

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2070

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB - 9 2010

RE: S.B. No. 2772  
S.D. 1

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2010  
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, to which was referred S.B. No. 2772 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO VETERINARY MEDICINE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to clarify that the Board of Veterinary Examiners may revoke or suspend the license of or fine a licensee for violation of the recognized principles of medical ethics adopted by the Hawaii Veterinary Medical Association and the American Veterinary Medical Association.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Regulated Industries Complaints Office of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, the Board of Veterinary Examiners, and the Hawaii Veterinary Medical Association. Written testimony presented to the Committee may be reviewed on the Legislature's website.

Your Committee finds that the statutes regulating ethical practice for veterinarians is currently silent as to an accepted code of conduct. Your Committee finds that the enforcement procedure of the Regulated Industries Complaints Office (RICO) for ethical issues in cases where there is no statutorily specified code of conduct is to look to generally accepted standards that may be ill-defined or unclear. Your Committee finds that this measure will provide clarity and certainty in enforcement and will remove ambiguity as to the appropriate ethical standards for veterinarians.

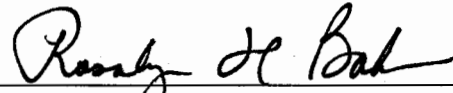
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Your Committee has amended this measure by making a minor technical change to its language for the purposes of clarity and accuracy.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2772, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2772, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations.

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

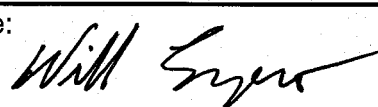


ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair



The Senate  
 Twenty-Fifth Legislature  
 State of Hawaii

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**Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection**  
**CPN**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SB 2772</b>	Committee Referral: <b>CPN, JGO</b>	Date: <b>2/2/10</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (C)	✓			
IGE, David Y. (VC)				✓
ESPERO, Will	✓			
GREEN, M.D., Josh	✓			
IHARA, Jr., Les				✓
SAKAMOTO, Norman	✓			
HEMMINGS, Fred	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5</b>			<b>2</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align:center; font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em;">  </div>				
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