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Judiciary Chair Karamatsu

HB 2724

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Chair Karamatsu & Members of the Judiciary Committee:

We support HB 2724. Tethering of dogs inhibits the safety of the animal and humans around it. Any lengthy use of a tether should be strongly discouraged. Dogs are companion animals and should be socialized and cared for in a humane manner.

We support HB 2725. Companion animals should be socialized and cared for in a humane manner.

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February 4, 2010

John Riki Karamatsu, Chair  
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RE: Testimony on HB 2725

Dear Chair Karamatsu, Vice Chair Ito and Members of the Committee:

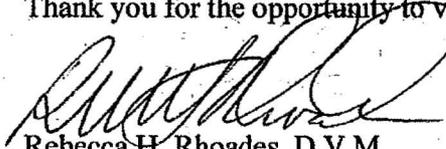
On behalf of the Kauai Humane Society, we appreciate the opportunity to comment on HB 2725, Relating to Animals.

We are in strong support of the language in this bill and urge you to pass this important legislation. We attended along with other key stakeholders multiple meetings to discuss the issues related to pet confinement animals in our community following last year's legislative session. This bill is the result of this collaboration to more effectively address the standards by which pets should be kept when confined.

The language in this bill is long overdue for protecting the health and well-being of confined pet animals. On Kauai, we regularly investigate complaints regarding the care of animals in cages. With our current language for necessary sustenance, we are limited on what corrective action we can require a pet owner to make. We know the cage is overcrowded, we know the animal can barely move, we know the wire floor will cause sores on the feet, and we recommend changes. But the law only allows us to recommend, not require. In one case recently in Poipu, we recommended changes. The owner didn't follow our recommendations and a dog died as a result.

We need this language to better protect pets in our community and provide them with a minimum standard of care.

Thank you for the opportunity to voice our support of this bill.

  
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