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To: Chair Sen. Mike Gabbard
Vice Chair Sen. Herbert M. "Tim" Richards, III
and Members of the Committee on Agriculture & Environment

Submitted By: Stephanie Kendrick, Director of Community Engagement
Hawaiian Humane Society, 808-356-2217

RE: Comments on SCR 211: REQUESTING THE HAWAIIAN HUMANE SOCIETY
TO DEVELOP A PROGRAM TO ASSIST LOW-INCOME PET OWNERS AFFORD
EMERGENCY CARE FOR THEIR PETS.
Wednesday, March 29, 2023, 1:01 p.m., Room 224 & Videoconference

On behalf of the Hawaiian Humane Society, thank you for giving us the opportunity to offer comments on Senate Concurrent Resolution 211/ Senate Resolution 151, which requests that the Hawaiian Humane Society develop a program to assist low-income pet owners afford emergency care for their pets.

The Hawaiian Humane Society is deeply grateful for the Legislature's recognition that affordable veterinary care is vital for all pet owners and that low-income and houseless pet owners are at a particular disadvantage when it comes to accessing the care they need for their animal companions. Our Pet Kōkua program administers a Peticaid fund for exactly this reason. Hawaiian Humane relies on private grants to support this program, so funding can only be disbursed to the clinics serving clients in need when we have a current grant award.

Our team also organizes wellness, vaccine and microchipping clinics in the community as funding permits. Spots at a clinic this Saturday at Waianae High School were filled within hours of opening for appointments. The need is indeed great.

We would encourage the sponsors of this measure to consider creating a stable funding source to meet the very real needs identified in SCR 211/ SR 151. Resources are needed not just to support pet owners on O'ahu, where Hawaiian Humane is based, but those across our state.

Mahalo for your consideration.

SCR-211

Submitted on: 3/24/2023 10:55:24 AM

Testimony for AEN on 3/29/2023 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Samantha Gersaba-Myers	Individual	Comments	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Reading through the bill, I do feel like the cost for pets with medical conditions should be lower for low-income families. But if the people with a pet can't afford it, then they shouldn't have it.

SCR-211

Submitted on: 3/24/2023 10:52:24 AM

Testimony for AEN on 3/29/2023 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Angelica	Individual	Comments	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I do not care for the low-income pet owners who can not afford emergancy health care.

SCR-211

Submitted on: 3/24/2023 10:52:32 AM

Testimony for AEN on 3/29/2023 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Irie-Passion Soto	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this bill because it helps the low income family take care of their pets. Also because not all people are rich enough to help take care of their pet. Even if people have low income they will still try their best to take care of them because their pet means a lot to them.

SCR-211

Submitted on: 3/24/2023 10:53:58 AM

Testimony for AEN on 3/29/2023 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
HallieJoy	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this bill because I personally have lost a pet due to not being able to take them to the vet because we knew the vet bill would be too expensive. This would help so many people and prevent from our beloved animals from suffering due to finances.

SCR-211

Submitted on: 3/24/2023 10:58:14 AM

Testimony for AEN on 3/29/2023 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Pono	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I think this is a smart bill but also a smart person could avoid the situation by not buying a pet

SCR-211

Submitted on: 3/24/2023 10:58:30 AM

Testimony for AEN on 3/29/2023 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kaholokula Kitashima	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this!

SCR-211

Submitted on: 3/24/2023 10:58:37 AM

Testimony for AEN on 3/29/2023 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ezekiel gonzales	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Yes

SCR-211

Submitted on: 3/24/2023 10:59:20 AM

Testimony for AEN on 3/29/2023 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Austin tagovailoa	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I say if your financial status is very low on the grid. Don't get a dog cause you know you can't afford it.

SCR-211

Submitted on: 3/24/2023 10:59:53 AM

Testimony for AEN on 3/29/2023 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Samantha alama	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I agree with helping people and helping there animals with the care that it needs. I support the bill and i think that it should be a law !!

SCR-211

Submitted on: 3/24/2023 11:00:00 AM

Testimony for AEN on 3/29/2023 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kelson kitzmiller	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I AGREE WITH THE BILL IT'LL HELP PEOPLE THAT CANT AFFORD CURE FOR THE ANIMALS.

SCR-211

Submitted on: 3/24/2023 11:00:10 AM

Testimony for AEN on 3/29/2023 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Noah Madeira	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support because they are helping people that can't pay for their pets

SCR-211

Submitted on: 3/24/2023 11:00:15 AM

Testimony for AEN on 3/29/2023 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Mesiyo-Marilynn Delos santos-asada	Individual	Comments	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

If you do not have any money for the treatments and living solutions then you can't have a dog. People have support pets but they use those pets and put them out and animal abuse them.

SCR-211

Submitted on: 3/24/2023 11:00:27 AM

Testimony for AEN on 3/29/2023 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Denali Ewing	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this bill on making a program to help low income people financially support there dogs. Sometimes it's not people fault that they lost there job, plus it shouldn't even cost that much to help a dog that's outrageous.

SCR-211

Submitted on: 3/24/2023 11:00:43 AM

Testimony for AEN on 3/29/2023 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Marvin	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this bill because It will help the poepoe who can't afford the cure to their animal afford it.

SCR-211

Submitted on: 3/24/2023 11:01:52 AM

Testimony for AEN on 3/29/2023 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Justin	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Hi

SCR-211

Submitted on: 3/24/2023 11:07:14 AM

Testimony for AEN on 3/29/2023 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Arielle silverman	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I fully support this bill because animals have no way to get help but us, and if we cant help them nobody will. I had an incident when i was little, it was my fiest ever pet bird and there was no bird doctor to help so it sadly died.

SCR-211

Submitted on: 3/24/2023 11:08:03 AM

Testimony for AEN on 3/29/2023 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Malo	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support because i dont wana to abonded my pet or watch them slowly die.

SCR-211

Submitted on: 3/24/2023 2:00:24 PM

Testimony for AEN on 3/29/2023 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jayden	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this bill and looking forward to it getting passed

SCR-211

Submitted on: 3/24/2023 2:00:53 PM

Testimony for AEN on 3/29/2023 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lono	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This bill has my support, for those families that have pets may not have the financial requirements to provide for them.

SCR-211

Submitted on: 3/24/2023 2:00:53 PM

Testimony for AEN on 3/29/2023 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
gizelle	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this bill because some pet owners out there have low income and are living pay check to pay check and to look after their pet so their basically struggling with their pets health.

SCR-211

Submitted on: 3/24/2023 2:01:01 PM

Testimony for AEN on 3/29/2023 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Keligh Takahashi	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this bill.

SCR-211

Submitted on: 3/24/2023 2:02:58 PM

Testimony for AEN on 3/29/2023 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Elizabeth	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I think you should pass this bill because it helps with pets low income saves money

SCR-211

Submitted on: 3/24/2023 2:03:11 PM

Testimony for AEN on 3/29/2023 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kayla Navales-Pepe'e	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

In support

SCR-211

Submitted on: 3/24/2023 2:10:23 PM

Testimony for AEN on 3/29/2023 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Zechariah kaleikini	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support the bill because its hard to afford for animals Health