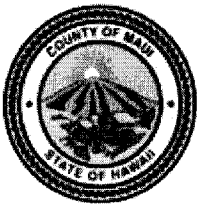


HFC Committee

From: Raynette Yap
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 8:23 AM
To: HFC Committee
Subject: FW: Please OPPOSE the feeding ban

From: Kelly King <Kelly.King@mauicounty.us>
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 12:47 PM
To: HFC Committee <HFCCommittee@mauicounty.us>
Subject: FW: Please OPPOSE the feeding ban

With Aloha,



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From: Nicole Busto <mauinutritionaltherapy@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2020 8:47 PM
To: Kelly King <Kelly.King@mauicounty.us>
Subject: Please OPPOSE the feeding ban

Dear Kelly,

I **OPPOSE feeding bans** and I **support humane efforts** like those made by Maui Humane Society to control the cat population.

Feeding bans do not work and are not scientifically supported. Leading animal welfare organizations like the Humane Society of the United States, ASPCA, Best Friends Animal Society, and the National Animal Care and Control Association all oppose feeding bans.

Humane efforts to control the cat population are already in progress at Maui Humane Society and are having a measurable impact. Efforts include large scale spay/neuter surgery events and networking with caretakers to manage the ongoing trapping and sterilization of community cats by providing free trap rentals and no cost spay/neuter surgery. As our TNR (Trap, Neuter, Release) efforts have increased over the last four years, we've

experienced measurable results with successes reflected in lower annual shelter intake rates and fewer community cat behavior complaints.

Feeding bans will discourage trap-neuter-return efforts, leading to MORE cats. These bans effectively prevent caregivers from being able to trap and sterilize the cats in their care, which means cats will continue to have new litters of kittens.

Feeding bans are a waste of taxpayer dollars. Feeding bans punish compassionate caregivers, are difficult to enforce and direct resources away from programs that encourage and support spay/neuter efforts.

Sincerely,

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