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Date: Feb. 22, 2021

To: Chair Rep. Mark Nakashima
Vice Chair Rep. Scot Matayoshi
and Members of the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs

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

RE: Testimony in support of HB 416, HD1:
Relating to Section 711-1109, Hawaii Revised Statutes
Wednesday, Feb. 24, 2021, 2 p.m., Capitol Conference Room 325

Aloha Chair Nakashima, Vice Chair Matayoshi and Committee Members,

The Hawaiian Humane Society supports the passage of House Bill 416, HD1, 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 by themselves.

Hawaiian Humane respects the importance of ensuring pet owners have options to keep their animals safe. We appreciate that HB 416, HD1, does not ban tethering, which would disadvantage pet owners who cannot otherwise secure their property or face lease restrictions that limit their options for housing their pets. Rather this bill requires that when tethering is used, it is safe for the animal. Proper tethering equipment is readily available and appropriate techniques are easy to implement.

Having a clear, enforceable tethering law also allows the county animal service providers to educate pet owners about other potential issues with dog tethering, such as keeping dogs isolated from human contact. Dogs are social beings who do best when fully integrated into their human families. Improper or prolonged tethering is frustrating to dogs, which increases the risk of serious dog bites. The victims of such attacks are often children.

I urge you to pass HB 416, HD1, to protect animals and people. Mahalo for your consideration.

HB-416-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/22/2021 5:37:31 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/24/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ilene Cohen Harrington	Domestic Violence Hurts Animals and People	Support	No

Comments:

Our non-profit supports the passage of this Bill as it will improve conditions for dogs who are chained/tethered. Although we don't support chaining dogs under almost any condition, these small changes to the Hawaii animal abuse laws will help these poor, suffering animals. Please remember, people who abusively chain their dogs or abuse any animals, are most likely involved in other abusive activities. Over 30 years of research supports this comment. Unfortunately by not passing this Bill, Hawaii becomes part of the cycle of abuse.

HB-416-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/22/2021 11:42:43 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/24/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Marian Hussenbux	Animal Interfaith Alliance in Britain	Support	No

Comments:

Tethering HB416 HD1

This bill rightly 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 even depriving the dog of sustenance, which is surely an act of cruelty.

It also prohibits the unsupervised tethering of a dog under the age of six months.

It gives dog guardians the flexibility they need to keep their animals secure, protects the community from unsecured dogs if necessary, and ensures that dogs who have to be tethered are confined in ways that are safe and allow them adequate shelter, sustenance and sufficient freedom of movement.

We understand that proper tethering equipment is readily available and appropriate techniques are easy to implement and that the provisions of the bill are meaningful and enforceable. Having a clear, enforceable tethering law allows the county animal service providers to educate companion animal guardians about other potential issues with dog tethering, such as keeping dogs isolated from human contact.

Animal Interfaith Alliance in Britain would like to formally endorse this bill.

HB-416-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/23/2021 10:06:06 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/24/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Inga Gibson	Pono Advocacy	Support	No

Comments:

Feb 24, 2021 JDC 2pm

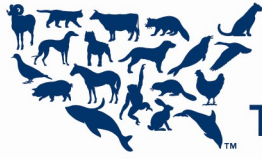
Dear Chair Nakashima and Members of the House Judiciary Committee,

We **STRONGLY SUPPORT HB416 HD1** and have worked on this measure for a number of years, with the bill sponsor, law enforcement, animal care and control agencies and concerned community members, to achieve the current language in the bill.

Chained dogs are 3 times more likely to bite and become aggressive than unchained dogs. Of those bites, children are 5 times more likely to be the victim. This bill allows for the prevention of dog aggression and potential neglect by allowing law enforcement to intervene to educate dog owners before an animal becomes aggressive or the dog endangers itself, by being chained or tethered in a dangerous manner.

This bill is a modest but necessary step to protect both animal welfare and community safety.

Thank you for your consideration of this testimony.



