

HFC Committee

From: Cristine McConnell <cristinepmcconnell@cox.net>
Sent: Friday, May 15, 2020 9:14 AM
To: HFC Committee
Subject: I emphatically do not support bill 6.04.041

Dear Council Members,

As a member of the maui community, I have been feeding a feral cat colony on the north shore. They have all been spayed and neutered which makes them no threat for population increases. It is hard enough for them to survive dogs, cars, and humans without being fed. With regular food and daily visits, we get to keep our eye on them, see if they are sick and need treatment. We are stopping the spread of any illnesses by getting them immunized and treated by vets. Most importantly, you must understand, we do not see the colony increase in numbers, only decrease as they get old and die or hit by cars. In my opinion, with the trust bonds that have developed, it would be absolutely inhumane to stop feeding them and you would be fining or jailing some of the most lovely, caring and soft hearted people on the island. Please, take it from those of us who are trying to make this a win-win for everyone. We are keeping a large number of souls happy and healthy while not allowing them to reproduce. It is the only solution. In addition, no studies have been able to prove that starving reduces population sizes, sterilization is the only way.

Thank you for considering my opinion.

Sincerely,

Cristine McConnell

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