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THE HONORABLE MARK J. HASHEM, CHAIR
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE
Thirty-first State Legislature
Regular Session of 2021
State of Hawai`i

March 12, 2021

RE: S.B. 343, S.D. 1; RELATING TO SEXUAL ASSAULT OF AN ANIMAL.

Chair Hashem, Vice Chair Perruso, and members of the House Committee on Agriculture, the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu (“Department”) submits the following testimony in **support** of S.B. 343, S.D. 1, with additional recommendations, but takes no position on the proposed class of offense (class B or C felony) or proposed penalties.

The purpose of S.B. 343, S.D. 1, is to prohibit knowing sexual contact between a human and animal, with specific exceptions for veterinary medicine, animal husbandry, customary care by an owner, and other such routine purposes. The Department supports this intent, as various studies have shown a substantial—albeit not yet fully understood—correlation between perpetrators (in other states) sexually offending animals and sexually offending humans.¹ It is

¹ In a study of 456 bestiality-related offenders nationwide, arrested between 1975-2015, 45.6% had “sexually exploited or offended against children and adults either in the current incident or as part of their criminal background.” See Edwards, Jenny M., “Arrest and Prosecution of Animal Sex Abuse (Bestiality) Offenders in the United States, 1975–2015”, The Journal of the American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law, Volume 47, Number 3, May 2019; pg. 10. Available online at <http://jaapl.org/content/jaapl/early/2019/05/16/JAAPL.003836-19.full.pdf>; last accessed January 31, 2021.

particularly troubling that Hawaii is currently one of only four states where sexual conduct with animals is not yet prohibited.²

Should the Committee decide to pass this measure, the Department respectfully **recommends that the Committee carefully consider other statutes where the term “bestiality” is currently used in the Hawaii Revised Statutes (“HRS”), to ensure clarity and consistency for stakeholders.**³ In particular, we recommend considering both the terminology and potential interplay between the proposed offense and some existing related offenses, such as Promoting child abuse in the first, second and third degree (HRS §707-750, -751, and -752) and Prostitution (HRS §712-1200). Differences in definitions and degrees of offense could present issues, particularly where HRS §707-750, -751, and -752 range from class A to class C felonies, and S.B. 343, page 4, lines 1-4, would establish all bestiality offenses involving minors as class B felonies.

Also, other statutes, such as HRS §702-222 Liability for conduct of another; complicity, should be considered, to the extent they may already provide for some of the peripheral scenarios being considered in S.B. 343. As always, the Department would be glad to participate in further discussions with the Committee and various stakeholders, on the specific language of the bill.

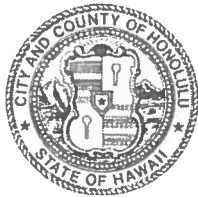
For all of the foregoing reasons, the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu supports the passage of S.B. 343, S.D. 1, with the additional considerations and potential amendments discussed above. Thank for you the opportunity to testify on this matter.

² As of 2020, sexual conduct between humans and animals is not prohibited in four states (Hawaii, New Mexico, West Virginia & Wyoming) and the District of Columbia. See Michigan State University, Animal Legal & Historical Center, at <https://www.animallaw.info/topic/table-state-animal-sexual-assault-laws>; and Animal Legal Defense Fund, at <https://aldf.org/project/sexual-assault-of-animals/>; last accessed January 31, 2021.

³ See use of the term “bestiality” in the definition of “sexual conduct,” under HRS §707-752 and HRS §712-1210. See also use of the term “deviate sexual intercourse” as defined in HRS §707-700, as referenced by HRS §712-1200 Prostitution.

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March 12, 2021

The Honorable Mark J. Hashem, Chair
and Members
Committee on Agriculture
House of Representatives
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street, Room 325
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Hashem and Members:

SUBJECT: Senate Bill No. 343, S.D. 1, Relating to Sexual Assault of an Animal

I am Captain Randall Platt of District 4 of the Honolulu Police Department (HPD), City and County of Honolulu.

The HPD supports Senate Bill No. 343, S.D. 1, Relating to Sexual Assault of an Animal.

This new bill establishes the crime of sexual assault of an animal. We recognize that while the sexual abuse of animals is not adequately addressed in the cruelty to animals statute, the real concern is the psyche of those who sexually abuse animals. This bill provides a way to hold those who sexually abuse animals accountable for their actions, hopefully before their behavior escalates to the sexual abuse and exploitation of children.