**THE HUMANE SOCIETY
OF THE UNITED STATES**

To: Representative Mark Nakashima, Chair
Members of the House Committee on Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs

In Support Of: HB 416 HD1

Date: February 23, 2021

Testimony By: Lindsay Vierheilig, Hawaii State Director, The Humane Society of the United States

Dear Chair Nakashima, Vice Chair Matayoshi, and members of the House Committee on Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs,

My name is Lindsay Vierheilig and I am the Hawaii State Director for The Humane Society of the United States. I am writing to express support for HB 416 with amendments, 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 am 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 416 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 416 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 will not cause pain and tethers that are not egregiously heavy and b) ensures chained dogs are provided adequate food and water. HB 416 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 416 HD1 be reported favorably.

Sincerely,

Lindsay Vierheilig
Hawaii State Director
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808-462-3561



**THE HUMANE SOCIETY
OF THE UNITED STATES**

HB-416-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/23/2021 10:50:38 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/24/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sylvia Dolena	Aloha Animal Advocates	Support	No

Comments:

Be the Aloha for the animals.

Sylvia Dolena

Aloha Animal Advocates

Mt. View, HI

HB-416-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/23/2021 11:37:24 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/24/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Serena Stefanic-Phillip	Hawaiian Humane Society	Support	No

Comments:

I support bill HB416, HD1 that prohibits specific tethering techniques that causes serious threats to a puppy's/dog's physical and psychological well-being.

Serena Stefanic-Phillip

Punalu'u, Oahu



HAWAII ASSOCIATION OF ANIMAL WELFARE AGENCIES

Hawaii Island Humane Society / Hawaiian Humane Society / Kauai Humane Society / Maui Humane Society / Molokai Humane Society

Date: Feb. 22, 2021

To: Chair Rep. Mark Nakashima
Vice Chair Rep. Scot Matayoshi
and Members of the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs

Submitted By: Hawaii Association of Animal Welfare Agencies

RE: Testimony in support of HB 416, HD1:
Relating to Section 711-1109, Hawaii Revised Statutes
Wednesday, Feb. 24, 2021, 2 p.m., Capitol Conference Room 325

The Hawaii Association of Animal Welfare Agencies (HAAWA) supports the passage of House Bill 416, HD1, which prohibits specified equipment designed to attach a dog to two stationary objects in a configuration that endangers the dog. It also prohibits tethering a dog under the age of six months unless the dog is engaged in a supervised activity.

HAAWA's members include the largest animal shelters in each of the four counties, as well as the leader in pet animal spay/neuter on Molokai. Our independent local nonprofits are united in support of HB 416, HD1.

The inappropriate tethering of dogs is an issue on all of our islands. Tethering a dog in ways that cause injury; prevent access to food, water or shelter; or isolate the animal from opportunities to bond with his human family are traumatizing and can lead to aggression. The specific and enforceable provisions of this bill will allow humane investigators to educate dog owners so they can correct violations while still keeping their pets safe on their property. We urge you to pass HB 416, HD1, to ensure animals and their human family members are safe from harm.

Mahalo for considering our testimony on this important issue,

Hoala Davis, *Executive Director, Molokai Humane Society*

Elizabeth Jose, DVM, *Chief Executive Officer, Hawaii Island Humane Society*

Steve MacKinnon, *Chief Executive Officer, Maui Humane Society*

Anna Neubauer, *President and Chief Executive Officer, Hawaiian Humane Society*

Nicole Schafer, *Executive Director, Kauai Humane Society*

HB-416-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/24/2021 11:23:48 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/24/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Elaine Partlow	Rainbow Friends Animal Sanctuary	Support	No

Comments:

Thank you for taking on this important, and long overlooked, issue. Here in the Big Island, there are many, many dogs kept on chains or other tethers for 99% of their lives. I've seen rescued dogs with chain collars embedded in their flesh that required multiple surgeries to remove. Life on a chain is not a life. Please support this bill and finally start improving the lives of so many unfortunate animals, while educating the people who may be abusing through ignorance. Thank you

HB-416-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/22/2021 3:53:12 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/24/2021 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I support hb416 hd1

HB-416-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/22/2021 4:46:03 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/24/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Carole R. Richelieu	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

support HHS position

HB-416-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/22/2021 5:27:10 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/24/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ilene Cohen Harrington	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

It is a crime that the Aloha state continues to allow the abusive chaining of dogs. Please pass this Bill to improve conditions for Dogs, our best friends. They do not deserve to be treated in an abusive manner and those that mistreat animals are most likely mistreating their own family members. Your vote to pass this Bill is a vote to improve all family violence.

