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## Legislative Testimony

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### SB 3153 – RELATING TO ANIMAL CRUELTY

Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Ruderman, and members of the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Environment:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in opposition to SB 3153 as written.

Animal cruelty is an important issue and should be taken seriously, as this bill attempts to do. To strengthen and facilitate achievement of the desired outcomes of this measure we respectfully suggest the inclusion of input by experts in the area of animal science, the field, and industry; and the recommendations of current national programs, such as those named below.

1. The American Veterinary Medical Association, an expert in this field, and an organization that recognizes the advantages and disadvantages of all types of gestation sow housing and does not recommend any one over the other (<https://www.avma.org/resources-tools/literature-reviews/welfare-implications-gestation-sow-housing>). The same can be said of laying hen houses (<https://www.avma.org/resources-tools/literature-reviews/welfare-implications-laying-hen-housing>).
2. National standards are already in place and the reason(s) why Hawai'i should not follow the national standards should be explained.
3. The Pork Quality Assurance Plus program would be useful under the expectations inherent in this bill.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in opposition, with suggestions, to SB 3153.