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Testimony in Opposition of SB2800 Relating to Offenses Against the Public Order”

Aloha Chairman Brian Taniguchi and members of the JGO Committee. I write to you asking your support in opposition to SB2800, a bill that is being supported and lobbied by the Hawaiian Humane Society and the Humane Society of the United States. In the recent past these two organizations have behaved in a fashion that calls into question the integrity of their organization as it relates to enforcing animal welfare laws and the preservation of civil rights of pet owners and animal care facilities. In particular, I am referring to their recent attempts to prosecute Mr. Norman Pang of Animal Haven in Waianae, by entering the Pang’s property without a search warrant, complaints, or other irrefutable evidence documenting acts of cruelty by Mr. Pang that would support criminal charges.

Personnel from The Humane Society of the United States wore fake law enforcement badges while on Pang’s property to surreptitiously gather evidence to provide to the Hawaii Humane Society in its attempt to submit a manufactured case to the City Prosecutor’s office. The behavior of these two proponents in other cases also calls into question their integrity. Therefore, legislation such as SB2800, being proposed by these organizations, should be rejected. Furthermore, an investigation into their behavior, as exhibited in the Pang matter, should be initiated due to their inability to strike a balance between animal welfare and the constitutional rights of citizens of the state of Hawaii.

SB 2800 will only serve as a reward for bad behavior.

Again, I respectfully submit this testimony in strong opposition to SB2800 and ask your support in rejecting this bill.

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