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Testimony of Reiko Matsuyama
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Before the
Senate Committee on Judiciary
March 18, 2021 at 9:15 am
Videoconference

In consideration of
House Bill 156
Relating to Animal Control Services

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

The Finance Department of the County of Kaua'i **strongly supports** HB 156, which removes the requirement that the County of Kaua'i contract with the Kaua'i Humane Society (KHS) for animal control services. While KHS is a reliable provider of animal control services, it is our request to allow for flexibility and competition in providing these vital services to our county. Kaua'i is the only county constrained by a legal binding to contract with a sole provider.

We will commit to working with KHS or any other animal control provider who has the ability to perform the service at a quality level for a reasonable price.

It is for these reasons, that we **strongly support** HB 156. Thank you for your consideration of this testimony.

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Testimony for JDC on 3/18/2021 9:15:00 AM

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

Comments:

In strong support of HB156

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Submitted on: 3/16/2021 2:07:09 AM

Testimony for JDC on 3/18/2021 9:15:00 AM

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

Comments:

I hereby support this measure as it relates to the health and general well being of animals. It is unethical to demand that a monopoly be the only entity contracted in regards to animal related issues.