

HHT Committee

From: a anderson <aimlessracing@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, November 16, 2018 10:47 AM
To: HHT Committee
Subject: HHT-43

To Yuki Lei Sugimura,

I am writing this to vehemently oppose HHT-43 which is scheduled for public testimony on Monday, November 19, 2018. Frankly I am appalled that attempting to repeal basic animal welfare rights for livestock and common farm animals is even being considered in this day and age.

As the former Director of Animal Control with the Maui Humane Society (1987-2008), I among many others worked tirelessly to create new legislation and improve existing legislation that would provide ALL animals with basic humane protections. What you are attempting to do here is to strip these animal species of the right to basic humane requirements such as adequate food, access to water, shelter and clean confinement areas to name a few. What in the world are you thinking? Does A&B have your ear perhaps? I am well aware from previous meetings with the Maui Cattleman's Association that A&B has expressed concerns with these existing animal welfare laws now that they are leasing old cane lands to ranchers and the like.

Why are you proposing to go backwards with regards to basic humane care? Maui County has progressed so far in the animal welfare arena since by beginning days with the Maui Humane Society and this absurd piece of proposed legislation flies in the face of every person who has given their blood, sweat and tears in making Maui County a more humane place for all living creatures.

Please don't be a sell-out to business interests at the expense of animals that need and deserve basic necessities and legal protections. Please don't make me regret voting for you because right now, I am supremely disappointed and quite frankly disgusted in your decision to introduce this preposterous bill.

I am writing this in the event I cannot make it Monday to provide oral testimony. Like many, I have to work that day. Please consider this my formal transmittal. Thank you.

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HHT Committee

From: deborah vial <mauideborah@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 16, 2018 12:17 PM
To: HHT Committee
Subject: Yuki Lei Sugimura's intent to remove animal welfare from Goats, Cows, Sheep and Horses

Aloha,

I am appalled that this Bill for Ordinance amending 6.04 Maui County Code is even on the table.

To die a slow death from exposure or thirst is the utmost in cruelty.

Please quash this bill now.

Thank you,

Deborah Vial

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HHT Committee

From: Ane Takaha <bhaktirocks@earthlink.net>
Sent: Friday, November 16, 2018 1:36 PM
To: HHT Committee
Subject: AMENDING CHAPTER 6.04, MAUI COUNTY CODE, RELATING TO ANIMAL CONTROL (HHT-43)

Aloha

I have just been made aware of the attempt to amend a county code that requires shade/shelter for animals.

I do NOT UNDERSTAND how anyone with any kind of consciousness could ever think this was acceptable!!

Please protect all life - human, animal, plant, and water.

Vote NO on this and shut it down forever.

Thank you
Ane Takaha
Maui Meadows

HHT Committee

From: Lars Lind <mauimartha@hawaiiantel.net>
Sent: Friday, November 16, 2018 2:24 PM
To: HHT Committee
Subject: Proposed Amendment to Chapter 6.04, Maui County Code to be heard 11/19/18

Aloha HHT Committee,

We read with horror the proposal to amend Chapter 6.04 Maui County Code relating to animal control (HHT-43). Chapter 6.04.010 Definitions of the Maui County Code states that animals must be treated in a humane manner to preserve the health and well being of an animal by providing access to food, water and shelter to protect the animal from wind, rain, and sun. By changing chapter 6.04.105 Exemptions to exempt those animals who are being harvested for human consumption or other commodities from having adequate shade and shelter during their lives is inhumane. Regardless of whether these animals will be sent to slaughter, they should not be treated inhumanely during their life on this earth. These animals are defenseless and it is up to us to make sure that they do not suffer during their short time on earth. Please DO NOT amend Chapter 6.04.105 of the Maui County Code to exempt animals that are being raised for food from being treated humanely.

Mahalo,

Martha and Lars Lind
Olinda, HI

HHT Committee

From: Lana Uhlin <lana.uhlin@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, November 16, 2018 4:01 PM
To: HHT Committee
Subject: CHAPTER 6.04, MAUI COUNTY CODE, RELATING TO ANIMAL CONTROL

To: Council Chair White and Council Members,

Regarding: "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 6.04, MAUI COUNTY CODE, RELATING TO ANIMAL CONTROL,"

I FULLY OPOSE and DO NOT SUPPORT Yuki Lei's proposal to amend Chapter 6.04 Maui County Code relating to Animal Control.

