

HFC Committee

From: Bill Staley <ws9811@earthlink.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 4:45 PM
To: HFC Committee
Subject: I do not support bill 6.04.041

Aloha,

As a Maui resident for 17 years, an adaptor of Maui cats for 13 years and a colony caretaker for 7 years I do not support bill 6.04.041.

All of the cats under my care are TNR cats without kittens being added to the feral cat population. They're all healthy with the oldest ones being 14 years old. They also receive medical care if needed.

I am also a financial supporter to MHS, 9th Life and the Boo Boo Zoo. It is far more humane to support MHS and TNR programs than to burden MHS and MPD with an unenforceable and ill conceived bill. I would also like to point out the number of visitors that adopt Maui cats and provide for their well being with food and financial support while visiting Maui. Many of the visitors are annual repeat visitors who look forward to seeing their cats safe and sound year after year if articles in the Maui News are to be believed.

Local business that I have worked for and patronize as well as condo associations and resorts have allowed care takers to care for cats on their properties and support TNR.

Let's honor the Hawaiian culture and do the Pono thing by embracing all of the Maui cat care takers who do this out of the goodness of their heart with their personal money and time and honor and support Mother Nature in all her grandeur.

For Maui and all of her lovely cats,

Respectively,

Bill Staley
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