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Date: March 22, 2021

To: Chair Sen. Karl Rhoads
Vice Chair Sen. Jarrett Keohokalole
and Members of the Committee on Judiciary

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

RE: Testimony in support of HB 416, HD2, SD1:
Relating to Section 711-1109, Hawaii Revised Statutes
Thursday, March 25, 2021, 10:05 a.m., Via Videoconference

Aloha Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Keohokalole and Committee Members,

The Hawaiian Humane Society supports the passage of House Bill 416, HD2, SD1, 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, HD2, SD1, 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, HD2, SD1, to protect animals and people. Mahalo for your consideration.



March 22, 2021

To: COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY
Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair
Senator Jarrett Keohokalole, Vice Chair

Re: Strong Support of HB416 HD2 SD1, Relating to animal restraints and tethers

Hrg: March 25, 2021 at 10:05 AM

Healthy Pets United is a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization dedicated to promoting animal health and well-being. HPU acts as an advocate on behalf of animals and as an enforcer of their rights and protection through education and advocacy.

Healthy Pets United supports the passage of HB 416, HD2 which would prohibit the use of specific tethering equipment and techniques that are injurious to dogs.

The inappropriate tethering of dogs is an issue on all of our islands. Tethering a dog in ways that cause injury and prevent access to food, water or shelter is traumatizing and can lead to aggression. The provisions of this bill will allow investigators to educate dog owners so they can correct violations while still keeping their pets safe on their property.

I urge you to pass HB 416, HD2 to ensure animals are safe from harm.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this important issue affecting the health and welfare of animals in Hawai'i.

Respectfully submitted,

Chase Kessler
President

HB-416-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/22/2021 6:35:23 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/25/2021 10:05:00 AM

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

Comments:

In strong support

HB-416-SD-1

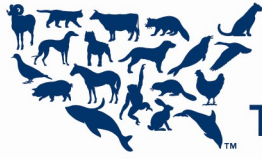
Submitted on: 3/23/2021 2:17:34 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/25/2021 10:05:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
I.C. Harrington	Testifying for Domestic Violence Hurts Animals and People	Support	No

Comments:

We support this Bill to improve conditions for dogs who are chained and tethered. Please extend Aloha to our pet dogs and stop these abusive conditions by adding this important language to our current animal abuse laws. Mahalo.



**THE HUMANE SOCIETY
OF THE UNITED STATES**

To: Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair
Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary

In Support Of: HB 416 HD2 SD1

Date: March 25, 2021

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

Dear Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Keohokalole, and members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary,

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 strong support for HB 416 HD2 SD1, 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 legislature 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 HD2 SD1 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 HD2 SD1 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 HD2 SD1 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 HD2 SD1 be reported favorably.

Sincerely,

Lindsay Vierheilig
Hawaii State Director
lvierheilig@humanesociety.org
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**THE HUMANE SOCIETY
OF THE UNITED STATES**

HB-416-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/22/2021 2:45:24 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/25/2021 10:05:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sandie Wong	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support.

HB-416-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/22/2021 3:43:50 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/25/2021 10:05:00 AM

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

Comments:

You what to lock the people down but Dogs can go free. What about all the Damage these Dogs will do. Will we be sueing the Government for Damages for implementing such a stupid thing in Hawaii.

You people are the Problem not the Dogs or there owners!

HB-416-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/22/2021 7:05:34 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/25/2021 10:05:00 AM

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-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/23/2021 9:28:50 AM

Testimony for JDC on 3/25/2021 10:05:00 AM

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

Comments:

Honorable Chair and Vommittee members,

Please pass HB416 HD2 SD1.

Tethering must be discouraged to the fullest extent.It has been shown to make dogs more aggressive,and is,more importantly, not how we want to treat our pets.They deserve better.

We need to learn to treat animals as well as people better.

As a veterinarian, I have had to surgically remove chains from dogs neglected in that fashion.Embedded into the skin of the poor dog.

I d like to not have to do that anymore.

