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**To:** [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Testimony ico Meeting of BNL (24 January 2025)  
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Aloha Board Members,

I am writing to implore you to turn down the division of forestry and wildlife's proposal (C.1) requesting for delegation of ability to provide "indefinite-quantity contracts" to trap "predators". This proposal as written is simply TOO BROAD and opens up too many innocent animals for inhumane treatment.

This proposal seems to allow indiscriminate trapping and killing of any animal that is deemed to be a "pest" and as a long time resident of Hawaii I hope that you all can look for a much better and more humane method for the government to protect the environment. Instead of sanctioning this potentially inhumane treatment of animals I urge you to consider a different approach that offers some level of state assistance to non-profit organizations that are working diligently every day to control any animal populations in a more humane way such as TNR efforts and education of the population.

v/r, Robert Shereda

**From:** [Deedra Sielken](#)  
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I'm a current colony feeder and I am concerned that this bill states trapping of predatory animals such as rats , mice, and mongooses only. I'm concerned that this bill is trying to pass and is actually to include cats without the public's knowledge .

We work hard day in and day out to help control the cat population . Countless hours , time , and money to just have DLNR destroy all that we worked for and continue to work for. Managed cats are less likely to destroy wildlife.

Colony cats should never be re-trapped and are identified through a microchip. They are ear tipped or notched and managed . What is going to happen if a cat is trapped and is registered to someone? Will the cats be released if they are trapped and shown to belong to a colony caretaker or owner? Not only are cats ear tipped or notched belong to colonies but peoples pet can be also.

Hawaiian Humane Society states that an outdoor must have a microchip and be sterilized. That poisoning, tormenting, torturing, or killing a cat is a FELONY. How is it that you will get around the law if cats are included in this bill? Please reconsider and to not pass this bill.

Sincerely,  
Deedra A. Sielken

Sent from my iPhone