

HFC Committee

From: Raynette Yap
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 8:22 AM
To: HFC Committee
Subject: FW: Commentary: Bill to Ban Feeding of Feral Animals

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To: HFC Committee <HFCCommittee@mauicounty.us>
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With Aloha,

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From: Barry Sultanoff <essential@hawaii.rr.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 7:27 AM
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Dear Council Members,

I am totally opposed to this awful and inhumane bill. While Councilman Hokama's wording does not specify feral cats, we all know that this bill is aimed at feral cats, in particular.

This a flagrant violation of federal and HI state statutes against cruelty to animals. Those who feed feral cats are heroes, not villains.

Feral cats are the same species as pet cats. Homeless people are the same humans as you and I. Would you stop feeding the homeless because they are not in your home and are having to live on the streets?

None of your arguments to support a ban on feeding of feral cats are at all supported by facts or proof. This initiative of the council's is a sorrowfully misplaced effort to blame (and destroy) the victim. It is totally inconsistent with pono behavior or aloha. It is a travesty against the sanctity of life.

I am totally opposed to it on all moral and humanitarian grounds.

Sincerely,
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