Thank you,

eric Ako DVM

HB-416-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/23/2021 9:38:21 AM

Testimony for JDC on 3/25/2021 10:05:00 AM

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

Comments:

Please pass this important bill.

HB-416-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/23/2021 11:05:42 AM

Testimony for JDC on 3/25/2021 10:05:00 AM

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

Comments:

Please pass this to help protect dogs from cruel or dangerous treatment.

HB-416-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/23/2021 11:05:42 AM

Testimony for JDC on 3/25/2021 10:05:00 AM

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

Comments:

Hello,

My name is Jennifer Ho and I'm an animal advocate in Nuuanu. I strongly support bill **HB416 HD2 SD1**, which helps to keep dogs and puppies safe from unsafe tethering. I have seen firsthand the devastating effects of inappropriate tethering, including a dog on a heavy chain for days, tangled, sitting in the sun next to her pile of poo and unable to get to food. Many times I've also seen dogs tethered in a yard constantly as a safeguard, but with no regard to the dog's well-being. It's important that we take steps to keep animals safe and healthy, and put a stop to these common but cruel practices.

Thank you,

Jennifer

808-221-7229

HB-416-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/23/2021 2:20:33 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/25/2021 10:05:00 AM

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

Comments:

Supporting this Bill and turning it into law shows that Hawaii will no longer stand for this abusive, archaic attitude toward our pet dogs. Please pass this Bill and turn it into law ASAP. Mahalo.

HB-416-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/23/2021 2:22:44 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/25/2021 10:05:00 AM

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

Comments:

Passing this Bill is long overdue. Please do the right thing and pass this Bill to improve conditions for dogs who are suffering at the end of a chain or tether.

HB-416-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/23/2021 2:25:38 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/25/2021 10:05:00 AM

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

Comments:

I would like to thank the Senate Committee on Judiciary 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-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/23/2021 2:31:41 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/25/2021 10:05:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Michelle Escobar	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

This is way past due.

HB-416-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/23/2021 2:42:49 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/25/2021 10:05:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
carol helgren	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I'm fully in support of protecting the dogs/animals on the island. The abuse going on is beyond comprehension. It needs to stop. Dogs need to be properly cared for and given the respect and attention they deserve. Please put forth stricter regulations/laws to prevent people from the devastating cruelty they continue to get away with.

HB-416-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/23/2021 2:56:13 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/25/2021 10:05:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Allison G Gordon	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please officially note that I am in favor of and would appreciate the passing of this bill.

HB-416-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/23/2021 3:51:10 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/25/2021 10:05:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Rhonda Pollard	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

My name is Rhonda Pollard, and I am a resident of Honokaa on Hawaii Island. I serve on the Hawaii Island Humane Society Board of Directors and support HB416 HD2 SD1.

Tethering becomes inhumane when a dog is kept chained alone in one spot for hours, days, months, or even years, and consequently, suffers immense physical and psychological damage.

The necks of chained dogs often become raw as a result of improperly fitted collars and their constant yanking and straining to escape confinement. Some chained dogs have collars embedded in their necks because their owners fail to replace the collars when the dogs outgrow them. Dogs also frequently become entangled in their chains or tethers, which limits the dogs' access to food, water, and shelter, and can cause serious physical injury. And the chains often weigh more than the dogs themselves, which significantly limits the dogs' range of movement. An otherwise friendly dog, when kept continuously chained, becomes neurotic, unhappy, anxious, and often aggressive. Animals that have been chained for the existence of their lives tend to show a higher potential for being involved in aggressive behavior so this also supports community safety. Animals that get off of chains do tend to be more aggressive than a typical animal.

Strict tethering ordinances are good for communities. For law enforcement and animal control officers, these ordinances create clear boundaries and expectations of pet owners. They allow for the employment and enforcement of citations and other penalties so the owner doesn't just go back to tethering their animals after the officer leaves. 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. For neighbors, because beyond physical danger from aggressive dogs, chained dogs also can be a public nuisance. These dogs are notorious for uncontrolled barking stemming from their lack of exercise, which leads to pent-up energy.