If approved; this bill will exempt:

Persons engaged in animal care or the livestock industry with the intention of harvesting livestock for human consumption or other commodities."

By adding this exemption to MCC 6.04 animals will have NO protection and will not be required to be cared for in a humane way. This exemption will take away ANY and ALL animal rights.

Currently 6.04 MCC reads:

"Humane manner" means care sufficient to preserve the health and well-being of an animal and, except for emergencies or circumstances beyond the reasonable control of the owner, includes, but is not limited to, the following requirements:

1. Food of sufficient quantity and quality to allow for normal growth or maintenance of body weight;
2. Open or adequate access to potable water in sufficient quantity to satisfy the animal's needs;
3. Access to a barn, dog house, or other suitable shelter sufficient to protect the animal from wind, rain, and sun, said shelter shall ensure the animal's health and well-being;
4. The shelter shall contain adequate bedding to protect the animal from wet and dampness;
5. Veterinary care deemed necessary by a reasonably prudent person to relieve distress from injury, neglect, and disease;
6. Adequate space for exercise necessary for the health of the animal consistent with prudent animal care practices and access to a dry place for the animal to rest;
7. If confined, confinement area kept reasonably clean and free from excess waste or other contaminants which could affect the animal's health and air temperature suitable for the animal involved.

I request ALL Council Members to vote against this bill, all animals need proper food, shelter and veterinary care. Do not allow livestock to be exempt from this code. Keep the code as is so all animals can be cared for humanely.

Lana Uhlin

Wailuku

Sent from my iPhone

HHT Committee

From: Barbara Steinberg <h2ocolorbarbara@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 16, 2018 4:06 PM
To: HHT Committee
Subject: Farm animal bill

Please do not remove protections for farm animals and give them shade and shelters which is humane thing to do and kind way. Think of children of Maui who want animals safe from harm as do I a teacher in the community of children that teaches them to be future leaders and protect animals .

Thanks Barbara Steinberg

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HHT Committee

From: Mike Moran <mmmmahalo2000@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, November 16, 2018 4:39 PM
To: HHT Committee
Subject: Testimony for HHT Committee for Monady 11/19/18, 1:30 PM NO on HHT-43

Aloha Chair Crevillo and HHT committee:

I am writing this to vehemently oppose HHT-43 which is scheduled for public testimony on Monday, November 19, 2018 at 1:30 PM. Frankly I am disgusted that attempting to repeal basic animal welfare rights for livestock and common farm animals is even being considered in this day and age, on MAUI! of all places. What is the world is the motivation for this?

Chair during you first term (maybe the first year) you very helpfully held a hearing under the Council Chair Baisa's guidance to change our animal control laws for the better. Please do not allow this proposal from non voting member Sugimura to undo that good work all these years later.

It is simply inhumane to deny living feeling creatures basic safety, regardless if they will eventually be slaughtered for food product. They deserve basic care of water, food and shelter while they live out their lives.

This is a disgraceful proposal, I ask you and all the voting members to vote NO.

Mahalo,

Mike Moran

HHT Committee

From: Paula Alcoseba <paula33@hawaii.edu>
Sent: Friday, November 16, 2018 6:08 PM
To: HHT Committee; Mike White; yuki.lee@mauicounty.us; Donald S. Guzman; Riki Hokama; Elle Cochran; stacey.crivello@mauicounty.us; Alika A. Atay; Kelly King; Robert Carroll; County Clerk; MPV; kokuakeani@gmail.com; Alice@aliceleemaui.com; Kama4Council@gmail.com; Mike.Molina@co.maui.hi.us; tamara@tamarapaltin.com
Subject: A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 6.04, MAUI COUNTY CODE, RELATING TO ANIMAL CONTROL

Aloha pumehana,

I FULLY OPPOSE and DO NOT SUPPORT Yuki Lei's proposal to amend Chapter 6.04 Maui County Code relating to Animal Control.

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7. If confined, confinement area kept reasonably clean and free from excess waste or other contaminants which could affect the animal's health and air temperature suitable for the animal involved.

I request ALL Council Members to vote against this bill, all animals need proper food, shelter and veterinary care. Do not allow livestock to be exempt from this code. Keep the code as is so all animals can be cared for humanely.

