



**THE HUMANE SOCIETY**  
OF THE UNITED STATES

**BILL INFORMATION**  
**Humane Advocacy Day**  
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We respectfully request your **SUPPORT** of the following animal protection measures under consideration this session:

**H.B. 2737/S.B. 2492 (Keith-Agaran/Hee): Preventing Puppy Mills**

Puppy mills house dogs in shockingly poor conditions. After their fertility wanes, breeding animals are often killed, abandoned or sold cheaply to another mill to try to get "one more litter" out of the dog. The annual result of all this breeding is more puppies in a state where we don't have enough loving homes for the dogs already on island. Hawaii currently lacks laws that regulate the inhumane breeding in puppy mills and the suffering associated with it. This bill would require sanitary living conditions for dogs at large-scale breeding facilities, proper and timely medical care, the ability to move freely at least once per day, and adequate shelter from the elements. The bill would require record keeping of the dogs while in the breeder's care and of the breeder's disposition of the dog.

**H.B. 2854/S.B. 2502 (Wooley/Hee): Protecting Neighborhood Pets from Indiscriminate Snares and Cruel traps:**

Humane societies and animal care organizations across Hawaii regularly receive pet animals who are the victims of snares or leg-traps. Trapping with leg-holds, snares, and Conibear devices is inhumane and poses serious dangers to companion animals and humans. Hawaii currently has no laws that regulate the use of snares, Conibears, or leg-hold traps, thus encouraging the illegal or irresponsible use of these devices, which can be easily purchased over the Internet. This bill would prohibit snares, Conibears, and leg-traps **ONLY** in **residential areas**.

**H.B. 2726/S.B. 2208 (Manahan/Hee): Help Reduce Pet Overpopulation & Euthanasia-Spay/Neuter Tax Check-Off**

Humane societies and animal care organizations across Hawaii collectively treat and take in more than 50,000 animals each year. Spaying and neutering pets is a proven way to reduce pet overpopulation and euthanasia rates, as well as nuisance animal behaviors and dog bites, as sterilized dogs are less likely to become aggressive. This bill would create a special spay/neuter fund and allow funds from a voluntary income tax check-off to be deposited into the special fund. This bill also creates an animal care advisory committee to create eligibility criteria and procedures for disbursements from the special fund.

**H.B. 2161/S.B. 2504(Har/Hee): Protect Pets and Consumers: Pet Seller Disclosure**

These bills would require pet retailers and those who sell to pet retailers to disclose important health information and that the dog or cat be sterilized and microchipped prior to sale. They would require the seller to provide information about the breeder, the origin on the particular cat or dog, veterinary records of inoculations or other treatments received by the cat or dog, and attest to the overall health of the cat or dog upon delivery of the animal to the purchaser. The House Bill provides remedies for purchasers who receive sick animals that are not in the state of health as certified by the seller.

**Additional Measures to Support:**

**SB 2503 (Hee): Protect Horses and Offspring in Cruelty Cases:** Adds protection for equines and offspring born in custody of a humane society during a pending animal cruelty case. Current forfeiture law doesn't protect horses, who deserve equal protection to pets in cruelty cases.

**SB22323: (Hee): Protect Bears from the Cruel Trade in their parts:** Prohibits the purchase, sale, transportation, and delivery of any product, item, or substance containing, labeled, or advertised as containing bear gallbladders or bile. This trade threatens the survival of bear species, is cruel, and is unnecessary.

**SB2486 (Hee): Protect pets and other animals in human violence cases:** Clarifies that terroristic threatening includes threats of serious damage to another person's pets or livestock. Animals can be victims of violence and deserve protection too.

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