

Bill 15, CD2
Additional Testimony

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Council Chair Ernest Y. Martin
Honolulu Hale
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Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Council Chair Martin,

The Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) understands that the Honolulu City Council (HCC) began a pilot program this past August to provide subsidized services for feral cats through the "Feline Fix" program, including ear-notching and sterilization for "free-roaming" or feral cats. These feral cats are part of a program that cat advocates call "Trap-Neuter-Return-Manage" or TNRM, wherein cats are fed and maintained in colonies that are free-roaming and are often located on public property. DLNR also understands the HCC is considering permanent funding for such a program in its upcoming county budget proposal.

The work of the DLNR Division of Forestry and Wildlife and Division of Aquatic Resources is focused on protecting Hawaii's unique native species, many of which are threatened by feral cats either through predation or disease transmission. While DLNR is supportive of encouraging neutering of indoor pet cats, **the support of TNRM for feral cats that are returned to the outdoors after neutering is problematic** for three reasons:

- 1) feral or free-roaming cats continue to prey on native species, transmit disease, and produce fecal matter in public spaces, even after being neutered;
- 2) scientific evidence has demonstrated that TNRM is not effective at reducing the number of feral cats in colonies; and
- 3) support for TNRM by the HCC may result in legal liability for the continued decline of federally listed species under the Endangered Species Act.

Feral Cats as Predators and Vectors of Disease

As predators of native wildlife, cats have been documented preying on chicks and adults of Hawaiian coots, Hawaiian mudhens (alae ula), shearwaters, petrels, and other native birds. Today, 28% of all threatened and endangered species in the U.S. are located in Hawaii, and 78% of all U.S. species extinctions have occurred in Hawaii. Across the U.S., cats kill an estimated 2.4 billion

birds per year. Reducing predation is a critical component of avoiding further declines in the populations of Hawaii's endemic species, for which state agencies and partners spend upwards of 11 million dollars annually to maintain.

As vectors of diseases, cats pose a health risk to humans and wildlife due to being the only known reproductive host of the toxoplasmosis parasite (*Toxoplasmosis gondii*). Toxoplasmosis reproduces only in the feline digestive system, and a single cat can excrete 145 billion eggs per year in its feces. Once released into the environment, these eggs can infect other animals, including humans, both on land and in the ocean. Toxoplasmosis parasites create cysts in muscle and organ tissues and can cause inflammation of the heart, liver, and brain. In Hawaii, the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration has recorded at least eight endangered Hawaiian monk seal deaths that are attributable to toxoplasmosis infection. Toxoplasmosis can also infect Hawaii's native birds, including the nene, Hawaii's State Bird, and the newly released alala.

In humans, toxoplasmosis usually causes asymptomatic or mild/subclinical infection in persons with normal immune systems—i.e., it's considered ubiquitous and up until the AIDS epidemic was not really noted. Toxoplasmosis may be observed as congenital infection (very uncommon) or as a reactivation in an immunosuppressed patient (e.g., HIV+).

Toxoplasmosis can be a significant health issue to immunocompromised individuals if they handle the feces or contaminated soil and other materials for potential exposure. Toxoplasmosis is particularly a risk to pregnant women or immunosuppressed persons if they handle cat feces (and don't wash their hands) or eat raw or undercooked meat (e.g., steak tartare). It should be noted that is standard of practice for physicians to advise such patients to avoid such exposures.

Toxoplasmosis is not a "public health" issue in Hawaii in the sense that we don't see large numbers of cases where individuals require treatment for toxoplasmosis, though it is a health risk to exposed individuals.

Feral Cats as a Nuisance to Public Recreation

Feral cats in colonies also produce a large amount fecal matter that may be a vector for additional diseases and detracts from the natural beauty of Hawaii's recreation areas. The DLNR Division of State Parks estimates approximately 850 feral cats in 33 colonies on State Park property statewide, which are hypothetically "managed" by private individuals conducting TNRM. Assuming each cat excretes an average of 1.5 ounces of feces per day, our State Parks host roughly 28,640 pounds of feces each year. The Division of State Parks has noted that colony "managers" do not clean up feces. Revised Ordinances of Honolulu Section 7-6.3 defines an "owner" of a cat as "any person owning, harboring or keeping, or providing care or sustenance for a cat, whether registered or not, or having custody of a cat, whether temporarily or permanently." The Division of State Park's Hawaii Administrative Rules Section 13-147-10 states: "Persons responsible for any animal on the premises shall also be responsible for the cleanup and proper disposal of animal droppings, for restoration or restitution for any damages caused by the animal, and, if the animal is loose, for restitution for any costs incurred in trapping and removing the animal." Feeders of cats in State Parks appear to be in violation of this section. This issue may also be relevant to County parks and other recreation areas.