How would you feel if we tied you up under the hot sun and didn't provide adequate shade or living conditions? It doesn't matter if its a cow, a goat, a sheep or a human; all living things, especially those under our care & supervision, deserve to live in humane conditions. These are conscious sentient beings that can feel as much as we can, and to completely disregard this is a backward step for Maui.

We can be an example for the world to see what truly sustainable agriculture looks like, but amending Ch. 6.04 is not a step in that direction and if it pushes through, this will gain international publicity and the entire animal rights community around the world will be made aware of the atrocities going on in the little "paradise" of Maui.

Please be pono, look for the facts, and vote against Yuki Lei's bill.

Sincerely yours,

Paula Alcoseba

HHT Committee

From: Barbara Steinberg <h2ocolorbarbara@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 16, 2018 6:21 PM
To: HHT Committee
Subject: Oppose HHT-43

In my earlier testimony I did not include the bill number so add on to my other testimony I oppose HHT-43 That removes basic animal welfare rights from common farm animals and livestock .

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Sent from my iPhone

HHT Committee

From: Lisa Garcia <john1513nogreaterluv@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, November 16, 2018 8:03 PM
To: HHT Committee
Subject: The proposed change to the Maui County code relating to animal control

To: Council Chair White and Council Members,

Regarding: "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 6.04, MAUI COUNTY CODE, RELATING TO ANIMAL CONTROL,"

I FULLY OPOSE and DO NOT SUPPORT Yuki Lei's proposal to amend Chapter 6.04 Maui County Code relating to Animal Control.

If approved; this bill will exempt:

Persons engaged in animal husbandry or the livestock industry with the intention of harvesting livestock for human consumption or other commodities." Of which I am working to become. I consider the raising of livestock an honorable endeavor. I graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Animal Science Industry and was educated by a grate man and his wife, Dr. John Marchello and Dr. Eline Marchello at the University of Arizona. They made it very clear that how we treat the animals we intend to send to slaughter affects the quality of the end product that the consumer will consume. "Quality care for the animals in the end gives back to both the consumer and the producer." To be a livestock producer is a high calling that when taken seriously rewards everyone involved.

By adding this exemption to MCC 6.04 animals will have NO protection and will not be required to be cared for in a humane way causing the quality of life for livestock to affect the products we produce from them. This exemption will take away ANY and ALL animal rights.

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7. If confined, confinement area kept reasonably clean and free from excess waste or other contaminants which could affect the animal's health and air temperature suitable for the animal involved.

I request ALL Council Members to vote against this bill, all animals need proper food, shelter and veterinary care. Do not allow livestock to be exempt from this code. Keep the code as is so all animals can be cared for humanely and our consumers may purchase the highest quality products we can grow.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Lisa Kartchner

HHT Committee

From: Madir Scolpini <madirscolpini@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, November 16, 2018 8:33 PM
To: HHT Committee
Subject: AMENDING CHAPTER 6.04, MAUI COUNTY CODE, RELATING TO ANIMAL CONTROL

Dear Members,

I am appalled about the thoughtless and inhumane bill proposed by Yuki Lei Sugimura, to modify or remove requirements of animal owners to provide shade (amongst many other things that provides basic survival comfort to the animals), be it pet owners or private businesses.

We are speaking here about sentient Beings' needless suffering being allowed legally!

Please do not allow such a thing, ...I actually beg you!

Aloha, Antonella Scolpini-Heisel

HHT Committee

From: David Dorn <daviddorn808@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 16, 2018 9:21 PM
To: HHT Committee
Cc: yuki.lee@mauicounty.us; Donald S. Guzman; Riki Hokama; Elle Cochran; stacey.crivello@mauicounty.us; Alika A. Atay; Kelly King; Robert Carroll; County Clerk; Mike White
Subject: OPPOSE bill amending chapter 6.04, Maui County Code. Relating to animal control (HHT-43)

OPPOSE bill amending chapter 6.04, Maui County Code. Relating to animal control (HHT-43)

To: HOUSING, HUMAN SERVICES, AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE, hht.committee@mauicounty.us.
Re: Testimony for Public Meeting, Monday, November 19, 2018, 1:30 p.m.

Aloha Council members,

My name is David Dorn, I oppose this Bill, and you should too.

A vote to support this Bill is a vote against animals:

Any vote to support this Bill is a vote against animals. It is a vote that undermines the basic protections regarding the humane treatment of livestock animals, and it is a vote to allow senseless suffering.