HB-416-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/22/2021 5:27:18 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/24/2021 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I strongly support HB416 HD1. I cannot imagine anyone NOT supporting it. The hard part will be enforcing it.

Gerrit Osborne
1430 Ehupua St
96821
808-222-2450

HB-416-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/22/2021 5:47:03 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/24/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mara saltzman	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Legislators,

Allowing dogs to be tethered or chained up in filthy situations without water is inhumane.

Please pass this bill to protect these suffering beings from abuse. This bill would allow abusers to be educated about animal abuse and would prevent this kind of inhumane behavior in Hawaii.

Mara Saltzman

Pahoa, Hawaii

HB-416-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/22/2021 7:55:15 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/24/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Eric Ako DVM	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Honorable Chair and Committee members,

Please pass HB416. How we treat the animals of our world reflects how we treat each other.

Respectfully,,

Thank you for the opportunity

HB-416-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/22/2021 8:59:42 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/24/2021 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

This measure will help protect dogs from a variety of unintended injuries and will help people understand the dangers that exist with the use of various types of restraints. It also outlaws certain types of collars that can injure a dog if not under constant supervision. The amendments in this draft strengthen these provisions and are necessary. Dogs rely on humans for their lives and safety and these provisions will strengthen our care for them.

HB-416-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/22/2021 9:00:50 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/24/2021 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Please stop the use of tethering equipment and techniques that are hurtful to dogs and puppies..

Give county animal service providers the tools to teach pet owners the safe way of tethering a dog. Thank You. I support this bill.

Susie Eubank

Diamond Head

HB-416-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/22/2021 9:21:41 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/24/2021 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I would like to thank the Committee on Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs for considering these important requirements relating to dog tethering which will transform a practice from one that inflicts cruelty into measures that are safe and appropriate for the animal.

Please support passage of this bill.

Aloha,

Alice Saul
Honolulu (Hawaii Kai)

HB-416-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/23/2021 8:54:31 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/24/2021 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Committee on Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs

Wednesday, February 24, 2021, 2 pm

Aloha Chairperson Nakashima and Committee Members.

Please support HB 416 HD 1. This bill would prohibit tethering equipment and techniques which could injure a dog, and provides clarity to improve enforcement. I also support how this bill authorizes the courts to provide penalties which include, to my understanding, educating offenders on proper tethering purpose, techniques and equipment. Again, please support this bill.

Mahalo.

Jennifer Chiwa

Makiki

HB-416-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/23/2021 9:35:09 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/24/2021 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Please pass this important bill. Chained dogs in Hawaii are depending on humans to save them. Help those who cannot help themselves. Thank you!

HB-416-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/23/2021 9:44:59 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/24/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
ginger edmunds	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am a Kailua resident and support this bill HB416 HD1

Hawaii needs to be a supporter of animal welfare we are too far behind so many other states.

Thank you in advance

Ginger Edmunds

Kailua 96734

HB-416-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/23/2021 10:09:51 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/24/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
lynne matusow	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Having a clear, enforceable tethering law allows the county animal service providers to educate pet owners about other potential issues with dog tethering, such as keeping dogs isolated from human contact. More importantly, it saves lives.

HB-416-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/23/2021 10:25:46 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/24/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jana Levin-Strojny	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support HB416.

