

HFC Committee

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My Name is Rebecca Sydney.

I do not support bill 6.04.041 referred to as healthy families and communities committee. I lived in Pukalani- a neighborhood with at least two or three neighbors capturing our pet cats and then dropping them off different places on Maui: Kanaha Beach, Hailemaile, Kula 200,etc.

In one year 13 pet cats were abducted. Many of the neighbors just thought their cats were dead but after one neighbor said her cat was returned because someone in Kula found it then we all had hope.

After learning this I went out every night for weeks to different locations on Maui looking for my cat. A miracle happened four months later when a man in Spreckelsville said the cat came to his yard skin and bones and he fed it until he was able to pick it up and see the tattoo in it's ear. We were finally reunited. So not all cats out there are feral and if the gentleman didn't feed my cat whom he would've considered feral, then we would've never gotten our pet back.

If you want to talk about healthy communities let me tell you about my Pukalani neighbor who is a policeman who beat his dog to death one night. My husband and I were afraid to report him because he was a cop so we sold our house and moved. Now that I'm living in Makawao or local neighbor has not let his dog out of his cage for two years. No love no attention no walking....the dog is psychologically screwed up now. This is behavior that should be criminalized... The policeman and my local neighbor and these are with pets not ferals.

I also really enjoy feeding birds.... I build bird feeders so Cardinals and doves and the myna Bird's come in to my yard and I enjoy them so much.

Please don't criminalize feeding animals....you don't know if they are all feral. And the cats will definitely effect the bird population if you starve them.

Please contact me if you'd like the name of the police officer who killed his dog by beating him.

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