2718

Submitted on: 2/17/2020 4:12:59 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/20/2020 9:15:00 AM

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

Comments:

This is a no brainer. Sexual abuse of animals is cruel. We are only one of 4 states which hasn't passed this bill. Let's get it done.

SB-2718

Submitted on: 2/17/2020 6:08:44 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/20/2020 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
m burke	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Sirs,

I want to let you know that I SUPPORT a bill that would penalize someone for perpetrating sexual acts on an animal here in Hawaii. This is just so wrong & should NOT be allowed. Anyone doing this should be punished heavily.

Thank you

Mimi Burke

Waialae Ave resident

SB-2718

Submitted on: 2/17/2020 6:52:19 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/20/2020 9:15:00 AM

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

Comments:

The sexual assault of an animal is comparable to child abuse and has to be considered with the same importance. The fact that Hawaii is one of only four states without laws to protect our pets from this crime must be corrected.

I have been a proud resident of Hawaii for over forty years, now retired, and now volunteer with my wife at the Hawaiian Humane Society.

SB-2718

Submitted on: 2/17/2020 9:03:34 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/20/2020 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Alice Saul	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

It is unthinkable to me that we have not addressed this issue of such gravity before now. Please remedy the oversight by enacting the provisions of this bill in this session, so we can go forward with pride in meeting our responsibility for the animals in our community.

Thank you.

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From: [STEPHANIE MCLAUGHLIN](#)
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Subject: Testimony in support of SB2718
Date: Monday, February 17, 2020 3:10:18 PM

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Please pass this important bill!

From: [melinda walker](#)
To: [JDCTestimony](#)
Subject: Testimony in support of SB2718
Date: Monday, February 17, 2020 3:42:28 PM

Greetings;

I am writing in support of SB2718.

Bestiality is a form of cruelty to animals that should in no way be supported due to lack of laws preventing it.

It has been proven that cruelty to animals often leads to cruelty against humans. Let its prevent such behavior by starting at the root and outlawing sexual assault of, or sexual contact with animals in the State of Hawaii.

Let us show the nation that we are truly the Aloha State and will not tolerate cruelty in any form.

Please pass this bill.

Sincerely,
Melinda Walker
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From: [Serena Phillip](#)
To: [JDCTestimony](#)
Cc: [Sen. Gil Riviere](#); [Rep. Sean Quinlan](#)
Subject: Testimony in support of SB2718
Date: Monday, February 17, 2020 4:52:10 PM

I am Serena Stefanic-Phillip and I support Bill SB2718 because it will protect innocent and helpless animals from being sexually exploited by sick people.
Please pass the law so this crime can be reported to the authorities.

Thank you,
Serena Stefanic-Phillip
Hauula, Hawaii

From: [Torun Almer](#)
To: [JDCTestimony; Rep. Richard Creagan](#)
Subject: Testimony in support of SB2718
Date: Monday, February 17, 2020 5:02:18 PM

Please pass SB2718. Thank you for your consideration.

Torun and David Almer
84-5142 Keala O Keane Road
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From: [Tony Au](#)
To: [JDCTestimony](#)
Subject: Testimony in support of SB2718
Date: Monday, February 17, 2020 5:18:05 PM

I am in support of SB 2718, Prohibit Animal Sexual Abuse in Hawaii. The act should be made illegal in the State of Hawaii.

Tony Au | Executive Vice President
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From: [Emi Au](#)
To: [JDCTestimony](#)
Subject: Testimony in Support of SB2718
Date: Monday, February 17, 2020 5:21:33 PM

The fact that we need this law is awful but we do need to make committing sexual acts with animals illegal. The fact that we are 1 out of 4 states that have not done so yet is extremely disappointing. I am in support of SB2718.

Emi Au

From: [Hamid Jahanmir](#)
To: [JDCTestimony](#)
Cc: [Sen. Sharon Y. Moriwaki](#); [Rep. Scott Saiki](#)
Subject: Testimony in support of SB2718
Date: Monday, February 17, 2020 10:59:45 PM

I strongly support this bill (SB2718) and respectfully request you to pass it. It will be a civilized action to take!

Hamid Jahanmir
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From: [Steff Kawasaki](#)
To: [JDCTestimony](#)
Subject: "Testimony in support of SB2718"
Date: Tuesday, February 18, 2020 5:47:11 AM

I support SB2718. I am surprised that Hawaii is 1 of 4 states does not have this law already in place!

Please takes steps to protect not only our animals, but our community, return our state to humane morale values. In recent months, we are seeing an increase of violence on people and animals and property. Why? I believe it's because of the morale breakdown of families and not doing more to create laws that sync with consequences of actions. Help Hawaii return to a place of safe living!! Mahalo, Stephanie Kawasaki

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Steff Kawasaki

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From: [Jennifer Chiwa](#)
To: [JDCTestimony](#)
Subject: Testimony in Support of SB 2718 for Hearing on 02-20-20 at 9:15 am
Date: Tuesday, February 18, 2020 12:05:46 AM

Aloha, Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

Please support SB 2718 which would amend the Penal Code to establish sexual assault of an animal as a crime. It's my understanding that Hawaii is one of only four states that does not expressly consider sexual assault of an animal to be a crime. I feel that Hawaii should not be attracting people who sexually assault animals, and yet it does so by not expressly having a law against this behavior. Furthermore, the link between assault of animals and assault of people is well known. Therefore, please pass SB 2718 for the welfare of Hawaii's animals and people.

Mahalo.

Jennifer Chiwa
Makiki

From: rosemarykarlsson@gmail.com
To: [JDCTestimony](#)
Subject: SB 2718
Date: Tuesday, February 18, 2020 4:40:06 PM

Please support SB 2718 to prohibit animal sexual abuse.

People start abusing animals sexually or by killing them, then go on to children, then adults.
The FBI has a database of animal abusers, just like their database of child abusers.

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SB-2718

Submitted on: 2/18/2020 6:33:36 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/20/2020 9:15:00 AM

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

Comments:

Dear Honorable Committee Members:

Please support SB2718 to protect animals.

Thank you for the opportunity to present my testimony.

Andrea Quinn

Kihei, Maui

SB-2718

Submitted on: 2/18/2020 7:45:28 PM

Testimony for JDC on 2/20/2020 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Susan Collins	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I do support SB 2718, I do not support Bestiality in any form. This form of sexual abuse on animals should not be condoned in Hawaii or anywhere else. We are one of only four states which do not have a law forbidding sexual abuse of animals. Hawaii as a state needs to pass this bill to begin the road to treating animals with dignity. I hope the lawmakers of this state feel the same and can make a clear path to passing this bill.

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SB-2718

Submitted on: 2/19/2020 10:49:44 AM
Testimony for JDC on 2/20/2020 9:15:00 AM

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

Comments:

It is beyond time for Hawai'i to join 46 states that have made the molestation of animals illegal. Please pass SB2718.

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SB-2718

Submitted on: 2/20/2020 8:51:54 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/20/2020 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Suyin Phillips	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please add Hawaii to the other 46 states that prohibits sex assault on an animal.

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SB-2718

Submitted on: 2/20/2020 10:15:50 AM

Testimony for JDC on 2/20/2020 9:15:00 AM

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

Comments:

Hello,

I'm a Hawaii resident living in Nuuanu. I support passing bill SB2718 to make sexual assault against animals and animal bestiality a crime in Hawaii. It is shameful and appalling that this is not already against the law, and scary to think this actually happens here- and people (potentially dangerous people) come here to do it. Please help animals who cannot help themselves. Do the right thing and pass this legislation.

Thank you,

Jennifer Ho