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Testimony of Greg Friel
Housing, Human Services, and Transportation Committee
Council of the County of Maui

Tuesday, September 20, 2016, 1:30 p.m.
Council Chamber, 8th Floor
200 South High Street

Chair: Council Member Stacy Crivello
Vice Chair: Council Member Gladys C. Baisa
Members of the Housing, Human Services, and Transportation Committee

Good afternoon Maui County Council Members,

My name is Greg Friel and I have been a stockman and rancher for 39 years. I have made my living caring for livestock with stock dogs and livestock guardian dogs for all of those years. These dogs have been bred and trained for this work for centuries and allows me to handle, move and protect the livestock with minimal stress to these animals. It is not a task that I or the dogs can accomplish if the dogs are tethered, in fact it would be detrimental to the well-being of the dog and the livestock should the dog need to be tethered while working livestock.

I support the proposed language in County Communications No. 16-186, that amends section 6.04.040 Maui County Code, relating to Animal Regulations, reading as: A. An Owner of a dog shall keep the dog under restraint, except for the following: **5. Dog(s) utilized for Farming, Agriculture, Guarding, Herding or as a Service Dog within a minimum four foot high fenced property.**

I would like to thank you for the opportunity to share my mana'o with you.

Mahalo,

Greg Friel

Vice President

Livestock Manager

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