The HPD has some concerns about the collection of biological evidence but will work with the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney to present the best possible case to them.

The HPD urges you to support Senate Bill No. 343, S.D. 1, Relating to Sexual Assault of an Animal.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

APPROVED:

Handwritten signature of Susan Ballard in black ink.

Susan Ballard
Chief of Police

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Randall Platt in black ink.

Randall Platt, Captain
District 4

SB-343-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/9/2021 11:39:59 PM

Testimony for AGR on 3/12/2021 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

This bill 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 offence subjects a minor to sexual contact with an animal or is committed in the presence of a minor.

Our members are particularly concerned about the upbringing of the young; they are our future, and to allow them to grow into adulthood thinking that it is acceptable and normal to perpetrate sexual violence against a helpless, uncomprehending animal, a breach of trust showing complete lack of respect for our fellow beings, bodes ill for a compassionate and ethical society.

The fact that such violent abuse is legal legitimises such acts in the eyes of those who may be indifferent to the well being of our fellow sentient creatures.

As in the case of non-sexual abuse, studies have found that people who are willing to commit such acts may also go on to treat vulnerable human beings in the same way.

We contend that there is absolutely no reason to keep the sexual abuse of animals legal. We understand that Hawaii is one of only four states that do not expressly prohibit the sexual assault of animals, unless there is physical harm, often too late to know, and we fail to understand how this can ever be justified. It is a blot on the record of a state which has shown you to be compassionate and pioneering citizens in many aspects of animal welfare, which *Animal Interfaith Alliance* has previously supported.

Our members strongly support this very important bill.

SB-343-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/10/2021 10:26:50 AM

Testimony for AGR on 3/12/2021 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

March 12, 2021

RE: SUPPORT SB343 SD1

Dear Chair Hashem and Members of the House Agriculture Committee,

I strongly support SB343 SD1, to explicitly prohibit animal sexual abuse. It is unfortunate that we must have to explicitly prohibit such an egregious offense, however, animal sexual abuse occurs much more frequently than most would know.

Further, and similar to other forms of intentional animal cruelty, offenders often start by abusing animals before escalating to violence against humans, and children are often the victims.

Having worked in animal care and protection for more than 20 years, I have investigated

a number of animal sex abuse cases, that, prior to enacting legislation to clearly prohibit, were challenging to enforce under existing cruelty laws.

Prohibiting animal sexual abuse not only protects voiceless and vulnerable animals but protects children and society as a whole.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



Hawaiian Humane Society

People for animals. Animals for people.

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Date: March 10, 2021

To: Chair Rep. Mark Hashem
Vice Chair Rep. Amy Perruso
and Members of the Committee on Agriculture

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

RE: Testimony in strong support of SB 343, SD1:
Relating to the Sexual Assault of an Animal
Friday, March 12, 2021, 10 a.m., Via Videoconference

Aloha Chair Hashem, Vice Chair Perruso and Committee Members,

On behalf of the Hawaiian Humane Society, thank you for considering our strong support for Senate Bill 343, SD1, 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.

While animal sexual abuse is rarely reported to local law enforcement, that is likely because it is not against the law. Animal sexual assault is more common than most people realize and occurs equally often in urban and rural communities. Online bestiality forums have posts from members in every Hawai'i county boasting of the lack of a law against animal sexual abuse and offering, as well as seeking, animals for sex.

Incidents of animal sexual abuse frequently go undetected or unreported for long periods of time, but as laws have changed over the past 20 years to recognize bestiality as a crime, related arrests have risen by 800 percent.

The Louisiana Legislature passed a law against animal sexual abuse in 2018, overcoming mockery of the topic and objections that it just didn't happen. The state has seen at least two bestiality arrests just in the first two months of this year.

