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Meeting Date: Apr 4, 2024 @ 09:00 AM

Support: 0

Oppose: 1

I wish to comment: 0

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Representing: Hawaiian Humane Society	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Apr 3, 2024 @ 07:40 PM



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Date: April 3, 2024

To: Chair Esther Kia'āina
Vice Chair Radiant Cordero
and Members of the Committee on Planning and the Economy

Submitted By: Steph Kendrick, Director of Community Engagement
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RE: Opposition to Bill 64 (2023), FD1, CD1 Proposed
Wednesday, April 4, 9 a.m., City Council Chamber

Mahalo for considering the Hawaiian Humane Society's opposition to specific provisions of Bill 64 (2023), FD1, CD1 Proposed, Relating to Use Regulations.

As the City and County of Honolulu's animal services contractor, Hawaiian Humane has the responsibility to care for homeless pet animals on O'ahu and to enforce animal laws, which includes impounding animals involved in criminal investigations. It performs those services for the city at two animal shelters, one in Mō'ili'ili, where it has operated for decades; and one in Ewa Beach, which opened in May of 2023.

Both campuses employ a mixture of air-conditioned housing and open-air animal housing that takes advantage of Hawai'i's climate to provide natural light and ventilation, which reduces illness and stress in our animals and reduces greenhouse gas emissions. This measure would appear to prohibit open-air animal housing, even if it is built to national animal welfare design standards, which is a concern.

The Hawaiian Humane Society supports developing standards for animal care entities based on industry best practices. There are excellent models in other jurisdictions. As an organization that provides vital services to more than 30,000 animals per year in our community, we would welcome the opportunity to work with the Council to create regulations that would protect the interests of animals and people on O'ahu.

We urge you to defer the animal care standards proposed for ROH 21-5.70-7 to allow for continued conversation. Mahalo for your consideration.