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Date: March 12, 2020

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 SB 677, SD1: Relating to Animal Cruelty
Friday, March 13, 2020, 8:35 a.m., Capitol Room 312

Aloha Chair Creagan, Vice Chair DeCoite and Committee Members,

The Hawaiian Humane Society supports the passage of Senate Bill 677, Senate Draft 1, which would prohibit the use of specific tethering equipment and techniques that are injurious to dogs. It further prohibits the unsupervised tethering of dogs less than six months of age. Puppies lack the physical coordination to be safely left alone on a tether or pulley system. Crate training is preferable when puppies must be left alone.

Hawaiian Humane respects the importance of allowing pet owners options to keep their animals safe. We appreciate that SB 677, SD1, acknowledges that it is possible for individuals to humanely tether or restrain dogs. This bill simply insists on that humane approach. Proper tethering equipment is readily available and appropriate techniques are easy to implement. Making simple changes should allow dog owners to comply with these rules and keep their pets safe.

Many bills have been proposed on this issue over the years. Tethering stirs strong passions in dog lovers who understand the human-animal bond. Dogs are social beings who do best when fully integrated into their human families. Improper or prolonged tethering is not only bad for dogs, it increases the risk of serious dog bites and the victims of such attacks are often children. This is a good, clean bill that will help animals and keep people safe. On behalf of the Hawaiian Humane Society, I urge you to pass SB 677, SD1.

Mahalo for your consideration.

SB-677-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/12/2020 3:39:04 PM

Testimony for AGR on 3/13/2020 8:35:00 AM

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

Comments:



Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Inc.

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Rep. Richard P. Creagan, Chair

Rep. Lynn DeCoite, Vice Chair

SB677 SD1

Friday, March 13, 2020, 8:35 a.m.
Conference Room 312, State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

Chair Creagan, Vice Chair Decoite, and Members of the Committee on Agriculture,

The Hawaii Cattlemen's Council **opposes SB677 SD1.**

We respectfully ask that the language in this measure make an exception for dogs of working breeds, herding breeds and sporting breeds. The livestock industry is very sensitive to animal cruelty issues. The working and herding dogs of our ranchers play a pivotal role in their operations and can be lauded as a factor in the success of the ranches they work on. They enjoy working with livestock as many of the dog breeds on the ranch have the natural tendency to do this important work.

Cattlemen and women care for the well-being of livestock and they also care for working hunting and stock dogs that aid in low-stress cattle handling. HCC advocates for the compassionate care of all animals. This can occur in different settings and is not determined by the housing or choice of training devices. While we support the well-being of all animals, we oppose SB677 as written. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this matter.

HCC is committed to supporting our civic leaders promote a coherent state-wide policy for sustainable development. Using the 17 United Nations Sustainable Development Goals as a framework, we advocate policy that; increases local food production to promote food security, protects agricultural lands, promotes carbon neutrality, models sustainable land use, protects our watersheds, supports long-term stable employment that embraces technology and innovation, contributes to the health and well-being of the community, and encourages public, private and civic partnerships.

Nicole Galase

Managing Director





Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Inc.

SB677 SD1

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We suggest item (g) be removed and replaced with the following;

g) (i) No dog under the age of six months shall be tethered or restrained unless the dog is engaged in an activity supervised by its owner or an agent of its owner;

(ii) No dog shall be tethered or restrained by a tow or log chain if the size or weight of the tow or log chain inhibits the free movement of the dog; and

(iii) No dog shall be tethered or restrained by means of a choke collar, pinch collar, or prong collar; provided that a person is not prohibited from using such restraints when walking a dog with a hand held leash or while a) unless the dog is engaged in [a supervised] an activity[;] supervised by its owner or an agent of its owner; or

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Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this matter.

Sincerely,

Lisa B Wood, DVM

Chair, Animal Health and Well-being





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SB-677-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/12/2020 7:20:43 PM

Testimony for AGR on 3/13/2020 8:35:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Cathy Goeggel	Animal Rights Hawai'i	Support	No

Comments:

AGRtestimony

From: Serena Phillip <Serenaphillip@hawaii.rr.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2020 3:05 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Cc: Sen. Gil Riviere; Rep. Sean Quinlan
Subject: Re: Testimony in support of SB677,SD1

My name is Serena Stefanic-Phillip and I live in Punalu'u, Oahu.

I am testifying today in support of Bill SB677,SD1.

A tether can become tangled, therefore it further restricts the dog's movement. It causes injury to the animal due to the yanking and straining to escape confinement.

Please consider supporting this bill.

Thank you for your time and efforts.

Serena Stefanic-Phillip

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SB-677-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/12/2020 2:49:11 PM

Testimony for AGR on 3/13/2020 8:35:00 AM

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

Comments:

SB-677-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/12/2020 4:37:23 PM

Testimony for AGR on 3/13/2020 8:35:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Rosemary Karlsson	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

SB-677-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/12/2020 6:53:33 PM

Testimony for AGR on 3/13/2020 8:35:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Gregg Gruwell	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support this measure. As a resident of

Hawaii/Honolulu, I see this kind of abuse much too often.

SB-677-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/12/2020 6:56:21 PM

Testimony for AGR on 3/13/2020 8:35:00 AM

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

Comments:

SB-677-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/12/2020 8:05:15 PM

Testimony for AGR on 3/13/2020 8:35:00 AM

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

Comments:

I strongly support this bill.