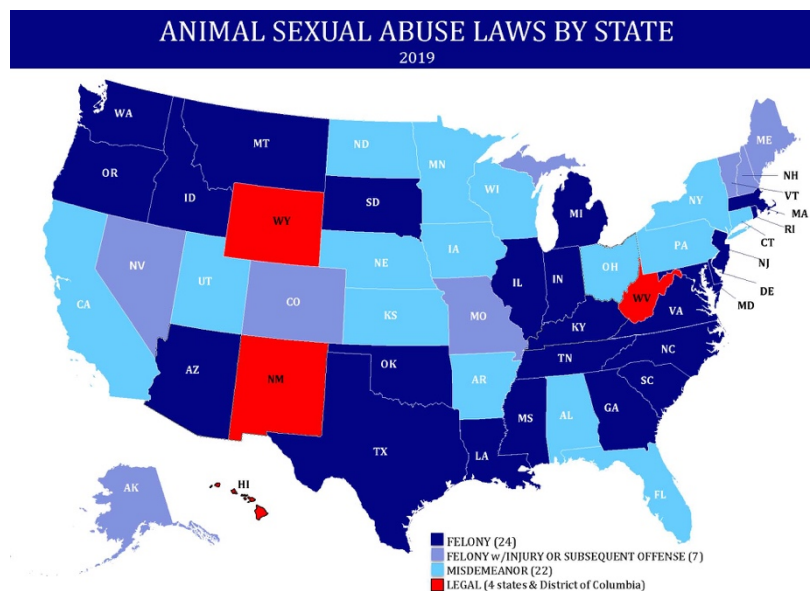
- In January, James Millet of Metairie, LA, was shot by a local sheriff's deputy after pointing a gun at officers who were attempting to take him into custody on 36 counts of sexual abuse of an animal. Millet is also facing seven counts of possessing child pornography and a pair of counts of distributing such.
- Last month, the Livingston Parish Sheriff's Office arrested 34-year-old Madyson Daenen of Denham Springs, LA, on 134 counts of pornography involving juveniles and eight counts of pornography involving animals after uncovering evidence on seized electronic devices. She is being held on a bond amount of \$13.4 million.

The connection between animal sexual abuse and child abuse is disturbingly common. Research has found that animal sexual abuse is often linked to other criminal behavior. More than half of the animal sexual abusers in a 2019 study had a prior or subsequent criminal record involving human sexual abuse, animal abuse, child pornography or interpersonal violence. More than a third of those abusers had also sexually abused humans, mostly children under the age of 12. In recognition of these links, animal cruelty crimes are tracked by the FBI as a Group A offense, the same category as rape and murder.

Recognizing that animal sexual abuse is often linked with child pornography, 46 states now outlaw bestiality. The Aloha State should not be the last.

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. This is a crime against a powerless population. We owe it to the most vulnerable in our midst to pass SB 343, SD1, to protect Hawai'i's animals and its people.

Mahalo for your consideration.





HAWAII ASSOCIATION OF ANIMAL WELFARE AGENCIES

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

Date: March 10, 2021

To: Chair Rep. Mark Hashem
Vice Chair Rep. Amy Perruso
and Members of the Committee on Agriculture

Submitted By: Hawaii Association of Animal Welfare Agencies

RE: Testimony in strong support of SB 343, SD1:
Relating to the Sexual Assault of an Animal
Friday, March 12, 2021, 10 a.m., Via Videoconference

The Hawaii Association of Animal Welfare Agencies (HAAWA) supports the passage of Senate Bill 343, SD1, 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.

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 this change in policy.

Animal sexual assault is more common than most people realize and occurs equally often in urban and rural communities. Online bestiality forums have posts from members in every Hawaii county boasting of the lack of a law against animal sexual abuse and offering, as well as seeking, animals for sex.

A post on a forum since shut down by law enforcement is representative of many: "I'm new to the island. Just learned bestiality is legal. There is no law. Best news ever," from a new resident of Hawaii Island. Posters also include tourists coming to the state looking to have sex with animals.

These crimes take place mostly out of sight and many of the witnesses are also victims of abuse, so reports can be rare. But as laws have changed nationwide over the past 20 years to recognize bestiality as a crime, related arrests have risen by 800 percent.

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. In recognition of the strong link between animal abuse and interpersonal violence, the FBI began tracking animal cruelty crimes, including bestiality, in 2016.

We urge you to pass SB 343, SD1, to keep the people and animals in our communities safe.