Inefficacy of TNRM

TNRM does not reduce colony populations over time. This has been shown many times across different studies that look at the outcomes of TNRM practices, and is summarized in a 2009 review paper by Longcore et al., which is provided as an attachment to this letter. While some advocates for TNRM claim that TNRM is successful, the metric for "success" used by TNRM advocates is often the perceived wellness of the cats themselves, not the reduction of population size. In fact, TNRM may lead to increasing population sizes as the presence of an established colony provides owners of unwanted pets with a location where they can abandon their pet with an assumption that someone else will care for their animal.

The only reductions in colony population size noted in the 2009 article by Longcore et al. came from colonies where removed cats were adopted into homes at very high rates. This has been achieved in other regions using aggressive adoption campaigns, for at least a subset of feral cats that are adoptable.

Potential for Liability under Federal and State Law

The State of New York is currently being sued by the American Bird Conservancy for allowing feral cat colonies to be maintained in a state park containing a federally listed, threatened species of plover, as a violation of the Endangered Species Act (ESA). Should the HCC continue to support TNRM programs, the City and County may similarly be exposed to liability under the ESA and Hawaii's own endangered species laws under Chapter 195D, Hawaii Revised Statutes, for contributing to the further decline of Hawaii's threatened and endangered wildlife. The Department is currently advising the State Legislature of similar liabilities should it choose to implement a State-directed TNRM program. More details on the lawsuit filed against the State of New York can be found at <https://abcbirds.org/article/lawsuit-charges-new-york-parks-with-violating-endangered-species-act/>.

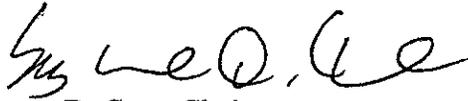
Paths Forward

DLNR supports cat management options that combine humane treatment when possible with the ecological reality of mammalian predators existing on islands with threatened and endangered wildlife. Sociable cats should be adopted into homes wherever possible, and we are aware and supportive of options, such as cat sanctuaries or outdoor enclosures (called "catios") that allow cats to live outside of homes but remain separated from Hawaii's native wildlife. However, any realistic approach to the feral cat problem in Hawaii must include euthanasia for animals that cannot be placed into homes or sanctuaries. For their own health and safety, as well as for that of native wildlife, cats in Hawaii should be kept indoors. DLNR has supported past legislation to increase the penalties associated with pet abandonment. DLNR has also supported the conclusions of the Kauai Feral Cat Task Force, which produced a recommendation that 1) no cat colonies should be near habitat for threatened and endangered wildlife, and 2) existing colonies should be time-limited, such that within a period of several years all colonies decline to the point of nonexistence through attrition, adoption (including placement in fenced sanctuaries), or euthanasia.

Continuing the Feline Fix program would continue subsidizing TNRM efforts and would only increase the problems Hawaii faces from feral cats, while exposing the City and County to potential lawsuits under the ESA.

Therefore, we urge members of the HCC to oppose amending OC 3049 to add any funding for the spay/neuter program for free-roaming cats, unless done with the condition that cats neutered as part of the program be kept indoors, in an outdoor enclosure, or taken to the Humane Society for adoption. If you would like to discuss the Division's position further, please contact Josh Atwood, Invasive Species Coordinator, at joshua.p.atwood@hawaii.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Suzanne D. Case". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "S" and a long, sweeping underline.

Suzanne D. Case, Chairperson
Department of Land and Natural Resources

From: CLK Council Info
Sent: Tuesday, June 05, 2018 4:20 PM
Subject: Council/Public Hearing Speaker Registration/Testimony

Speaker Registration/Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Council
Agenda Item Bill 15, CD2
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization
Do you wish to speak at the hearing? No

Written Testimony Please approve this bill and allocate \$300,000 for Free-Roaming cat management. This will help to humanely reduce the population of cats on the landscape. This will help spay/neuter for Free-Roaming cats, which will prevent more cats from being born without homes.