HB-416-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/23/2021 12:15:29 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/24/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Taurie Kinoshita	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support HB416 HD1. Tethering can cause immense suffering and death and must be regulated in the interest of humanity. It is ethical and imperative that specific tethering equipment and techniques that are injurious to dogs be prohibited. Having a clear, enforceable tethering law allows the county animal service providers to educate pet owners about other potential issues with dog tethering, such as keeping dogs isolated from human contact. The bill requires that when tethering is used, it is safe for the animal. Furthermore, proper tethering equipment is readily available and appropriate techniques are easy to implement, so this bill causes no undue burden on anyone and only protects our animal friends. Please pass HB416 HD1 and thank you for your consideration.

HB-416-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/23/2021 1:18:21 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/24/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ginny Tiu	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

I ask you to please support HB416 HD 1. We need to have laws that ensure at least just the basic humane treatment of these helpless animals. They feel and suffer as we do and totally depend on us to do the right thing.

Thank you very much for your kind consideration.

Ginny Tiu

HB-416-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/23/2021 3:49:49 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/24/2021 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Please ensure dogs are treated humanely.

HB-416-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/23/2021 4:39:45 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/24/2021 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

Hi, My name is Jennifer Ho and I live in Nuuanu. I'm an advocate for animals. I support the passage of Bill 416 HDI . Too many people put their dogs in harms way, intentionally or unintentionally inflicting cruelty upon them, but tying them to short lines or heavy chains with no access to water or food. I once rescued a dog that was tied in front of an abandoned home and had not been cared for in 2 full days. She was tied up with a heavy chain that had tangled, and she could not reach water or food, and was forced to sit next to her own pile of feces. These types of "owners" need to be held responsible.

Thanks for taking this seriously!

Jennifer Ho

808-221-7229

HB-416-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/23/2021 4:48:51 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/24/2021 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Martha E Randolph	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I fully support this bill which should have been passed without reservation in previous legislative sessions. This will not only prevent the intended abuse of guard dogs but will allow preventing abuse due to ignorance.

Anyone can own a pet but far too many have no idea how to care for them. Let's change that if we can.

Martha E Randolph

President of Democratic Precinct 4 District 25

DPH Kupuna Caucus Treasurer

DPH Environmental Caucus SCC Representative

Subject: Please SUPPORT HB416 HD1

DATE: Wednesday, February 24, 2021

TIME: 2:00 PM

PLACE: VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE

Conference Room 325

State Capitol

415 South Beretania Street

Aloha Chair Nakashima, Vice Chair Matayoshi and Members of the House Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs,

I support House Bill 416, HD1, which would protect dogs from being tethered in dangerous or inhumane ways.

Dog tethering can be used sparingly as a way to confine dogs when better alternatives, such as staying inside the home or in a fenced yard, are unavailable. When dogs are tethered, it is important that they be restrained by equipment that is safe and in ways that allow them full access to food, water and shelter. HB416, HD1, would make sure of that.

Dogs have evolved to be courageous protectors and loyal companions for their human families. We owe them a healthy, safe life in return. Please pass this bill.

Mahalo for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

Serena Stefanic-Phillip
53-330 Kamehameha Hwy
Hauula, HI 96717

TO: Chair Mark Nakashima
Vice Chair Scot Matayoshi
House Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs Committee Members

RE: HOUSE BILL 416 HD1, RELATING TO SECTION 711-1109, HAWAII REVISED STATUTES

Thank you for the opportunity to testify. I support the HB416 HD1.

Inappropriate dog tethering creates enormous suffering across our state. I strongly support HB416, HD1.

Dog fighters' cruel practice of using tow and log chains to restrain their dogs should absolutely be abolished and is reason enough to pass this bill.

In addition, having a clear, enforceable tethering law also allows officers to educate pet owners about other potential issues with dog tethering, such as isolation and frustration. Dogs are happiest as full family members. Improper or prolonged tethering causes mental anguish, which increases the risk that a dog will attack even members of its own household. The victims of bites by a family's own pet dog are most commonly children.

Please pass HB416, HD1, to protect dogs and their human family members.

Mahalo for taking up this important issue.

