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To: Chair Tommy Waters
Vice Chair Andria Tupola
and Members of the City Council

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RE: Support for Bill 8, CD1, Relating to Animal Nuisances
Wednesday, Jan. 28, 2026, 10 a.m., City Council Chamber

On behalf of the Hawaiian Humane Society, mahalo for considering our support of Bill 8, CD1, Relating to the Animal Nuisances. We are grateful to Councilmembers Val Okimoto and Tyler Dos Santos-Tam for their collaboration on this measure.

Repealing the existing dangerous dog ordinance in favor of the new state statute is consistent with Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam's commitment to good government and it has our full support.

We also support creating civil penalties for animal nuisance offenses. Our overburdened criminal court system struggles to hold offenders accountable in these cases, most of which are dismissed without repercussions for those charged. The lack of consequences for these offenses is a source of frustration for the public. Having the opportunity to pursue civil penalties gives law enforcement a powerful new tool to urge better behavior on the part of pet owners.

We urge the committee to pass Bill 8, CD1. Mahalo for your consideration.