Thank you 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*



THE HUMANE SOCIETY
OF THE UNITED STATES

To: Representative Mark Hashem, Chair
Members of the House Committee on Agriculture

Date: March 11, 2021

Re: Support SB 343, Relating to Sexual Assault of an Animal

Dear Chair Hashem, Vice Chair Perruso, and members of the House Committee on Agriculture,

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. 343 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

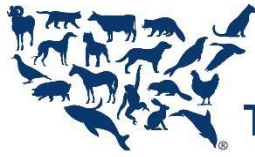
The FBI now tracks bestiality as a Crime Against Society, the same category as rape and murder. We believe tracking bestiality as a separate crime from animal cruelty is important because it allows law enforcement to identify potential sexual predators and intervene as soon as possible before future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



THE HUMANE SOCIETY
OF THE UNITED STATES

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 343 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. This bill will help law enforcement identify and monitor dangers in the community to keep animals and children safer.

Sincerely,

Lindsay Vierheilig
Hawaii State Director
The Humane Society of the United States
lvierheilig@humanesociety.org

SB-343-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/11/2021 12:36:33 PM

Testimony for AGR on 3/12/2021 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

Animal Rights Hawai'i strongly supports SB343 SD1.

SB-343-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/9/2021 3:59:00 PM

Testimony for AGR on 3/12/2021 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Vivian S. Toellner	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please, Remove Hawaii from one of the FOUR LEGAL STATES where this activity is not outlawed !!

<https://www.animallaw.info/topic/table-state-animal-sexual-assault-laws> This table details state laws prohibiting sexual conduct between humans and animals. The majority of states (about 46) have some provision that criminalizes engaging in sexual conduct with animals. **Currently, Hawaii, New Mexico, West Virginia and Wyoming lack such a law.**

I cannot image why this is just now being address....?

SB-343-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/9/2021 7:14:15 PM

Testimony for AGR on 3/12/2021 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

Please pass this bill to help protect helpless animals and minors from this horrific act. They cannot speak for themselves, so it is up to us to do the right thing.

SB-343-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/9/2021 7:35:51 PM

Testimony for AGR on 3/12/2021 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

I support this bill for the following reasons.

It criminalizes the sexual assault of an animal. Hawaii is one of just four states that do not expressly prohibit bestiality.

- It increases penalties if the offense subjects a minor to sexual contact with an animal or is committed in the presence of a minor.
- Sexual violence against a helpless animal is a depraved breach of trust. Studies have found that people who commit such unspeakable acts also pose a threat to vulnerable human beings. In just the first two months of this year, there have been at least four arrests in three states that involve evidence of both animal sexual abuse and child sexual abuse or child pornography.
- Online bestiality forums have posts from members in every Hawaii county boasting of the lack of a law against animal sexual abuse and offering, as well as seeking, animals for sex.

SB-343-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/9/2021 7:54:44 PM

Testimony for AGR on 3/12/2021 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

Aloha, I strongly support this bill. Hawaii is one of only four states that does not criminalizes the sexual assault of an animal. This bill is crucial because it increases penalties if the offense subjects a minor to sexual contact with an animal or is committed in the presence of a minor. Sexual violence against a helpless animal is utterly depraved. Studies have found that people who commit such unspeakable acts also pose a threat to vulnerable human beings. In just the first two months of this year, there have been at least four arrests in three states that involve evidence of both animal sexual abuse and child sexual abuse or child pornography. Online bestiality forums have posts from members in every Hawaii county boasting of the lack of a law against animal sexual abuse and offering, as well as seeking, animals for sex. Please, please pass this bill and prevent these unspeakable cruelties. Thank you for your consideration, Taurie Kinoshita, Makiki Resident.

SB-343-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/9/2021 8:52:30 PM

Testimony for AGR on 3/12/2021 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

PLEASE pass this bill!

SB-343-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/9/2021 9:06:48 PM

Testimony for AGR on 3/12/2021 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

I support SB343. Please prohibit and criminalize ANY sexual assault of an animal.

It is so depraved that sexual assault of an animal even happens. Please pass this bill!

Mahalo,

Susan Eubank

Diamond Head

SB-343-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/10/2021 4:51:56 AM

Testimony for AGR on 3/12/2021 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
joanna p milo	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

i am supporting bill SB343 SD1..relating to sexual assault of an animal..humans should be punished with a federal crime

SB-343-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/10/2021 7:34:52 AM

Testimony for AGR on 3/12/2021 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

Honorable Chair and Committee members,

Please pass SB343.SD1.

