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**Alpha 113 Regarding Proposed Bill 1/2013, relating to the Keeping of Animals**

I grew up on a farm and have lived in Hawaii for 33 years, including fifteen years in Palolo Valley. I love living in the Palolo Valley for the serenity and closeness to everywhere. I am a retired State of Hawaii, Department of Education, disabled senior. I am home often because of my disability.

I am very concerned after reading this proposed bill relating to the "Keeping of Animals". I feel the quantity of ten dogs per household should be decreased to a much lower amount as the current bill allows, as a pack of ten barking dogs disturbs our serene communities. The noise can be unbearable and very stressful especially with several other dog lovers in the area as dogs will bark back and forth to each other over and over again to challenge each other. The dog manure draws flies that lay maggots in it and more flies hatch. This creates unsanitary conditions that can bring disease to our communities. Is this what we really want for a few dog breeders?

**The increase from two hens to seven hens and a rooster per household is another huge concern for our city communities.**

When a rooster is with hens he breeds the hens therefore fertilizing the eggs that each hen lays. One hen lays an egg daily in her nest that will accumulate to about a dozen per hen. When a hen lays an egg it declares the egg laying in a loud shrill noise repeatedly, similar to a rooster, a disturbance that echoes in our valleys. All the people around the area will hear each of the seven hens after it has laid its egg each day from just one household, along with the repetitively crowing rooster. This creates a racket in our now peaceful communities

The families that have chickens can only eat so many eggs before they grow tired of eating them. The bill says they can't sell them so they will be thrown out! Or they will sell them illegally. The police are very busy with more important issues and will be annoyed with complaints of folks selling their chicken eggs. A

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**fertilized egg is not tasty. The family does not need a rooster as that is his job.**

After the egg laying, each of the seven hens sets on the twelve eggs for twenty-one days. Twelve chicks will be hatched of both sexes of hens and roosters.

That will accumulate to approximately eighty-four chickens running around crowing and declaring their eggs and or challenging another rooster in **just one household. Chickens escape their enclosures and become feral in our neighborhoods and streets interfering with traffic, creating hazards.**

Like dog manure, chicken manure is extremely smelly and unsanitary. Which flies are drawn to lay maggots and the larva hatch into flies. This is a **very unsanitary situation in a city that will bring diseases.**

The rooster will crow in the wee hours of the morning about three AM because of the street lights. The rooster thinks it daylight. He continues crowing throughout the day and evening and back and forth with other roosters in the area. Rooster will attack each other one will be kill so the other one will have the hens to breed.

Both roosters and hens will fly at people, **especially small children, to dig them with their claw feet and the spurs of the rooster will cut your skin.** I recall my younger sister was repeated attacked by our family rooster until my step father slaughtered it.

Again, when I was married we had another rooster who flew at my young daughter and **nearly put her eye out with his spur.** That rooster was slaughtered also. Chickens can be very vicious and dangerous when a hen is protecting her young and a rooster protecting his turf.

Please vote to kill this bill as **Honolulu is a city not a farm in the country.**

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