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From: CLK Council Info
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Speaker Registration/Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Council
Agenda Item Bill 15, CD2
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Organization
Organization Joey's Feline Friends
Do you wish to speak at the hearing? No

Aloha,

I am writing in support of Bill 15, CD2, the budget allocation of \$300,000 for the spay/neuter of Free-Roaming cats. Providing affordable and easily accessible spay/neuter options is the only humane way to reduce the high number of unwanted cats and dogs on Oahu. By allowing colony caretakers affordable access to spay/neuter options, this bill is an investment that will reduce the cycle of breeding, prevent more cats from becoming homeless, and actually help reduce the cost of Animal Control.

Written
Testimony

As a tax payer, and as a representative of a no-kill, non-profit rescue, I respectfully request that the City Council pass this funding bill and help reduce the animal overpopulation problem of Oahu by providing affordable spay/neuter access.

Mahalo for your consideration.
Ashley Spencer
Joey's Feline Friends Adoption Coordinator

"The greatness of a nation can be judged by the way its animals are treated."
Mahatma Gandhi

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June 5, 2018

**Bill 15 CD2
Testimony in Support**

Aloha Council Chair Martin, Vice Chair Pine, and esteemed members of the City Council,

Hawaii Bicycling League provides these comments in support of **Bill 15 CD2 with restored funding for the Pensacola St Complete Streets project.**

The Pensacola Street Complete Streets project will create a protected bike lane and safer pedestrian crossings between Waimanu Street and Wilder Street. This is a much-needed project that will result in major safety improvements for bicyclists and pedestrians.

- **Improve Bicyclist Safety along this Dangerous Corridor** – The Pensacola/Piikoi couplet (the term for a pair of one-way streets) had 28 serious bicycle injuries (requiring EMS ambulance response) in the last 5 years – that’s someone getting seriously injured while biking on average every 2 months. Looking at the nearest mauka/makai alternative – the statistics are similarly alarming on Keeamoku St which had 22 serious bicycle injuries in the same 5 years. The Pensacola Street Complete Streets project will dramatically improve bicycle safety on Pensacola St and on the corridor by drawing cyclists away from the unimproved Piikoi and Keeamoku.
- **Improve Pedestrian Safety along Pensacola Street** – Pensacola had 15 serious pedestrian injuries in pedestrian injuries (requiring EMS ambulance response) in the last 5 years. The project will shorten pedestrian crossing distances and result in less danger for those walking. Hawaii Department of Health data has shown a significant reduction in pedestrian injuries on King Street following implementation of the King Street protected bike lane.
- **Create Active Transportation Options for Makiki** – There are over 30,000 people in Makiki, many with bikeable distances to work, school, and stores, the only problem is there is NO bikeway connection to Makiki. The City’s analysis has found that Pensacola St is the best option to get a protected bike lane into Makiki. The Pensacola St Complete Streets project will make cycling safe and accessible to thousands.
- **Safe Streets Must be the Priority** – There is no safe mauka/makai bikeway anywhere near Pensacola St and the statistics show alarming danger for those currently biking. While the bikeway will take away 30 parking spaces, there are 634 parking spaces within a block between Wilder St and Waimanu St. There are opportunities to address parking for businesses through better managing the remaining parking.

Thank you very much for considering the comments of the Hawaii Bicycling League. If you have any questions or would like to discuss further, please contact Chad Taniguchi (808-735-5756, chad@hbl.org) or Daniel Alexander (808-275-6717, daniel@hbl.org).

Ride and Drive Aloha,

Chad Taniguchi
Executive Director
Hawaii Bicycling League

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Advocacy & Planning Director
Hawaii Bicycling League

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Speaker Registration/Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Council
Agenda Item Bill 15 CD2
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization
Do you wish to speak at the hearing? No

O'ahu needs effective management options for community cats. In addition to more education opportunities it is imperative to provide affordable sterilization

Written Testimony

Bill 15, CD2, is an important investment that will help to humanely reduce the population of cats. The bill funds spay/neuter for Free-Roaming cats, which permanently breaks the cycle of breeding.