Sincerely,

June Sugakawa
1551 Ala Wai Blvd
Honolulu, HI 96815

TO: Chair Mark Nakashima
Vice Chair Scot Matayoshi
House Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs Committee Members

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Sincerely,

Hamid Jahanmir
915 Birch St Apt 106
Honolulu, HI 96814

DATE: Wednesday, February 24, 2021
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Dogs have evolved to be courageous protectors and loyal companions for their human families. We owe them a healthy, safe life in return.

I have seen what tethering can do to an unsupervised dog. When we got to our neighbor's dog it was so wound up it wasn't breathing.

Please support this bill so as not to let this happen to any other animals.

Mahalo

Please pass this bill. Mahalo for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

Joanne Parker
98-1560 Akaaka St
Aiea, HI 96701

Support for HB416 HD1

TO: Chair Mark Nakashima
Vice Chair Scot Matayoshi
House Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs Committee Members

RE: HOUSE BILL 416 HD1, RELATING TO SECTION 711-1109, HAWAII REVISED STATUTES

Thank you for considering bills to protect those that cannot speak for themselves, the animals that share our island home.

Many of us grew up with pets, but may not have been taught the best methods to ensure the safety & well being of our pets.

Passage of HB416 HD1 would go a long way toward setting expectations for humane & safe treatment of animals in our care.

Please pass HB416 HD1 to set legal expectations on animal tethering.

Respectfully,
Shawn Rose
81-1045 Kai Kukuma St
Ewa Beach, HI 96706
808-232-4013 mobile

Wednesday, February 24, 2021

Dear Chair Nakashima, Vice Chair Matayoshi and members of the committee,

I support House Bill 416, HD1, which balances the need for pet owners to have options for keeping their dogs confined to their property, while also making sure dogs are not at risk of entanglement or injury from the very equipment meant to keep them safe. Proper tethering equipment is readily available and appropriate techniques are easy to implement.

I also support the bill's ban on the unsupervised tethering of dogs who are less than six months old. Puppies are notoriously uncoordinated. They should be left alone as little as possible for reasons of safety, but also because the first six months of a puppy's life are critical for social bonding. When they do have to be left by themselves, crate training is the best option.

I have seen too many animals on short leashes wrapped around loose items in the area dropped and left by humans and unable to get water/food and this is in my neighborhood.

I urge the committee to pass HB416, HD1. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Mahalo!

Joanna Milo
87-576 Manuu St
Waianae, HI 96792

Wednesday, February 24, 2021

Support HB416 HD1

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Mahalo!

Jenny Kropik-Lim
91-1078 Kuanoo St
Ewa Beach, HI 96706

Subject: Support HB416 HD1

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All tethered animals must have sufficient shelter and easily accessible fresh water and if necessary food. I urge the committee to pass HB416, HD1. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Mahalo!

Martha Randolph
2571 Pacific Heights Rd
Honolulu, HI 96813

Subject: Support for HB416 HD1

TO: Chair Mark Nakashima
Vice Chair Scot Matayoshi
House Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs Committee Members

RE: HOUSE BILL 416 HD1, RELATING TO SECTION 711-1109, HAWAII REVISED STATUTES

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

I speak as a voice for an Akita dog named Taisho in my neighborhood, Waialae Iki. Taisho came to my neighbor's 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 because 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 to walk their dog, which they immediately refused each time.

Day after day, year after long year, Taisho sat tied to that tree ... for 14 YEARS! until he recently died and was finally released from the tree. If HB416 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.

Please pass HB416, HD1, to protect dogs and their human family members.

Mahalo for taking up this important issue.

Sincerely,

Suyin Phillips
4168 Huanui St
Honolulu, HI 96816

Please SUPPORT HB416 HD1

DATE: Wednesday, February 24, 2021

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Dogs have evolved to be courageous protectors and loyal companions for their human families. We owe them a healthy, safe life in return. Please pass this bill.