Animals must be protected from the deviant

behavior of twisted individuals. Such behavior must be stopped at all

levels(abuse of animals has been demonstrated to lead or accompany abuse of our fellow citizens).

It especially irks me to have read testimony that the animals are pleased. Absolutely no way, they are being used in an abusive fashion.

Please pass SB343SD1

Mahalo

SB-343-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/10/2021 7:51:52 AM

Testimony for AGR on 3/12/2021 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

Please pass this important bill. The animals in Hawaii are depending on us to help them. They cannot speak out when they are treated badly. Humans need to be their voice and protect them.

SB-343-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/10/2021 9:19:39 AM

Testimony for AGR on 3/12/2021 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

I am in strong support of this measure. I was shocked to learn that Hawaii is one of only four states that does not prohibit sexual abuse of animals. Animals are living beings, just as humans are. They deserve the same treatment and respect.

Often animal sexual abuse is linked to other criminal behavior, including human sexual abuse, child pornography or interpersonal violence. Animal cruelty crimes are tracked by the FBI as a Group A offense, the same category as rape and murder.

Persons in every county in the state are boasting in online bestiality fora of the lack of this law and both offering and seeking animals for sex.

Please support this bill today, for all our sake.

SB-343-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/10/2021 9:45:21 AM

Testimony for AGR on 3/12/2021 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Will Caron	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support expanding animal welfare and protection policies in our state.

SB-343-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/10/2021 9:48:12 AM

Testimony for AGR on 3/12/2021 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Deborah Wilson	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support this bill to make it illegal to sexually abuse animals.

How disgusting and disturbing is it that individuals are even doing this to animals but more so that Hawaii has nothing illegal about this sick practice.

Hawai'i is listed, in the dark web fetish sites, as a destination where one can come and have sex with dogs and eat them , all legal in Hawaii.

Please help stop this!!!!

SB-343-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/10/2021 11:36:08 AM

Testimony for AGR on 3/12/2021 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

I would like to thank the members of the Agriculture Committee for the opportunity to share my profound disbelief when I discovered that up to this time Hawaii had never enacted legislation such as what is proposed in SB343 SD1.

I was both shocked, and heartbroken, to learn that there are people who choose to visit Hawaii precisely because we have no statutory prohibitions against the sexual abuse of animals. How can that be allowed to persist? I can't believe this is what we want to be known for.

Please do what you can to remedy this very sorry state of affairs. I, for one, along with the innumerable others concerned about the health of our people, the welfare of our animals, and the reputation of the State of Hawaii will be grateful.

With appreciation and Aloha,

Alice Saul
Honolulu

SB-343-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/10/2021 1:01:41 PM

Testimony for AGR on 3/12/2021 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

Please pass this bill so we can join almost all other states that have outlawed sexual assault of an animal. Thank you.

Bestiality is the worst crime a human being can commit!

This is the bottom of the cesspool! The only other crime I can think of coming close 2nd is cannibalism!

Fact: All serial killers started their careers with physical and sexual abuse of animals.

When they tired of animals they graduated to humans!

Think of it, a poor defenseless animal who cannot defend himself because he is drugged, restrained and being sexually abused by a horrible evil human driven by lust of the weakest! If the act does not kill the defenseless creature, he may be murdered in the most painful and tormented way the sick minded person can think of!

The traumatized animal cannot tell the Police or anyone what happened. He is left with a complete hatred and fear of humans!

Anyone who does not support this bill, and does not implement it ASAP is just a guilty as the perpetrators committing this heinous crime!

SB-343-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/10/2021 3:26:42 PM

Testimony for AGR on 3/12/2021 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Michael D Parker	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please support this bill.

SB-343-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/10/2021 3:29:58 PM

Testimony for AGR on 3/12/2021 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

We cannot be one of only a few states that does not have a law against such an awful act!

Please, please support this bill

SB-343-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/10/2021 4:50:48 PM

Testimony for AGR on 3/12/2021 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Barbara Krasniewski	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

i am am writing in strong support of SB343SD1. It is quite appalling to think that the State of Hawaii is one of only 4 states that has no legislation to forbid such reprehensible acts against innocent animals. Please act now to change this and protect the animals from sexual abuse. This is definitely needed and should be enacted as soon as it is passed by the legislature and signed by the governor. Thank you for ending this perverse abuse.