I ask you to please support the passage of HB416 HD2 SD1.

Thank you.

HB-416-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/23/2021 4:38:58 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/25/2021 10:05:00 AM

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

Comments:

I support this bill which specifically prohibits tethering which injures dogs. It is unfortunate that people have to be told not to injure animals.

HB-416-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/23/2021 5:02:09 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/25/2021 10:05:00 AM

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

Comments:

I strongly support this bill.

HB-416-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/23/2021 5:06:23 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/25/2021 10:05:00 AM

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

Comments:

Please support this very important bill.

So many dog owners do not understand the danger that tethering puts the dogs in. I have witnessed a dog subjected to bad tethering, it was awful.

Mahalo

HB-416-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/23/2021 5:56:59 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/25/2021 10:05:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
cynthia morse	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support this bill; I see far too many dogs tethered in the back of pick up trucks by ropes and other means that are potentially injurious, and physiologically damaging - you can see the sadness in these animals, it's heartbreaking.

HB-416-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/23/2021 6:18:29 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/25/2021 10:05:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
A Kathleen Lee	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Humane Representatives for The State of Hawai'i,

HB416, HD2, 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 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.

I cannot tell how my heart has been broken when I see animals abused on short tethers and then, even if another pet is brought onto the property, they don't have any contact. It is cruel and we humans should be evolved enough not to need a law like this, but alas, we do!

Please protect these animals that depend on us for their nurturing,

April Lee

Hawai'i born and Hawi grown.

HB-416-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/23/2021 6:33:13 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/25/2021 10:05:00 AM

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

Comments:

I support HB 416 HD2, SD1, to prohibit the cruel tethering of dogs and puppies.

Mahalo,

Susan Eubank

Diamond Head

HB-416-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/23/2021 8:47:20 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/25/2021 10:05:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Anna Liza Van Dine	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support this bill to prohibit tethering of dogs that harms their overall health condition. This is inhumane.

HB-416-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/23/2021 11:33:59 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/25/2021 10:05:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Cindy Evans	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

How we treat our animals is a good indicator of how we treat each other. I strongly support the intention of the bill.

HB-416-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/24/2021 1:28:18 AM

Testimony for JDC on 3/25/2021 10:05:00 AM

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

Comments:

Aloha,

I respectfully urge you to please support HB 416 HD2 SD1, to ensure that dogs and puppies are treated humanely, and to give our law enforcement officers, the tools to protect these helpless and voiceless creatures.

mahalo nui for your kind consideration,

Ginny Tiu

HB-416-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/24/2021 4:32:10 AM

Testimony for JDC on 3/25/2021 10:05:00 AM

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

Comments:

Aloha Chairperson Rhoads, Vice Chairperson Keohokalole and Members of the Committee on Judiciary.

Please support HD 416 HD 2 SD 1 which would prohibit use of tethering equipment and techniques that would injure dogs. It's my understanding that this bill would provide for a clear, enforceable law, and has been worked on for a long time, dating back to previous sessions. Please support this bill to advance the welfare of dogs.

Mahalo!

Jennifer Chiwa

Makiki

HB-416-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/24/2021 8:59:13 AM

Testimony for JDC on 3/25/2021 10:05:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Donna Cavalier	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I believe that it is inhumane to tether and chain dogs.

HB-416-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/24/2021 6:26:46 AM

Testimony for JDC on 3/25/2021 10:05:00 AM

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

Comments:

I hope we can finally have a law to protect man's best friend from this abusive treatment. I have seen dogs left for days on a tether outside, and it's CRUEL. Let's be clear what's ok and what's not so there's no abiguity and dogs are protected from clueless humans.

HB-416-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/24/2021 9:30:39 AM

Testimony for JDC on 3/25/2021 10:05:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Etta Karth	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am writing in support of Bill HB416.

