

HFC Committee

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Sent: Thursday, May 21, 2020 7:26 PM
To: HFC Committee
Subject: Fwd: Corrected - Testimony for the feeding of feral animals
Attachments: Feral Cat Population II.docx

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From: **Naomi Ackerman** <naomi.ackerman02@gmail.com>
Date: Wed, May 20, 2020 at 2:59 PM
Subject: Testimony regarding the feeding of feral animals (cats)
To: <committee@mauicounty.us>

Aloha,

I did not see my submitted testimony on the Maui County website agenda page relating to the feeding of feral animals that I submitted on May 7, 2020 and have read the same from others who also submitted testimony.

I am attaching a new letter "Feral Cat Population II" in its place, to be included as testimony for the 5/21/20 meeting regarding management of feral animals..

Mahalo,
Naomi Ackerman



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On Thu, May 7, 2020 at 7:43 AM Naomi Ackerman <naomi.ackerman02@gmail.com> wrote:

Correction, the meeting is tomorrow, Friday, May 8, 2020, and attached is a corrected testimony to present at that hearing. Please delete the prior email and letter, and use this one.

Mahalo,
Naomi

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From: **Naomi Ackerman** <naomi.ackerman02@gmail.com>
Date: Thu, May 7, 2020 at 7:31 AM
Subject: Testimony for the feeding of feral animals
To: <county.clerk@mauicounty.us>

Aloha,

Please submit this letter as a testimony for the Friday, March 8, 2020 Maui community council meeting concerning the feeding of feral animals, and the proposed bill, "6.04.041.

Mahalo,
Naomi Ackerman

May 20, 2020

Subject: Testimony about the proposed bill to restrict feeding feral animals 6.04.041

Dear Maui Community Committee members,

I am a resident of Maui and care about the overpopulation of feral animals, as well as for Maui and the well-being of the inhabitants of this aina.

I have been researching the approaches that have been used to control the feral cat population, and the details regarding seabird and monk seal preservation efforts, as well as any relationship between toxoplasmosis and cats. I have found that there wasn't conclusive evidence. They 'attributed' it, which means they guessed. As far as we know, they never completed the research since requests for the data were not answered. Also, the seabird population has been increasing. If the concern is actually funding to continue the conservation effort, we should visit that.

Having said this, we still all want the same things, for native species to flourish and be safe, for our land, food, water and air to be clean, healthy, and accessible, and to have viable solutions with aloha.

MHS created a working plan that's been implemented by volunteers who spend a great deal of their own money, time, and effort to make this possible. It has gotten significant results where all other approaches (including mass euthanasia) have failed. We can use the support of the community and the committee to help to make TNRM even more successful.

I urge you to continue to allow the most effective and humane method of feral cat management - in favor of one that would create numerous and more serious issues. There are experts who can provide information and guidance to you, so that we can work even more effectively as a community toward a common goal, and improve the results. Please contact the Maui Humane Society for their expertise.

Mahalo for your time, consideration, and kokua.

Sincerely,

Naomi Ackerman