

HFC Committee

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To: HFC Committee
Subject: I DO NOT support bill 6.04.041

Dear council members,

I have lived on Maui since 30 years and been feeding a feral cat colony on the North Shore of Maui. With the help of Maui Humane Society and my personal efforts when needed, all cats have been neutered so their number has not increased. In fact the numbers have declined because of existing threats like cars hitting them, dogs chasing them and some humans who believe they have the right to beat them, hurt them or kill them to their sadistic pleasure, because considered a pest and possibly soon condemned to die of starvation. (I have unfortunately witnessed horrible incidents of that kind myself).

This bill is unimaginably inhumane !

Besides this already pretty gruesome aspect, to fine or jail the people who have made it an important point in their lives to care for the colonies, would be pretty traumatic and unfair to them as well.

Trap, neuter and release is the absolute best way to go. Feral cats never live longer than 7 /8 years. Their number can be contained without starving them to death.

Please consider my plea. I know I am reflecting the thought and opinion of many others on Maui.

Respectfully

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