

HFC Committee

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Aloha Healthy Families and Communities Committee,

I am submitting testimony in support of HFC-24 in regards to feral animal control in Maui, specifically feral cats.

Toxoplasmosis is a very serious issue caused by feral cat colonies that have over run our islands. It is a health hazard to people and native birds and mammals alike.

Often times when I go to the beach, I am often inundated with the smell of cat feces. Can you imagine how much actual fecal matter gets in to the sand and oceans?! This is and has been for years a very serious issue for the health of Maui beaches, oceans and parks. Please prioritize the health of all creatures over one invasive species!

Mahalo for your time and consideration.
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