

HFC Committee

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Subject: Bill 6.04.041 testimony

Aloha,

I am not able to do a phone testimony regarding bill 6.04.041 but I would like to submit it by e-mail.

I have seen first hand how successful colony management is on Maui.

I personally take care of displaced colony cats so they have a place to go as I will get them vet care, get them fixed and keep them from harming other critters. I have seen how the feral cat population has declined due to the specific care of the colony caretakers.

I know several colony caretakers and they are adamant about taking care of their colony cats by getting them spayed and neutered, vet appointments if they see an injured or sick cat etc. These people are very caring towards their colony cats as if they were their own family pet.

Their help in feeding and keeping the cats healthy is what keeps other critters and neighborhoods safe from feral cats. They have no need to go foraging for food as they are fed, have water and kept healthy.

Feral cats only live an average of 7 or 8 years so as long as the colony caretakers continue their due diligence the cat colonies have been and will continue to decrease dramatically.

Please do not pass this bill.

It will only increase the number of feral cats as they will no longer get spayed and neutered and will put birds etc in danger as they will have to find their own food. It will also increase the number of feral cats looking for food in residential neighborhoods. Due to the fact there are so many feral cats on Maui, it may seem like it isn't working, but on an individual colony basis, the system works.

If it ain't broke, don't fix it. This plan works so again, please do not pass this bill. Colony management really does work

Thank you for your consideration,
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