Removal is expensive and isn't working - we need to stabilize Cat populations.

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From: CLK Council Info
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Speaker Registration/Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Council
Agenda Item Bill 15, CD2
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization
Do you wish to speak at the hearing? No

Written Testimony

Aloha. My name is Alexis Jamison and I am a member of the cat rescue community on Oahu. I am writing to you to please approve the \$300,00 budget allocation for the spay/neuter of free-roaming cats. This funding will help colony caregivers reduce the number of cats on the landscape through trap-neuter-return (TNR) efforts, which is the only humane and effective way to reduce the free-roaming cat population. As someone who personally does TNR, I can personally say I have seen the positive impacts of TNR and know that it works. I also know this budget allocation will help myself and others do more to reduce the cat population humanely. Those of us in cat rescue and TNR generally spend our own money (as well as our own time) to do a public service for the community. Any money that is allocated for spay/neuter of free-roaming cats will help us do more TNR, as well as get more people involved, as it will alleviate monetary concerns. Thank you for your time and again, please support Bill 15, CD2, and allocate the \$300,000 for spay and neuter of free-roaming cats.

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Speaker Registration/Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Council
Agenda Item Bill 15, CD2
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization
Do you wish to speak at the hearing? No

Written Testimony Please approve the \$300,000 budget allocation for the spay/neuter of free-roaming cats. This funding will help colony caregivers reduce the number of cats on the landscape through humane management.

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Council/PH Committee Council
Agenda Item Bill 15, CD2
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization
Do you wish to speak at the hearing? No

Written Testimony Please approve the \$300,000 budget allocation for the spay/neuter of free-roaming cats. This funding will help colony caregivers reduce the number of cats on the landscape through humane management.

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Council/PH Committee Council
Agenda Item Bill 15, CD2
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization
Do you wish to speak at the hearing? No

Written Testimony Please approve the \$300,000 budget allocation for the spay/neuter of free-roaming cats. This funding will help colony caregivers reduce the number of cats on the landscape through humane management.

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Council/PH Committee Council
Agenda Item Bill 15, CD2
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization
Do you wish to speak at the hearing? No

Written Testimony Please approve the \$300,000 budget allocation for the spay/neuter of free-roaming cats. This funding will help colony caregivers reduce the number of cats on the landscape through humane management.

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Speaker Registration/Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Council
Agenda Item Bill 15, CD2,
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization
Do you wish to speak at the hearing? No

Written Testimony I support Bill 15, CD2, It is an important investment that will help to humanely reduce the population of cats on the landscape. The bill funds spay/neuter for Free-Roaming cats, which will prevent more cats from being born without homes.

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Speaker Registration/Testimony

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Council/PH Committee	Council
Agenda Item	Bill 15, CD2
Your position on the matter	Support
Representing Organization	Self
Do you wish to speak at the hearing?	No
Written Testimony	Please approve of the \$300,000 budget allocation for the spay/neuter free-roaming cats.
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Speaker Registration/Testimony

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Council/PH Committee	Budget
Agenda Item	Bill 15, CD2
Your position on the matter	Support
Representing	Self
Organization	
Do you wish to speak at the hearing?	No
Written Testimony	I support funding all animal welfare, TNR, spay/nueter, and similar efforts. Please fund this for free roaming/feral TNR efforts to continue.
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Speaker Registration/Testimony

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 Council/PH Committee Budget
 Agenda Item Bill 15 CD2
 Your position on the matter Support
 Representing Self
 Organization
 Do you wish to speak at the hearing? No

Written Testimony I ask you with respect to please pass this bill. There are so many caregivers that spend thousands, of their own money, to trap and neuter cats that have been dumped and abandoned. Please advocate and support humane solutions to this problems. Neuter and spaying makes a difference. Thank you.