Aloha, Barbara Krasniewski

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SB-343-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/10/2021 5:12:37 PM

Testimony for AGR on 3/12/2021 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

It is hard to believe that Hawaii is one of just four states that does not prohibit sexual assaults on animals and that Hawaii has become a destination for such criminals. Please this year finally criminalize sexual assault of animals.

SB-343-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/11/2021 2:06:04 AM

Testimony for AGR on 3/12/2021 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

Aloha Chairperson Hashem and Committee on Agriculture Members.

Please support SB 343 SD 1 which would prohibit sexual abuse of animals in Hawaii. It's my understanding that online sites that cater to cruel lifestyles, including bestiality, boast about the lack of a law in Hawaii against sexual abuse of animals. Furthermore, it's my understanding that Hawaii is one of only four states that does not have a law expressly against sexual abuse of animals. Hawaii has been a leader in animal welfare but not on this subject. Please for the welfare of animals support SB 343 SD 1.

Mahalo.

Jennifer Chiwa

Makiki

March 12, 2021

To: Chair Mark Hashem
Vice Chair Amy Perruso
and Members of the Committee on Agriculture

Aloha Chair Hashem and Vice Chair Perusso and thank you to both of you and all of the committee members for their diligent efforts to protect animals and our community. I serve as a volunteer member of the board of directors of the Hawaiian Humane Society and ask that you favorably consider this legislation. We are grateful for all of your hard work for the benefit of the entire state.

I strongly support Senate Bill 343 SD1, which would make bestiality illegal in Hawaii.

Sadly, animal sexual abuse is more widespread than any of us would like to believe.

As more jurisdictions have criminalized these terrible acts, related arrests have risen dramatically. Hawaii is one of only four states that have yet to get a handle on this poisonous form of cruelty. Research has found that animal sexual abuse is often linked to other criminal behavior. Many abusers also prey on human victims, mostly children under the age of 12. I urge you to pass this law so that we can protect animals and people in our state.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Melissa Pavlicek
3012 Hoaloha Pl
Honolulu, HI 96817

Subject: Support for SB343 SD1

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819 Papalalo Pl
Honolulu, HI 96825

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Sincerely,

Jennifer Wada
PO Box 152
Papaaloa, HI 96780

Support SB343 SD1

To: Chair Mark Hashem
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and Members of the Committee on Agriculture

Dear Legislators:

I support several local rescue organizations who are often called upon to rescue animals abused by individuals. I am asking you to pass SB343 SD1 to make it a crime for individuals to have sex with animals. Keiki are often exposed or even exposed participate in this kind of abuse which may lead to perpetuate further violent behavior-abuse to humans and animals or worse. Again, please support SB343 SD1. Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

Melanie Kim
2895 Kalakaua Ave Apt 1502
Honolulu, HI 96815

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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

Please Support SB343 SD1

Friday, March 12, 2021

10:00 am

Conference Room 325 & Videoconference

State Capitol

415 South Beretania Street

To: Committee on Agriculture

Aloha Chair Hashem, Vice Chair Perruso and members of the committee,

I am writing in strong support of Senate Bill 343 SD1 relating to the sexual assault of an animal. Please help the vulnerable. There is no good reason for this not to be a law.

It is nothing short of horrifying to think that this kind of cruelty is legally permitted in our state. Animals are powerless to defend themselves from people who would abuse them in this way, so we must defend them. Our laws must defend them.

I urge you to pass this measure and protect our community from this kind of depravity.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Mahalo.

Mahina Lagmay
353 Kaumakani St
Honolulu, HI 96825

Support SB343 SD1

Dear Chair Hashem, Vice Chair Perruso and Members of the Committee on Agriculture,

I am disheartened and disturbed that our state is so behind and backward to have not already addressed this issue. Please pass Senate Bill 343 SD1.

When I learned there were members-only websites that had posts from every county in the state offering, as well as seeking, animals for sex I was horrified. Posters also include tourists coming to the state looking to have sex with animals. That is not the kind of tourism we want.

This bill takes care to exempt veterinary procedures and standard animal husbandry practices, so there is simply no reason not to pass this into law.

Please join me in supporting SB 343 SD1.