Basic Protections for livestock that would be exempted in this Bill:

Basic Protections for livestock that would be exempted in this bill include, Access to water, access to shelter, food of sufficient quantity/quality, necessary Veterinary care, adequate space necessary for health, access to shelter, adequate bedding, clean confinement area free from excess waste or contaminants, and more.

Animal Abuse:

Under MCC 6.04 If you treated a dog the way that this Bill is proposing you treat livestock, you would be arrested and jailed. It is not pono for any animals to be treated badly, neglected, and abused. Therefore there is no merit in this bill, and no benefit whatsoever to the wider community.

Betraying community trust and animal trust:

Any politician who supports this cruel bill will be betraying the community and betraying the trust of innocent animals.

The powerful must protect the weak:

The powerful must protect the weak, and you elected politicians have the power and the kuleana to speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves.

Why even propose something so unkind and uncivilized?

It is disgusting to think that elected representatives in a modern society could even consider something so unkind and uncivilized. Our livestock breathe the same air, see the same sky, and feel the same feelings as we do when standing in the rain and the harsh sun. They do feel pain, they do feel fear, and they do remember kindness and cruelty. Livestock can and do suffer physically and mentally just like any other living being. Especially as they are warm-blooded sentient mammals just like us. So why, if you have a choice would you willingly and deliberately inflict greater suffering on these animals.

Why allow unnecessary suffering?

Why allow suffering, hardship, deprivation, and disease. This bill allows the deprivation of an animal's basic needs. Animal abuse is not Aloha.

Any company who supports this Bill does not deserve to work with animals.

Anyone who would wish to treat an animal so badly does not deserve to work with animals. We as a community should not support any company or person who would perpetrate these hardships on animals. Any company that sells a product that results from intentional cruelty and deprivation of animals, will undoubtedly also suffer economically:

Any company that manufacturers or sells a product that results from cruelty and deprivation of animals, will undoubtedly also suffer economically when the poor conditions and abuses of the livestock become known to the wider public. Any Maui producer of livestock/beef that supports this bill will sully their reputation with the public and in particular their end-consumer. Any company that supports this bill or profits by it is not only heartless, but short-sighted. They will be held accountable by the court of public opinion. Premium Grass-fed, and grass-finished Maui Beef will become irrevocably associated with "deprived, neglected, and abused" livestock, and who would want to eat that? Supporting this bill or passing this bill could become economic suicide for the Maui Cattle industry.

Maui Ranchers already have a reputation for cruelty to animals:

A Maui Rancher was convicted of numerous charges of cruelty spanning several years and was ultimately sentenced to jail for cruelty to animals. Horrendous conditions, neglect, lack of adequate water, caused starvation, suffering, and eventually the horrific death of many cows.

94% of Americans against cruelty to livestock:

* In polling, 94% of Americans agree that animals raised for food deserve to live free from abuse and cruelty.

<https://www.aspca.org/shopwithyourheart/business-and-farmer-resources/aspca-farm-surveys>

Do not Pass this bill:

The current provisions in the MCC 6.04 defining "Humane manner" provide basic protections for animals to prevent unnecessary suffering, hardship, disease, and death. There are no reasonable or ethical justifications to exempt Livestock from these necessary and basic protections, so this Bill should not be passed. Please do not pass this bill.

Mahalo,

David Dorn

Kihei, Maui.

Sources:

<https://www.nal.usda.gov/awic/farm-animals>

<https://www.peta.org/>

<https://www.aspca.org/animal-cruelty/farm-animal-welfare>

Humane Society of the United States <https://www.humanesociety.org>

Story: Rancher Sent to Jail for Latest Cruelty Cases:

<https://groups.google.com/forum/#!topic/talk.politics.animals/77zmi5KjyWk>

News Story Star Bulletin: Maui woman gets jail for starving cattle:

<http://archives.starbulletin.com/1999/03/02/news/briefs.html>

Animal Cruelty Poll:

<https://www.aspca.org/shopwithyourheart/business-and-farmer-resources/aspca-farm-surveys>

HHT Committee

From: lexibell621 <lexibell621@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, November 16, 2018 9:31 PM
To: HHT Committee
Subject: I am opposed to HHT43
Attachments: Screenshot_20181116-212955_Nextdoor.jpg

Sent from my T-Mobile 4G LTE Device

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