

Bill 59 (2019), CD1, FD1  
Testimony

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**From:** CLK Council Info  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 16, 2020 9:22 PM  
**Subject:** Parks, Community Services and Intergovernmental Affairs Speaker  
Registration/Testimony

## Speaker Registration/Testimony

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Meeting Date 01-16-2020  
Council/PH Committee Parks  
Agenda Item ~~83824~~ Bill 39  
Your position on the matter Comment  
Representing Self  
Organization  
Do you wish to speak at the hearing? No

Please refer to the 2018 letters I recently sent for the council members (my complaint to the HHS and the return letter to me). I believe the letters show HHS is not capable of taking care of animals in need after all these years. As I stated in my letter most of us would not pass HHS muster. That little kitten I wrote about was tiny, but she definitely was adoptable just as she was, but I know she died,

I wrote about the backyard dog breeder with animals living in crates, in their waste (and they still are) through heat, cold, rain.

Written Testimony HHS could not come out for two weeks. The HHS animal control officer then called me on his way out, asking me make sure the address was correct. (he knew it was). I believe he was afraid to do his job alone.

HHS has not been successful in advocating for stricter laws in the treatment of animals even with all their money and supporters.

HHS has not educated the general public, which could have been a big part of the battle for animal rights. I've heard disparaging remarks about cats on the local news but never heard HHS educate Hawaii on local media.

Submitted for your thoughtfulness.

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**From:** CLK Council Info  
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## Speaker Registration/Testimony

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Meeting Date 01-21-2020  
Council/PH Committee Parks  
Agenda Item Bill 59, CD2 proposed  
Your position on the matter Support  
Representing Organization  
Organization Windward Dog Park Hui  
Do you wish to speak at the hearing? No

Written Testimony I urge the committee to pass Bill 59, CD2 Proposed. This measure addresses the needs of strayed, injured dogs in a shorter time. Why let a dog suffer if it can be treated in a shorter time. Reducing the hold time from 9 to 5 days brings animal welfare best practices in our community.

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**From:** CLK Council Info  
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## Speaker Registration/Testimony

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Meeting Date           01-21-2020  
Council/PH  
Committee              Parks  
Agenda Item            cd2 bill 59  
Your position on  
the matter              Support  
Representing            Self  
Organization  
Do you wish to  
speak at the  
hearing?                No

Written  
Testimony

The Humane Society is not legally allowed to do any surgeries to animals they do not own. For this reason they want to minimize the amount of time the animal is held waiting for an owner to come forward. This makes great sense! I had a very sick foster dog from that Waianae no-kill shelter raid 3 years ago that needed teeth extractions but we couldn't do them because we didn't own the animal. That case had to go to court, this is different but the concept is the same.

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Dated: January 17, 2020  
To: Chair Ikaika Anderson  
Vice Chair Ann Kobayashi  
Members, Brandon J.C. Elefante and  
Kymberly Marcos Pine

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Testimony on behalf of self.

RE: **BILL 59 (2019), FD1, CD2 – RELATING TO ANIMALS**

Date of Hearing: Tuesday, January 21, 2020, 9 AM, Committee Meeting Room

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Aloha, Chair Anderson, Vice Chair Kobayashi, Council Member Elefante and Council Member Pine:

I am in full support of Bill 59 (2019), FD1, CD2.

Making mandatory Microchipping (removes the outdated C&C dog license)

Microchips have come a long way. You can get the contact information online and would not even need to step foot and take up room for the animals in need at the Hawaiian Humane Society (HHS). These embedded tiny chips (size of a grain of rice) can help locate owner's way quicker than if they were to have the physical license on the body. Those outdated tags can easily be removed, altered or just fall off. Having the mandatory microchip would not only be a simple, one time insertion, but in the longer run, it can be safer and cost efficient for the pet owner and HHS. Changing the contact information can be effectively done on certain websites. Microchipping can also help deter individuals attempting to steal pets as they would not be able to get the number without taking them to a vet or animal organization to get scanned, thus, if it is registered, can tell the organization if the animal was reported as missing.

Holding a pet (that has been determined they have identification) from 9 to 5 days

This can greatly help reduce the stress on the animals that are in the HHS care. If that animal is owned, it should not take more than a day or two for the owner to pick them up. Having the pet stay in the back of HHS for a longer time could change the demeanor of the animal and allow the animal to get sick from another animal in custody, or just to get sick from the stress. Having HHS quickly "turn around" and hopefully put the animal up for adoptions can help increase the likelihood of adoption. Less stress, happier the animal, better outcome. Having animals that are owned, are taking up resources and space for other animals that need it. HHS should not be a "motel" for animals that are owned and pet parents that don't care to get them quicker. Yes, things can arise, but if there is a personal issue with the owner and they cannot get their animal in the 5-day hold time, HHS can and will work something out with the owner.

I believe one of the bigger reasons as to why the 9-day hold time should be reduced, if HHS cannot have custody of the animal in a shorter amount of time, with the current law, legally, they are not able to do anything with the animal. Say the animal comes in from being hit by a car and there is a noticeable broken bone. As the law stands now, if the animal has any identification, they ABSOLUTLEY cannot do anything to the animal as far as mending care. They can only make the animal as comfortable as they can, by administrating pain meds. Even so, that can still be a sticky situation on the animal, vets and HHS.

Shortening the minimum hold time **does not** impact the euthanization outcome of the animal. The shorter hold time will allow a quicker turn around on putting animals up for adoptions so those shelter resources can focus on animals with the greatest needs.

Hold fee increases from \$2.50 to \$10 - a day

Times change, things cost more. Oahu has not changed this number since 1983. HHS should not have to eat up those costs for owners who cannot keep their pet safe. There should be an increase for those owners. In fact, neighbor islands are up to \$10-\$20 a day. Once again, the money resource can be used for animals with the greatest needs.

HHS to spay/neuter unaltered animals that has been deemed owned, if they are brought in at least 3 times in a 12-month span

This should be grounds that they are allowed to do so to help deter the animals so they can be safer and to help with the overpopulation. If the unaltered animal owner truly cares for their animal, they need to show it by keeping their pet safe. Being picked up as a stray *at least* 3 times in a year shows that they are not. They risk their animal getting pregnant or impregnating an animal who is in a yard and being kept safely by their owner. If the unaltered animal is getting out (this is along the lines of being improperly cared for) then it should give the right to HHS to choose if the unaltered animal should be altered. If the unaltered animal owner has their reasons for keeping their animal unaltered, then, they need to take better measures keeping the animal safe (not let them roam and be vulnerable). It is a known fact that unaltered pets have the increase urge to roam, thus getting out and exposing them to mishaps.

Another aspect to look at is that there are not enough people to take care of pets that are being either "accidentally" or "irresponsibly" reproduced, so this could potentially help with the growing overpopulation in the longer run.

I would like to urge you to pass this update to our county animal ordinance that will allow more animals to be reunited with their families quicker, help animals who are not reclaimed find new families quicker, and have the opportunity to allow higher level of care. Mahalo for your time and this opportunity to provide testimony.