SB-677-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/12/2020 9:57:11 PM

Testimony for AGR on 3/13/2020 8:35:00 AM

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

Comments:

I'm Suyin Phillips, a voice for an Akita dog named Taisho in my neighborhood, Waialae Iki.

Taisho came to my neighbors property as an adorable fluffy puppy. Some of us neighbors grew concerned when the young pup Taisho was tied to the Mango tree in their grassless dirt front yard on Poola St, left to sit there day and night without walks. I've filed complaints to the Hawaiian Humane Society, but their hands are tied bc it's not illegal in Hawaii so long as they have access to water and food.

I tried approaching the owners, an elderly couple, in a friendly manner, offering a hand to walk their dog, which they immediately refused every time.

DaY after day, year after long year, Taisho sat tied to that tree ... for 13 YEARS!, until he recently died and was finally released from the tree. If SB 677 is passed, my hope is that owners will consider and try healthier, humane ways of living with their puppy and ultimately for the rest of its life.

SB-677-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/12/2020 10:41:02 PM

Testimony for AGR on 3/13/2020 8:35:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jessie L Gonsalves	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

This bill needs to pass and protect dogs from being left on chains unattended on property or land. This is utter abuse and not a good living situation for them. Dogs need to be able to live in fenced areas or on leads that are attached to a collar so they can run and get exercise.

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AGRtestimony

From: Jennifer Chiwa <jennifer.chiwa@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 13, 2020 5:03 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: Testimony in Support of SB 677 SD 1 for Hearing on 3-13-20 at 8:35 am

Aloha, Members of the House Committee on Agriculture.

Please support SB 677 SD 1 which would prohibit certain tethering restraints that endanger dogs. It's my understanding that the Hawaiian Humane Society has worked for years on this subject and that the current bill has provisions which are specific and enforceable.

Mahalo.

Jennifer Chiwa
Makiki

AGRtestimony

From: John Anderson <johnanderson1016@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 13, 2020 3:40 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: Support SB677 Anti Chaining

I support anti chaining because I have seen far too many animals get left in the heat all day long! Not only do they create a nuisance for neighbors because they bark all day, but it is unsafe and cruel to do this to any animal. Please consider passing this!

AGRtestimony

From: Ginny Tiu <g2@hokua.org>
Sent: Friday, March 13, 2020 2:05 AM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: In strong support of SB 677, SD1

Dear Chair and Committee members,

I ask you to please support SB677, SD1. It is so wrong and inhumane to subject a dog to being restrained for long periods of time. It is not only dangerous to the dog, but potentially to people, because it can cause the dog to become aggressive.

Thank you so much for your kind consideration.

Aloha,
Ginny Tiu

Sent from my iPhone

AGRtestimony

From: mhussenbux@btinternet.com
Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2020 9:45 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: Testimony in support of SB677, SD1

Dear members of the House Committee on Agriculture:

I write 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.

We send our compliments and are informed that you will, today, Friday, March 13, at 8:35 a.m, hear the Dog Tethering Bill.

As you know, SB677, SD1, prohibits specified trolleys, pulleys, cables, or running lines designed to attach a dog to two stationary objects in a configuration that endangers the dog, including by depriving the dog of sustenance. It also prohibits the unsupervised tethering of a dog under the age of six months. This is an issue campaigners in Hawai'i have been working to address for years and the provisions in this bill are meaningful and enforceable.

We beg to support this excellent and important Bill and are grateful, once again, to be able to help your animals in Hawai'i.

Best regards,

Marian Hussenbux. Secretary International Campaigns

Animal Interfaith Alliance
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
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.

AGRtestimony

From: Michele Hope Velasco <mhvelasco9@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2020 9:09 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: Testimony in Support of SB677, SD1

Aloha,

Kindly support bill SB677,SD1 which prohibits specified trolleys, pulleys, cables, or running lines designed to attach a dog to two stationary objects in a configuration that endangered the dog, including by depriving the dog of sustenance. It also prohibits the unsupervised tethering of a dog under the age of six months.

Dogs should be cared for in a humane way, and this is not humane.

Thank you for your attention and hopefully support of this bill. It is very appreciated.

Aloha,

Michele Velasco

Sent from my iPad

AGRtestimony

From: Martha Randolph <merandhi@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2020 5:03 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: Testimony in support of SB677, SD1"

Dear Committee members

Once again the Humane society is trying to get this bill passed and there is absolutely NO REASON or justification for not doing so.

This is about enforcing basic humane conditions for keeping any dog on a property for security or for any long stretch of time. They are living creatures and the conditions some of them are kept in are horrific and cruel.

This is not going to add significant cost to having a dog. In some cases this will just be remedying ignorance or bad training for the human owners who may have been badly treated themselves or brought up by negligent pet owners or even abusers.

Let us get this done because it is the right thing to do and it is about time we do it. Wouldn't you all agree?

Martha E Randolph
President of Democratic Precinct 4
Democratic District 25
2nd VP Kupuna Caucus of DPH
Treasurer Environmental Caucus of DPH
808-284-0264

AGRtestimony

From: Darene Matsuoka <darene.matsuoka@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2020 4:29 PM
To: AGRtestimony
Subject: Support SB677 Anti-chaining

Please support SB677, thank you!

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