Mahalo for your consideration.

Sincerely,
DJ Sakata
95-422 Lauawa St
Mililani, HI 96789

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State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

To: Committee on Agriculture

Aloha Chair Hashem, Vice Chair Perruso and members of the committee,

I am writing in strong support of Senate Bill 343 SD1 relating to the sexual assault of an animal. This measure is long overdue.

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I urge you to pass this measure and protect our community from this kind of depravity.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Mahalo,

Lee Cuccia
1479 Kiukee Pl
Kailua, HI 96734

Support SB343 SD1

Dear Chair Hashem, Vice Chair Perruso and Members of the Committee on Agriculture,

Please pass Senate Bill 343 SD1. I currently serve on the Board of Directors for Hawaii Island Humane Society and feel we need to strengthen animal protection laws in Hawaii. This is one step in the right direction.

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45-3584 Old Mamalahoa Hwy
Honokaa, HI 96727

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This shouldn't even require discussion. I urge you to pass this measure and protect our community from this kind of depravity.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Mahalo.

Sincerely,
Paula Carroll
4791 Analii St
Honolulu, HI 96821

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Taurie Kinoshita
1524 Pensacola St Apt 119
Honolulu, HI 96822

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I am writing in strong support of Senate Bill 343 SD1 relating to the sexual assault of an animal. Animal bestiality is a sign of sickness and depravity that it's amazing it's not already illegal in Hawaii as it is in most other states. It is cruel against animals and also signals potential for violence against people. Please make this illegal!

It is nothing short of horrifying to think that this kind of cruelty is legally permitted in our state. Animals are powerless to defend themselves from people who would abuse them in this way, so we must defend them. Our laws must defend them.

I urge you to pass this measure and protect our community from this kind of depravity.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Mahalo,

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2502 Henry St

Honolulu, HI 96817

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Kawasaki
99-543 Huakanu St
Aiea, HI 96701

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To: Chair Mark Hashem
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Dear Chair Hashem, Vice Chair Perruso and Members of the Committee on Agriculture,

I strongly support Senate Bill SB343 SD1

Described in this Senate Bill are acts which are unconscionable and highly immoral, damaging to innocent beings without a voice, as well as the promotion of violence. These are not the sort of tourism that our State would want, nor should we condone any such acts of this nature in our communities.

Mahalo for allowing me to provide testimony, and for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Cynthia Tucker
5-4280 Kuhio Hwy
Princeville, HI 96722

SB-343-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/11/2021 8:31:13 AM

Testimony for AGR on 3/12/2021 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Anne Forshey	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Thank you for hearing and acting upon this important legislation. I am deeply disturbed to learn that here, in the 21st century, we are still dealing with such barbaric behaviors in our society.

The Hawaiian Humane Society, an organization I trust and have volunteered for, reports that "Online bestiality forums have posts from members in **every Hawaii county** boasting of the lack of a law against animal sexual abuse and offering, as well as seeking, animals for sex."

We must do our part to stop this horrible behavior in our beautiful, caring state and to protect those without a voice. I urge you all to support passage of SB343, SD1, and to provide adequate support for enforcement, both online and in our communities. Thank you for your important action, today.

SB-343-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/11/2021 9:15:22 AM

Testimony for AGR on 3/12/2021 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Helene Navaro	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha

Please support this very important Bill!

The animals need your voice and support. Animal sexual assaults is unacceptable especially in Hawaii. We are the Aloha State with Love, Kindness and Compassion. Please share your Aloha with the animals. These practice needs to be outlawed and punished.

Thank you so much for your consideration,

Helene Navaro

SB-343-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/11/2021 2:53:04 PM

Testimony for AGR on 3/12/2021 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Gerard Silva	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

You people all STUPIED or What. There are more important things then this.

Get your heads out of the sand and get to work or is down the raod with the lot of YOU!!

SB-343-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/11/2021 3:53:16 PM

Testimony for AGR on 3/12/2021 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kaikea K. Blakemore	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Support. Please protect animal rights, dignity and safety.

SB-343-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/11/2021 5:29:50 PM

Testimony for AGR on 3/12/2021 10:00:00 AM

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

Comments:

HI is only one of 4 states that does not expressly prohibit this abuse. We need to protect those that cannot protect themselves.