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Speaker Registration/Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Council
Agenda Item Bill 15, CD2
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization
Do you wish to speak at the hearing? No

Written
Testimony

Please increase, or at least pass, the \$300,000 allocation for fixing our outdoor cats. It is the least society owes these wonderful animals. The cats are here to stay. All animals, including humans, are indigenous to the planet Earth and all have a role to play and a right to live. Look around at the neighborhood cats. When you see a notched ear, that means that cat is cared for by someone and means it is fed daily in the same place and so stays close by and does not have to roam and hunt for food. This protects the birds. Spay/Neuter prevents starvation and suffering and makes for healthy cats leading productive lives suppressing rats and bringing joy to peoples lives. Cats are important and valuable to the community. They are by far the most accessible and enjoyable wild life we have in Hawaii . A radical view has taken hold in some agencies of state government. It opposes compassion, humane treatment and kindness for these animals.

The Hawaii Health Department said "there is no public health or safety issues with cats in Hawaii" and that there is no epidemiology, no cases reported related to toxoplasmosis. This was before House and Senate Committees this year.

Monk seal populations are up 3% in each of the last 3 years (NOAA). Where is the epidemic? The rare cases of animals getting toxo, over many years, usually in stressed populations with weakened individuals, have been used to justify a sentence of death by any means for all the cats in Hawaii - this from the DLNR.

The Humane Society of Hawaii does a wonderful, necessary, often

heartbreaking job. They, along with Poi Dogs and Popoki and other dedicated groups and individuals do all they can to prevent suffering and starvation and to bring kindness to our animal friends.

Sincerely,
George Linnik
Oahu, HI

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From: CLK Council Info
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Speaker Registration/Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Council
Agenda Item CR- 193 Bill 15, CD2
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization
Do you wish to speak at the hearing? No

Written
Testimony

I cradled his helplessly tiny, fragile body as he softly took his last breath. On Mother's Day 2018, I stumbled upon a newborn baby kitten. He was so tiny and his umbilical cord was still attached. He was motionless and frozen in a fetal position. He had ants crowding around his innocent eyes, pink nose, and desperate, open mouth. I picked him up and compassionately began wiping the ants off him. His lifeless body was cold and becoming stiff, and somehow still limp like a ragdoll. His white and gray fur was so soft and his body so tired and fragile. As I caressed the moist wipe over his face and body, I apologized to him for having to die alone in such a barbaric way. My heart flooded with tears, and then I realized that this little angel was miraculously still alive. He struggled to take a labored breath, and then a few seconds later another one. The diabolical ants had been snatching and feasting on his vulnerability and living flesh, tormenting him. He fought to take another breath, but the ants in his mouth laughed at his efforts. They were relentless as they seized the remaining life in him. I cradled his fragile body in my gentle hands as he softly took his last breath. I named him Angel, because that is what he was, a sweet innocent angel. He never got to see this cruel world, but he felt it. Tears of sadness, anger, and helplessness rolled down my exhausted cheeks. I cried and cried for being so helpless and useless. As a few days passed, I grew angrier at his preventable suffering. I then realized, that it was exactly that, PREVENTABLE agony. I quickly learned all about TNR (trap, neuter, release) and became motivated to help prevent these tragedies. I can no longer do

anything to save Angel, but I can help other animals from feeling the cruelties of this world. It is inhumane for newborn babies to be struggling with the dangers of homelessness and it is up to us humans in the community to be assertive and spay and neuter. I have personally spent lots of time, money, effort, and sleepless nights to trap and neuter to honor Angel and carry his legacy. So I beg of you to please monetarily help me and many other members of the community to continue to honor Angel's devastating death and not allow it to be in vain by supporting Bill 15. CD2. Remember, you do not have to be a cat lover, but you can be an angel advocate! Thank you for your consideration.

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From: CLK Council Info
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Speaker Registration/Testimony

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Council/PH Committee	Council
Agenda Item	Bill 15, CD2
Your position on the matter	Support
Representing Organization	Self
Do you wish to speak at the hearing?	No
Written Testimony	This bill is the only way to effectively and humanely reduce the number of free-roaming cats on Oahu.
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From: CLK Council Info
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Speaker Registration/Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Council
Agenda Item CR-183, Bill 15, CD2
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization
Do you wish to speak at the hearing? No
Written Testimony Please help us to continue to help innocent animals through TNR. Please support Bill 15, CD2 in Angel's honor!
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From: CLK Council Info
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Subject: Council/Public Hearing Speaker Registration/Testimony

Speaker Registration/Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Council
Agenda Item Bill 15
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization
Do you wish to speak at the hearing? No

Written
Testimony

It's very important to get as many cats as possible to get fixed. I myself literally walking along the Kam Highway looking for the opportunity to find any cat so I can trap and get all of them fixed. I was able to stop them from multiplying. The Humane Society has helped me with traps and the sterilization. Without their help, I won't be able to afford. Please continue to support all of us who want to make a difference in the animals' lives.