Mahalo for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

Natalie Spencer
819 Papalalo Pl
Honolulu, HI 96825

Support for HB416 HD1

TO: Chair Mark Nakashima
Vice Chair Scot Matayoshi
House Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs Committee Members

RE: HOUSE BILL 416 HD1, RELATING TO SECTION 711-1109, HAWAII REVISED STATUTES

Aloha Kakou,

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

I am old enough to remember when Hawai'i was a place where some people ate dogs and tethered them in their backyards. Ignored and neglected, they were treated as ornaments. We now look back upon that time with a greater awareness, our dogs no longer objects or chattel but companions and members of our families. I believe that a bill outlawing this kind of behavior will allow us and enforcement officers a vehicle for educating people. We have already outlawed eating dogs. Now we must reach those who, for whatever reason, don't know that tethering and neglecting a dog does not constitute pet ownership but is animal cruelty.

Our neighborhood is one in which dogs and their owners walk daily. Our dogs greet every one of them as they walk by our driveway, and we've fostered good relationships with our neighbors through this activity. However, we have new neighbors who have acquired a mere puppy, and they have had him tethered on a short chain since his arrival. They ignore him. They yell at him. And the result is his pained and incessant barking at all hours of the day and night. This is absolutely heartbreaking for all of us who cherish our animals. And yet, we have no basis upon which to appeal to these new neighbors or recourse to do anything about it.

Please help us to do something about it by helping to pass this bill. It will make our communities stronger in this place where aloha and malama have always been ever-present forces for good.

Please pass HB416, HD1, to protect dogs and their human family members.

Mahalo nui loa.

Jolene Auvil
1184 Ala Napunani St
Honolulu, HI 96818

Wednesday, February 24, 2021
Support HB416 HD1

Dear Chair Nakashima, Vice Chair Matayoshi and members of the committee,

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I live in Kaneohe area and there are a number of dogs that are tethered all day. The owners of one dog in particular does not feed the dog because they don't want them to mess? Really, why have a dog. The neighbors feel so bad for the dog they go over and feed him and give him water. Owners have no clue. I support this bill.

I urge the committee to pass HB416, HD1. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Mahalo!

Laurie Kawasaki
2700 Waialae Ave
Honolulu, HI 96826

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Kindly consider this important bill that will add greatly to the safety and well being of dogs so that they are not cruelty restrained or feathered. Thank you for your compassion.

Sincerely,

Michele Hope Velasco
1530 16th Ave
Honolulu, HI 96816

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Taylor Prostor
3031 Libert St
Honolulu, HI 96816

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I urge the committee to pass HB416, HD1. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Sincerely,

Jennifer Moran
92-6044 Kohi St
Kapolei, HI 96707

Please SUPPORT HB416 HD1

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As a supporter of animal welfare it saddens me to find cases of dogs who suffer painful injuries from tight restraints and tethers. When these animals develop severe injuries from these devices, many of them are surrendered or abandoned as owners cannot pay for medical care. This is a form of animal abuse. For this reason, I support HB 416.

Mahalo for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

Melanie Kim
2895 Kalakaua Ave Apt 1502
Honolulu, HI 96815

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This is the step in right direction. I urge the committee to pass HB416, HD1. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Mahalo!

Selene Mersereau
119 Kakahiaka St
Kailua, HI 96734

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Dana Jenkins
92-908 Palailai St Apt 62
Kapolei, HI 96707

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Robin Hanlin
2823 Winam Ave
Honolulu, HI 96816

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Dominique Desroches
2100 Date St Apt 506
Honolulu, HI 96826

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Mahalo for taking up this important issue.

Sincerely,

Susan Collins
46-3991 Old Mamalahoa Hwy
Honokaa, HI 96727

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This is pure torture for a dog or any animal. Please pass this bill so those who abuse animals will think twice before hurting the very ones, who love them unconditionally.

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Mahalo for your time and consideration.

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Michele Moore
98-618 Holopuni St
Aiea, HI 96701

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Sharon Schoonmaker
91-2117 Kaioli St Apt 2701
Ewa Beach, HI 96706

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Comments:

Please protect voiceless animals from improper tethering.