Its about time Hawaii attempted to bring the state up from being the bottom 10 in the country for animal welfare conditions.

Additinoally, if you care about people, you should care that many animal abusers move on to abuse people or are already doing so.

Help your community.

Pass Bill HB416.

Aloha,

Etta Karth

To:
SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY
Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair
Senator Jarrett Keohokalole, Vice Chair

Re:
HB416 HD2 SD1 RELATING TO SECTION 711-1109, HAWAII REVISED STATUTES

Aloha Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Keohokalole, and Senate Judiciary Committee Members,

I support House Bill HB416 HD2 SD1, 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, HD2, 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.

Thank you for your time and attention. Mahalo!

Sincerely,
Stephanie McLaughlin
95-310 Haakualiki Pl
Mililani, HI 96789

To: Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair
Senator Jarrett Keohokalole, Vice Chair
And the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Date: Thursday, March 25, 2021

Time: 10:05 a.m.

Place: Via Videoconference

Re: House Bill 416 SD2 HD1 Relating to Section 711-1109 Hawaii Revised Statutes

Aloha Honorable Legislators,

Inappropriate dog tethering creates enormous suffering across our state. I strongly support HB416, HD2 SD1.

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, HD2 SD1 to protect dogs and their human family members.

Mahalo for taking up this important issue.

Lee Cuccia
1479 Kiukee Pl
Kailua, HI 96734

DATE: Thursday, March 25, 2021

TIME: 10:05 a.m.

Please Pass HB416 HD2 SD1

Dear Chair Rhoads, Vice-Chair Keohokalole, and committee members of the Senate Judiciary,

I support House Bill 416 HD2 SD1, 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.

Isn't it about time that Hawaii passes this very basic legislation concerning the proper care for helpless pets by the people who own them? In many cases these animals have been bought or "gotten" to be some form of protection or warning for a family or business but they are treated like non-living disposable and replicable things. In many cases it is ignorance. In other cases it is just not caring. In all cases the owners must be noted and corrected so that they do better or if they continue the abusive behavior are unable to own new animals. It is simply the right and Humane thing to do.

I urge the committee to pass HB416 HD2 SD1. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Mahalo,

Martha Randolph
2571 Pacific Heights Rd
Honolulu, HI 96813

Subject: Please Pass HB416 HD2 SD1

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Kindly support this humane bill to prevent harmful tethering techniques for dogs. If the dogs could speak they would thank you from the bottom of their hearts too. Aloha.

Michele Hope Velasco
1530 16th Ave
Honolulu, HI 96816

DATE: Thursday, March 25, 2021

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Mahalo,
Dominique Desroches
2100 Date St Apt 506
Honolulu, HI 96826

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Mahalo,

Taurie Kinoshita
1524 Pensacola St Apt 119
Honolulu, HI 96822

DATE: Thursday, March 25, 2021

TIME: 10:05 a.m.

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I urge the committee to pass HB416 HD2 SD1. I have witnessed too many animals not able to reach food/water because of human stupidity...set these animals free to roam..Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Mahalo,

joanna milo
87-576 Manuu St
Waianae, HI 96792

To: Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair
Senator Jarrett Keohokalole, Vice Chair
And the Senate Committee on Judiciary

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Please pass HB416, HD2 SD1 to protect dogs and their human family members.

Mahalo for taking up this important issue.

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

Please Pass HB416 HD2 SD1

DATE: Thursday, March 25, 2021

TIME: 10:05 a.m.

Dear Chair Rhoads, Vice-Chair Keohokalole, and committee members of the Senate Judiciary,

I'm writing in to strongly support the passage of HB416 HD SD1

Dogs deserve humane treatment and conditions. They are part of our families and Ohana and loving beings. I have sadly seen when driving through areas the very sad, long and really - tortuous - demise of dogs left in painful and inhumane conditions to suffer and die. The looks on their faces broke my heart. It is heartbreaking to say the least and also very unnecessary. Also the Bill for puppies left without proper equipment or care is a serious issue.

