

Honolulu, Hawaii

April 5, 2006

RE: S.B. No. 2930
S.D. 1
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2006
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred S.B. No. 2930, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CRUELTY TO ANIMALS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to provide clarification concerning costs for the care of abused or neglected animals.

The Hawaiian Humane Society, Kauai Humane Society, Maui Humane Society, Humane Society of the United States, and numerous concerned individuals testified in support of this bill. The Office of the Public Defender and Animal CARE Foundation opposed this measure.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Reinstating the original language of section 711-1110.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, relating to a duly incorporated humane society or society for the prevention of cruelty to animals;
- (2) Allowing rather than mandating the court to order the defendant to reimburse the society; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for consistency, clarity, and style.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2930, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2930, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Judiciary,



SYLVIA LUKE, Chair