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From: CLK Council Info
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Speaker Registration/Testimony

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Council/PH Committee	Council
Agenda Item	BILL 15 CD2
Your position on the matter	Support
Representing Organization	Self
Do you wish to speak at the hearing?	No
Written Testimony	Approve budget to help community to humanely decrease Cat population in Oahu! We cannot do it without your support! Spay and neuter in Angel's honor!
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Council/PH Committee Council
Agenda Item Bill 15, CD2
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization
Do you wish to speak at the hearing? No

Written Testimony Please approve the \$300,000 budget for spaying/neutering of free-roaming cats. This will help colony caregivers maintain the number of cats within their care and reduce the number of cats through a humane method of managing feline numbers.

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From: CLK Council Info
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Meeting Date 06-06-2018
Council/PH Committee Council
Agenda Item Bill 15, CD2
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Organization Self
Do you wish to speak at the hearing? No

Written Testimony Please approve the \$300,000 budget allocation for the spay/neuter of Free-Roaming cats. This funding will help colony caregivers reduce the number of cats on the landscape through humane management.

Testimony Attachment
Accept Terms and Agreement 1



The Salvation Army

Hawaiian & Pacific Islands Division

June 6, 2018

Founded in 1865

William Booth
Founder

André Cox
General

Kenneth G. Hodder
Territorial Commander

John Chamness
Lani Chamness
Divisional Leaders

Chair and Presiding Officer Ernest Y. Martin
City and County of Honolulu
530 S. King Street,
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Martin,

RE: Support of Bill 15, CD 1

I am writing in favor of passing Bill 15, CD 1 (as amended) which will allow the inclusion of the Salvation Army in the list of recipient agencies for Grant in Aid 2019. Our application received a score of 85.05%, however, it was denied based on previous funding criteria.

Grant in Aid funds are well spent through the Salvation Army Family Services Office (FSO). The 2017 grant of \$125,000 helped 50 households, diverting 33 households across districts of Oahu on the verge of homelessness through rent and utility assistance. Of the 50 households, 14 were sheltered homeless and 3 were unsheltered homeless. FSO conducted life skill workshops so that at-risk families can remain permanently housed. We have exceeded our contract deliverables and offered emergency rent assistance to those who need temporary help. In addition to the community outreaches and weekly food pantry distribution to about 300-plus households a month, FSO gives away bags of food and clothing vouchers to financial aid applicants.

In the last 12 months, partnering with the Red Cross, The Salvation Army Family Services Office provided crisis response to the fire victims of Marco Polo, the Nuuanu fire in February, and at the recent flooding in Waimanalo. We have provided temporary lodging, gave away toiletries, clothes and furniture and permanently housed families while working with disaster recovery teams.

The Family Services Office of The Salvation Army is the frontline provider of emergency assistance for residents of Oahu. The City and County of Honolulu Grant in Aid provides for the Army to help hardworking, at-risk families who may need a place to turn to in times of emergency or unexpected need. This fund is vital to the island community and we need your continued support.

Thank you for your service to our community,


Anna Stone, MPH
Director, Family Services Office



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WAYS WE HELP

- Food Pantry
- Clothing Vouchers
- Hana Pono'i Life Skills Workshop
- Financial Assistance for Rent and Utilities
- Emergency Disaster and Outreach Services



HOURS OF OPERATION

Business Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday

9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Food Pantry Hours

Wednesday, Friday

1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Households may receive food once a month.

Clothing Voucher Hours

Monday

1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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Contact us at 808.841.5565 to learn more or visit our website at fso.salvationarmy.org.



FAMILY SERVICES OFFICE



OUR MISSION IS TO MEET THE EMERGENCY MATERIAL AND FINANCIAL NEEDS OF THE PEOPLE OF O'AHU.

The Family Services Office is the "front line" provider of food, clothing, and financial assistance for The Salvation Army on the island of O'ahu.

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