

## PETITION IN OPPOSITION TO SB 79

(PROPOSED BAN, IMPOUNDING AND FORFEITURE OF AMERICAN PIT BULL TERRIERS, AMERICAN STAFFORDSHIRE TERRIERS, STAFFORDSHIRE BULL TERRIERS, AND ANY OTHER DOGS DISPLAYING SIMILAR CHARACTERISTICS AND TRAITS.)

We are residents of the State of Hawaii. We oppose Senate Bill 79. We hereby ask our legislators to vote against it for the following reasons:

- **Our pets are considered family members.** It is mean-spirited to kill pets that have not caused harm to anyone.
- **The root of the problem is IRRESPONSIBLE dog owners.** If a dog breed is outlawed, irresponsible dog owners will get a dog of a different breed and will continue jeopardizing public safety.
- **Punish the deed not the breed.** A better solution to irresponsible dog ownership is to enforce/strengthen leash laws and non-breed specific dangerous dog laws.
- **Dogs are property and are protected under the United States Constitution.** SB 79 does away with our Constitutional rights.
- **SB 79 is poorly drafted and will subject owners of unrelated breeds to forfeiture and destruction of their dogs.**
- **SB 79 authorizes police officers to obtain warrants to confiscate dogs from our homes.**
- **Breed specific legislation does not work and is very expensive to enforce.** Our tax dollars should not be spent on a law that will not work. SB 79 will be too costly to enforce because it requires additional law enforcement, veterinary services, kenneling, and litigation.

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