Also, I would believe that we want to teach our keiki proper care and empathy and not want to witness inhumane conditions and repeat them.

Mahalo for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Cynthia Tucker
5-4280 Kuhio Hwy
Princeville, HI 96722

DATE: Thursday, March 25, 2021

TIME: 10:05 a.m.

Dear Chair Rhoads, Vice-Chair Keohokalole, and committee members of the Senate Judiciary,

I support House Bill 416 HD2 SD1, 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 urge the committee to pass HB416 HD2 SD1. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Mahalo,

Mi Kosasa

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Honolulu, HI 96826

To:
SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY
Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair
Senator Jarrett Keohokalole, Vice Chair

Re:
HB416 HD2 SD1 RELATING TO SECTION 711-1109, HAWAII REVISED STATUTES

Aloha Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Keohokalole, and Senate Judiciary Committee Members,

I support House Bill HB416 HD2 SD1, 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, HD2, 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.

Thank you for your time and attention. Mahalo!

Sincerely,
Hamid Jahanmir
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Honolulu, HI 96814

To: Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair
Senator Jarrett Keohokalole, Vice Chair
And the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Date: Thursday, March 25, 2021

Time: 10:05 a.m.

Place: Via Videoconference

Re: House Bill 416 SD2 HD1 Relating to Section 711-1109 Hawaii Revised Statutes

Aloha Honorable Legislators,

Inappropriate dog tethering creates enormous suffering across our state. I strongly support HB416, HD2 SD1.

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, HD2 SD1 to protect dogs and their human family members.

Mahalo for taking up this important issue.

Sincerely,

DJ Sakata
95-422 Lauawa St
Mililani, HI 96789

Subject: Please Pass HB416 HD2 SD1

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Please support this bill. So many dogs sustain deep wound injuries from tethers and restraints that are too tight, cut into their fur and skin, and prevent them from getting the nutrition they need to survive. This is cruel and I also support that the offender be ordered to attend classes for animal abuse prevention and be subject to penalties so they do not abuse dogs again.

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Thank you for your time and attention. Mahalo!

Melanie Kim
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Honolulu, HI 96815

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Thank you for your time and attention. Mahalo!

Sincerely,
Taylor Prostor
3031 Libert St
Honolulu, HI 96816

LATE

HB-416-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/24/2021 10:41:07 AM

Testimony for JDC on 3/25/2021 10:05:00 AM

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

Comments:

March 25, 2021

RE: STRONG SUPPORT FOR HB416

Dear Chair Rhoads and Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee,

HB416 proposes to prohibit the most dangerous forms of dog chaining and tethering, to best protect the community and animals. Tethered dogs are 3 times more likely to bite or become aggressive, and children are most likely to be the victims.

This modest measure allows animal care agencies to intervene to educate a dog owner prior to an incident where the dog or a person may become injured.

We urge your support of this bill to protect both public safety and animal welfare.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

LATE

HB-416-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/24/2021 11:46:21 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/25/2021 10:05:00 AM

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

Comments:

Tethering HB416 HD2, SD1

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.

This gives dog owners 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 freedom of movement.

We note also that SD1 prohibits tethering or restraining a dog with a choke collar, pinch collar, or prong collar unless the dog is engaged in an activity supervised by his/her guardian or an agent of the guardian.

We have to make the point that we are not in favour of these types of collar.

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, which is undesirable as they are social beings.

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

LATE

HB-416-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/24/2021 4:06:04 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/25/2021 10:05:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jeff Allen	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support and urge the passage of this bill, dogs are too often treated like objects and not like living, sentient beings. It is time that the state recognizes the importance of humane treatment of animals & punishes those who offend. Please pass this bill!!

LATE

HB-416-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/24/2021 8:15:36 PM

Testimony for JDC on 3/25/2021 10:05:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Avi Okin	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

It is time to rein in the worst of people and protect the dogs. This is only a start but we need to start somewhere. No more rehetoric.