

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.R. No. 190
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Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2009
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, to which was referred H.R. No. 190 entitled:

"HOUSE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS, BOARD OF VETERINARY EXAMINERS AND THE HAWAIIAN HUMANE SOCIETY TO IMPLEMENT A COMPREHENSIVE PET PROTECTION PROGRAM FOR DOGS AND CATS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this resolution is to request that the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, the Board of Veterinary Examiners and the Hawaiian Humane Society implement a comprehensive pet protection program for dogs and cats. This program would require that all pet dealers furnish a complete medical history to a buyer upon the purchase of a dog or cat. Additionally, these pet dealers would be required to refund the purchase price or pay medical expenses to a customer who has purchased a pet that has a fatal or life threatening disease.

Testimony in support of the resolution was submitted by The Humane Society of the United States, Animal Rights Hawai'i, the Hawaiian Humane Society, the Oahu Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and private citizens. Testimony in opposition was submitted by the American Kennel Club and concerned exhibitors and breeders from various clubs. The Professional and Vocational Licensing Division of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs and the Board of Veterinary Examiners provided comments.

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Your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce recommends the measure be amended by requesting that the Auditor conduct a sunrise analysis of the registration of pet dealers in Hawai'i. Accordingly, the title of this resolution has been amended to read:

REQUESTING A SUNRISE ANALYSIS FOR THE REGISTRATION OF PET DEALERS IN HAWAI'I.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 190, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Judiciary in the form attached hereto as H.R. No. 190, H.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Consumer
Protection & Commerce,



ROBERT N. HERKES, Chair



